



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter 14 May 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

This Headmaster is indeed blessed by the number of opportunities he has to hear music during the course of the school day - every day! It begins as the boys and girls come through the gates in the morning - (our youngest children can be very proud of the independence and confidence they show in this). The example is set by Mr Spencer - even a musician of his most considerable abilities likes to practise every day! Our violinists are thriving, as are our singers, our drummers, our brass and woodwind players. Play on!

WJ McKinney MA Hons PgDip MA





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Dates for your Diary

23-28 May - Year 6 Adventure Training & Leadership Trip (Snowdonia)

Sat 29 May - Sun 6 June - Half Term

9-11 June - Year 5 Outdoor Education Residential trip

Thu 17 June - Years 3 & 4 Outdoor Education trip - Somerleyton & Fritton Lake

Friday 9 July - Summer Term Ends

Mon-Fri 12-16 July - Summer Holiday School (details out soon)



Music - Woodwind



In Music, Year 4 pupils have been exploring the world of musical instruments, starting with the woodwind family.

After watching an animated version of Prokofiev's classic *"Peter and the Wolf"*, they are now able to distinguish the individual sounds of the flute, oboe, clarinet and bassoon.

Mr Philips teaches flute and clarinet as well as the saxophone. Here are pictures of two of his pupils, practising outside.

if you would like further details about individual lessons for your child, please contact Mr Spencer.



Illustrating Storytelling.



This week, the children explored storytelling through creative arts. Engaging with *"The Greedy Bee"*, the children were tasked with delving into the text and inferring the inherent morality in the story, which reminds us that teamwork is a fitting value. Asking and answering questions, the children were able to determine the author's intention while writing their story. Afterwards, we created our own bees and honeycombs as a shared endeavour. Using finger-painting and selecting the appropriate materials, the children's art skills were put to the test. While they are yet to finish drying, we look forward to them gracing our classroom environment to remind us to work together. Well done, Year Two.

- Mr Hunt





Music - Violin.



Some of our violin students are pictured here enjoying the opportunity to play outside, now that Spring seems to have finally arrived!

The violin is a wonderful instrument to play, as it affords so many opportunities for playing in ensembles such as an orchestra. Some of Miss Bullen's students will soon be enjoying making music together, as they will be having some joint lessons in which they will be able to play pieces together, for each other and generally have the fun of learning together.

If you are interested in your child starting violin lessons or would like to find out more, please get in touch with Mr Spencer.





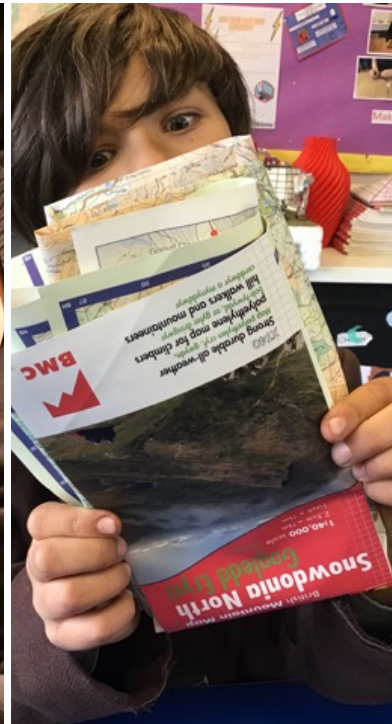
Reflections of C.S. Lewis' Works.



Year 4 pupils produced some thoughtful drawings, having just finished the reading of C.S. Lewis' fifth tale of Narnia, *The Horse and his Boy*.



Ready for Adventure.



Our Year 6 intrepid explorers are gearing up for their expedition to Wales, which is nearly upon us. The countdown has begun and as I write, we are T minus 9 days to... minibus off?

The trip promises to provide many opportunities for learning through adventure in the beautiful landscape of Snowdonia. This is a chance for the boys and girls to try activities that are enormous fun, but also challenging, and which will enable them to build on the values which we passionately espouse and encourage in our pupils at The Old School Henstead: confidence, resilience, empathy, adventure, teamwork and excellence in all that they do.

The experience is one of the high points which mark the last year of their journey through the school, and will create memories which we hope will remain with them for many years to come.

To say the pupils are excited is an understatement - they cannot wait for the adventure to begin!

- Mrs Sonn





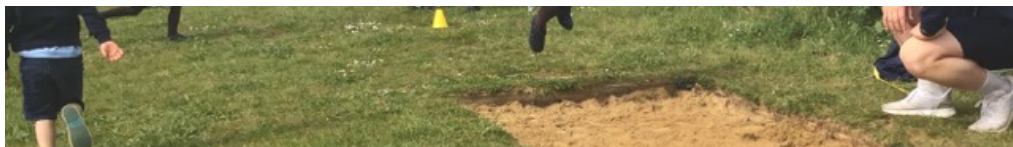
Sports Gallery.



Another excellent athletics session this afternoon.



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Nursery children hone their long jump and race techniques as part of their athletics programme this term.



Reception News.



It has been another busy week for Reception children. We have seen some excellent examples of spelling and handwriting, inspired by mermaids and the new underwater role play area.

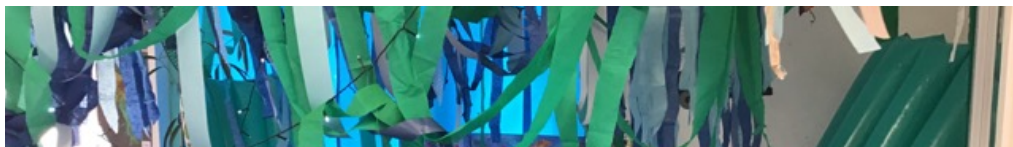
Children have enjoyed this week's experimentation with direction and how air affects things that travel. They have been learning all about compasses and how different directions relate to the world we live in and the temperatures we experience. On Tuesday, we practised using our cutting and fine motor skills to make paper helicopters. This experiment will be explored further next week to learn about germination in plants and how their seeds disperse. The children had great fun experimenting with how their helicopter moved through the air and worked as a team with plenty of thinking and talking about why the paper helicopter falls and how the air pushes upwards against it.

- Mrs Scriven





Under the Sea.



This week the children have been creating lots of under the sea decorations: jellyfish, shell necklaces and mermaids. They also had their arms painted for an extra treat by Shell the mermaid (the children chose her name). - Mrs Webster



OTHER NEWS.

Mascots

Mascots were awarded this week to the pupils best demonstrating our school values for this half term - Teamwork and Thinking.

Reception: Izaak for thinking carefully about his handwriting.

Year One: Lexi for thinking hard in all her lessons.

Year Two: Emily and Violette for thinking wonderfully about a difficult maths challenge this week.

Year Three: Grace-Marie, for excellent thinking and deliberation whilst responding to the Number of the Day challenge.

Year Four: Chloe for creatively thinking in humanities.

Year Five: Isaac M for his great thinking skills, especially in science.

Year Six: Philip for great teamwork in Year Six sports leadership sessions.

Uniform Shop

Kindly email the uniform shop on uniformshop@theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk with any uniform orders or enquiries. Our team of parent volunteers is always happy to help or to arrange a private appointment.

Sun Cream & Hats

Now that we are starting to experience some days of beautiful sunshine, please ensure that you send your child to school with a school house cap (or Nursery sun hat) as well as their own bottle of sun lotion or cream.

New After School Clubs

We shall shortly be sending details of the new after school clubs starting after half term.



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