



The Old School Henstead

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

We have considered this week how we can be excellent in our expectations of each other, celebrating the different gifts that each member of the school has, combining to make a complete community. This only serves to enhance the higher plan for our lives, something bigger than ourselves, our appointment. Such awareness only helps us to deal with dis-appointment, for service helps us to prepare ourselves for the future in which hopes will be fulfilled. King David was anointed and appointed as King at a young age, but learnt his trade until he took on the job some fifteen years later. How many years of hurt...?

WJ McKinney MA Hons PgDip MA





DATES FOR YOUR
DIARY.

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Tue 22 June (new date) - Years 3 & 4 Outdoor Education trip - Somerleyton & Fritton Lake

- Year 1 move up transition afternoon to Year 2

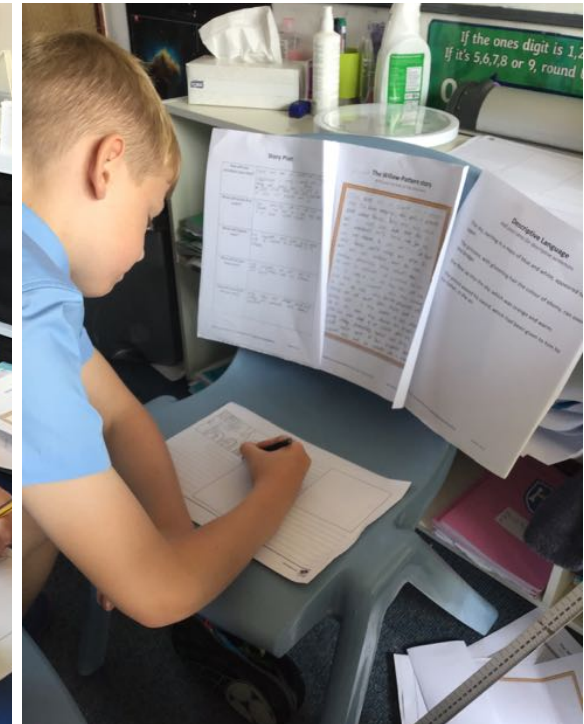
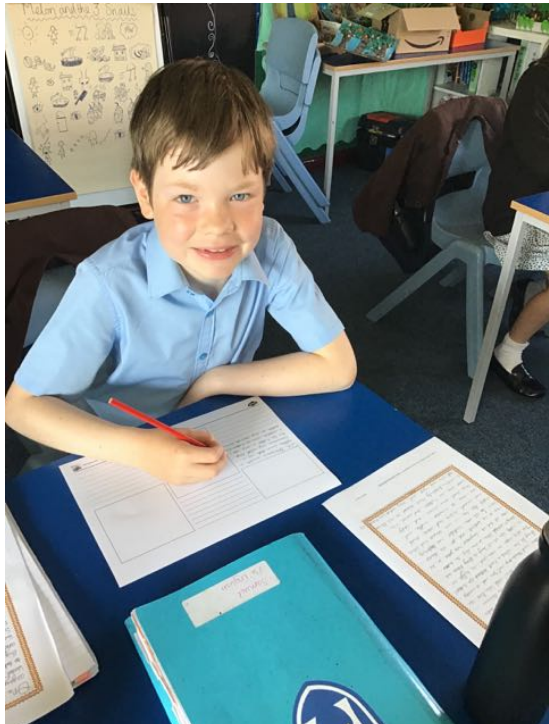
Thursday 24 June - Transition Afternoon for Pupils moving up to Reception, and for current Reception, Years 3, 4 and 5 moving up.

Friday 9 July - Summer Term Ends

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



The Craft of Story Writing.



Pupils in Year Four have been writing stories based on the poem Willow Pattern by Tony Mitton. They explored the plot of the poem and translated it into a creative writing piece. - Miss Doughty



The Science of Solutions.



Year Five pupils conducted xperiments to test whether specific materials are soluble or insoluble. - Mrs Solomon



Literary Devices for Recounting Tales.



This week's English saw the children study recounts. Looking to grasp how they work, we initially studied *Maisie's Dragon, I Love you, Blue Kangaroo and Mr Majeika and the Lost Spell Book*. Delving into the texts, we looked in the first instance to recall events and place them in chronological order. Alongside this, we considered sensible literary devices to tie recounts together, like coordinating conjunctions and time connectives.

After that, we explored how to tell our own recounts, using detail and facts to explore how to keep our readers engaged with our writing. Naturally, the

children enjoyed exploring the fictional side of recount writing, considering a journey to school interrupted by a sleeping rhino, or wondering what it might be like to journey to the South Pole to meet a penguin

The children's imagination and memory of other pieces of literature has really aided their grasp of story structure, as well as providing them with a good starting point to plan and write some imaginary recounts next week.

Well done, Year Two.
- Mr Hunt



Prop Creation & Stage Craft.



Pupils in Year Six have been busy making props for the upcoming summer show which they will be performing with Year 5 next month. I was impressed by their inventiveness and creativity, experimenting with the wide selection of materials available in the art department to design and make items as diverse as a crown and sceptre, an oversized toothbrush, a pitchfork and a chain. Stagecraft is an integral part of producing a show, so we have used the opportunity to discuss the importance of set design, stage management, scriptwriting and direction, and how they all contribute towards the performance.

I look forward to seeing the props in action!

Mrs Sonn





After School Clubs - Archery.



Some excellent techniques being honed in the archery after school club.



After School Clubs - Golf.



There is much enthusiasm and determination on display in our golf club sessions..



After School Clubs - Cookery and Junior Running Club.



This week's cookery club made banana penguins. They looked delicious!

The junior running club has been producing some wonderful performances.





Reception News.



We were inspired by our reading of Enid Blyton's 'The Magic Faraway Tree', so we went on an adventure to the land of Tent, spell, write where we learnt how to write a formal letter and did spellings and had a snack while we were there. In our topic work this week, we have been looking at the water cycle. We have also had a go at experimenting with water and learning about capillary action, carbon dioxide bubbles and how ice melts at different rates when placed on white and black backgrounds. Maths focus continues to be discussions about time and also looking at the properties of 3D shapes. We have also been writing Fathers Day cards and emulating Monet's seascape painting. Concert rehearsals are in full swing, and our singing and drama skills are flourishing. Examples of excellence every day in Reception this week, well-done!

Mrs Scriven





National Art Competition Success.



Competing in the Independent Schools Association (ISA) Annual Art Competition, we were fortunate to have two winners in the regional heats, which were elevated to the national final held recently.

We are delighted to share with you that Kitty won 2nd place in the Key Stage 2 Sketchbook category.

We are sure you will see why from this snapshot of the sketch book, with beautifully detailed drawings and thoughtful observations.

- Miss Doughty





Sports Gallery.



Kwik Cricket drills with Year Four pupils.



OTHER NEWS.

Mascots

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

Reception: Sophie for excellent reading with expression.

Year One: Olivia for excellence in mathematics and recognising names for 3D shapes superbly.

Year Two: Jayden for excellently applying himself during English lessons.

Year Three: Raef for aiming for excellence during his maths work.

Year Four: Ariane for excellent story writing.

Year Five: Jack for his excellent grammar and punctuation this week.

Year Six: Charlotte excellent enquiry during a science experiment.

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. All hats are available from our on site uniform shop.

