



The Old School Henstead

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

'I will lift my eyes unto the hills' - with King David, so do we in the excitement of the beginning of the residential visits here at The Old School Henstead. Outdoor learning is a blessing to all of our boys and girls, for it builds confidence, resilience and self-esteem. Some forge ahead, yet still depend on others who read the map carefully. We work together, proud of what we can achieve as individuals and as a community. These values serve the children well as they progress through the school, culminating in the trips which remain long in the memory.

Come and see!

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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

Tue 22 June (new date) - 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)



Botanical Science.



This week Year One pupils enjoyed the excitement of a treasure hunt with a difference - a treasure hunt for flowers.

We searched in the Millennium Garden and in the school field. The children were able to identify and classify a range of wild and common garden flowers including daisies, daffodils, tulips, roses, buttercups, nettles, plantain, forget-me-nots, clover and lavender. We couldn't find any pansies so if you have any in your garden or flower pots, please highlight to your child. We also looked and smelt the blossoms on the fruit trees in the orchard.

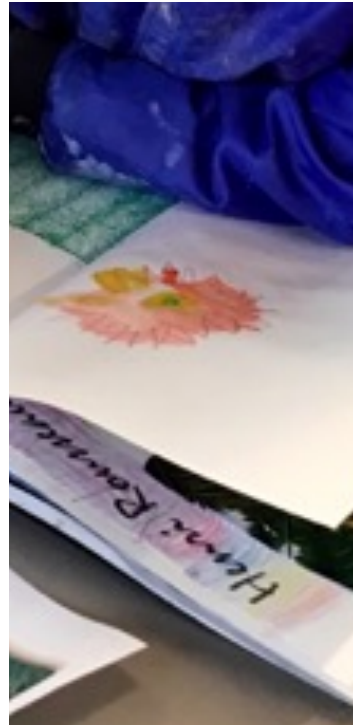
Next week we shall be looking much closer at flowers, examining the role of pollen and how pollen helps to make new plants.

- Mrs Loader





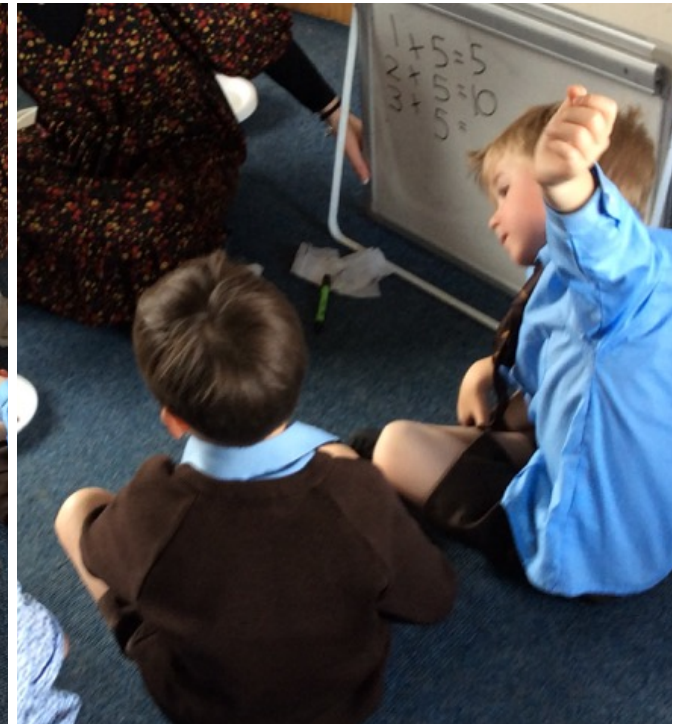
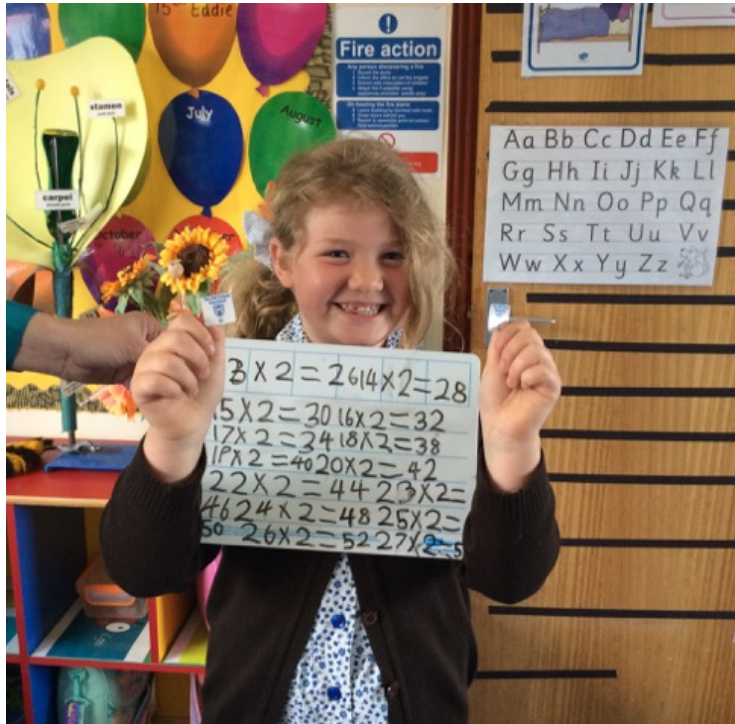
The Work of Henri Rousseau.



Year 4 pupils have been exploring the work of Henri Rousseau.



Young Mathematicians.



It seems the only thing holding back our Year One pupils in their multiplication is the size of the board! A double A1 was awarded to one pupil who had to stop at 27×2 because she ran out of space. All the answers were correct.



Shakespearean Studies.



The Year Fives are thoroughly enjoying learning about the comedies and tragedies of the Shakespeare plays. This week we have been focusing on Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*. We have been trying to work our way through the different characters and how they interact with each other in the play. We especially liked the part when the servants and uncle decide to play a trick on Malvolio and get him to dress up in yellow stockings, crossed garters and smile non-stop! Acting out some of the scenes this week has been rather amusing! To link art with English, we created our own piece of artwork to represent the stormy seas and shipwreck that occurred at the beginning of the play.

- Mrs Solomon





The Science of Plants.



Love of nature – Outside Learning
As busy as bees, the Year Three pupils have been gardening and creating their own floral displays. Team scrubbing of pots, renewing compost and planting a variety of plants to create beautiful displays for all members of the school community to enjoy.

This simple practical activity generated an opportunity to accept responsibility and to develop a better understanding of cause and effect - left unattended their plants will fail and weeds will flourish. The science of plants, the weather, environment and nutrition interwoven seamlessly, as we planned, created and achieved. Well done Year Three, we look forward to many weeks of glorious colour.

- Miss Clifton





Sports Gallery.



Some great 600m training this afternoon. These pictures show the endeavours of some of our Year Four girls.



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Year Five pupils were put through their paces with speed walking training during their athletics session this afternoon..



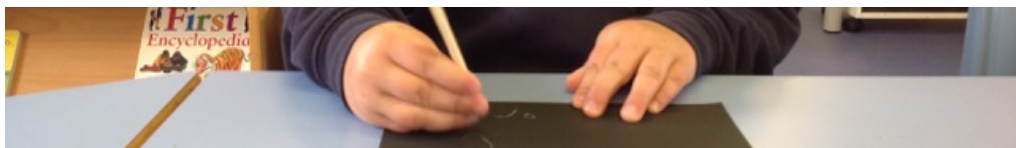
Dragons, Knights & Princesses.



On Monday morning two of our boys in Nursery informed us that they had found evidence that dragons had been playing in the castle in the garden. This piqued the interest of the rest of the children and before we knew it our week had taken on a dragon, knight and princess theme. The children have constructed castles, interviewed a dragon and a princess, rescued knights in distress from hazardous situations in the garden, role played with costumes and handmade shields, used the knight figures for all sorts of maths problems and written letters to their favourite characters.

Alongside the theme we continued with our phonics and counting work and preparing our preschool children for the big jump into Reception. We welcomed another new friend into Nursery this week. We were so proud of how the children made her feel at home by asking her to join in their games, showing her the routines of the day and showing her what good friends they are.

- Mrs Vorster





OTHER NEWS.

Mascots

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

Reception: Edie for thinking about how things help us and working as a team player to achieve.

Year One: Betsie for working well during maths.

Year Two: Jayden for working well in a team during English.

Year Three: Raef for thinking about and applying his number manipulation skills to challenging worded problems.

Year Four: Chloe for working tremendously hard during humanities.

Year Five: Rafferty, Isaac and Bobby for working together to put their tent up.

Year Six: Isabelle for careful everyday thinking and working together with her friends.

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

Don't forget to submit your booking form for our new range of After School Clubs - from cookery to golf, cricket and adventure training - open to all pupils in Reception through to Year Six.



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