



The Old School Henstead

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

If ever proof were needed of the ability of our children to react positively, this term would be a prime example. The enthusiasm and level of performance that has been exhibited in rehearsals has been first class, ably assisted by the artistic and musical directors. We are much looking forward to the performances and events of next week - marquee and all! Roll up!

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**DATES FOR YOUR
DIARY.**

Dates for your Diary

- Monday 5 July - 3pm Musical Performances from Years One to Four (details and booking email sent out to parents)
- Wednesday 7 July - 7 pm Dragon! (booking email sent to parents)
- Thursday 8 July - 3pm Nursery & Reception Show (booking email sent to parents)
- 7pm Dragon! (booking email sent to parents)
- Friday 9 July - Prize Giving
- 3pm Year Six Leavers' Assembly (booking email sent to Year Six parents)
- Summer Term Ends
- Mon-Fri 12-16 July - Summer Holiday School (booking form sent out to parents of pupils in Reception to Year Six)



First Aid Training.



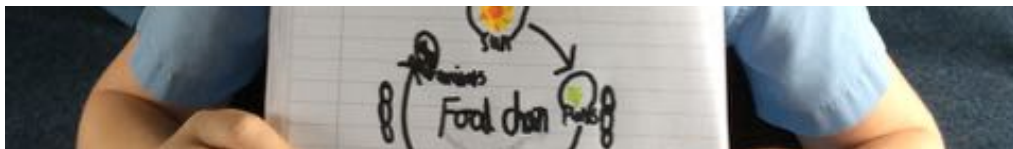
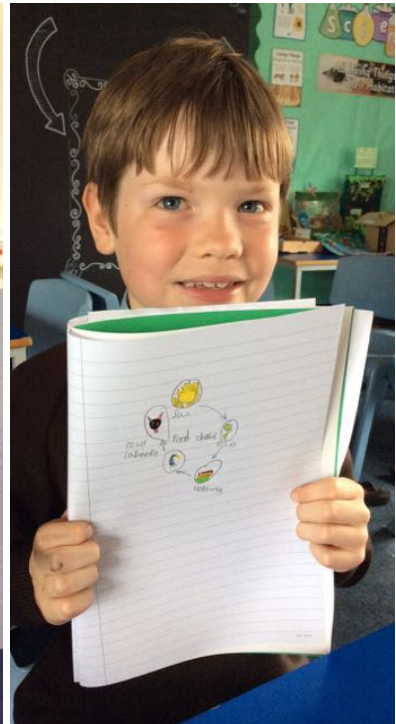
For our Year 6 pupils the end of their journey at The Old School Henstead and the move to their new schools is rapidly approaching. They have spent the last few weeks thinking, discussing and writing about their hopes and expectations for the coming years, and about the changes they might experience during the first few weeks of September. One important change is a move towards more independence and keeping themselves and those around them safe. Dr Hardman visited the school this week to lead first aid training, which helped the children to understand how to respond and assist, should they ever need to help a person who is unwell. She gave them a chance to practise treating a variety of injuries and emphasised how knowing basic first aid can help to save someone's life.

Many thanks to Dr Hardman for her time. The boys and girls learned a great deal and enjoyed the training. - Mrs Sonn,





Food Chain Science.



In science, Year Four pupils have been learning about food chains. They explored the elements of a food chain, important terms like carnivore and predator and talked about complex food webs in different habitats. - Miss Doughty



Sports Day.



What a fantastic day of sports we had on Monday. The rain threatened but never appeared, and all pupils were in fine form and eager to prove themselves in track and field events. The morning was taken up with long jump, high jump, ball and javelin throw, hurdles and relay races and the boys and girls put on a splendid display. I'm sure I witnessed a few records being broken. Could we have been in the presence of possible future olympic champions? You never know.

In the afternoon the Headmaster presided over sprints and long distance races. At the sound of his starting pistol the children were off! An astounding 400 metres was run by Reception, Years One and Two and 600 metres by the senior school pupils. It was wonderful to see them all entering into the spirit of the day, doing their best when it was their turn and enthusiastically cheering on their friends when spectating. There was definitely something special in the air all day - this reporter witnessed a little bit of Henstead magic on the field, and it made her proud to be part of such a fun and exciting school event.



Well done all on a super effort and a most successful games!
 Roving Sports Reporter Sonn



Sports Day Gallery.



Long jump - excellent use of the arms to balance flight.



Sports Day Gallery.



Long jump - height off the board and leg extension in landing.



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Some great technique in evidence in the high jump event.



Sports Day Gallery.



Some of our Reception pupils in their first high jump competition.



Sports Day Gallery.



Some excellent hurdle performances.



Sports Day Gallery.





Sports Day Gallery.



Javelin and ball throw competitions.



Archery Club.



Excellent progress in our archery club.



Nursery Gallery.





Reception News.



As the excitement of the end of term builds, Reception strives for excellence in all curriculum areas. This week started with an energetic sports day that challenged their teamwork, coordination and endurance. English focus was on handwriting and perfecting letter formation as well as introducing joined-up writing. Our independent writing based around the 'Rainbow Fish Discovers the Deep Sea' story by Marcus Pfister and how not to judge a book by its cover and not be scared of people (fish) from other places who look different. This encouraged fantastic conversations about when there is some danger in the deep

ocean. Most of the odd-looking creatures there are kind and helpful. This writing carried over into art, and we used mixed media and techniques to create our rainbow fish in the sea. Maths this week has been about capacity and we used our water bottles to discover new vocabulary, ideas and experiments to test out our ideas.

The week ended with a class trip to Southwold beach, which helped to consolidate our topic on water, practise teamwork, and learn all about water and beach safety from the local lifeguards. And of course sandcastle creations and ice cream! - Mrs Scriven



Beside the Seaside.



Reception pupils learn the importance of beach safety from the lifeguards on Southwold beach.



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Fun on the beach and sand dunes for Reception pupils in Southwold.



Allez les urbanistes!



This week, the children rounded off their study of French villages by producing the plans for their ideal French village. Initially, they studied French villages to assess what types of shops might be expected in their ideal villages. Following this, they learned the vocabulary of the shops they wanted to include and how they might lay out their villages. Next, they became city planners and developed some charming villages which might well be holiday destinations for us all. Finally, their drawing, labelling and colouring was very impressive, leading to some rather charming pieces of art.

Mrs Dakin has been delighted with how well Year Two have risen to the challenges of learning some tricky French vocabulary this year, with this piece of work really demonstrating that. Très bien, Year Two! - Mr Hunt





OTHER NEWS.

Mascots

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

Reception: Lucy and Sophia for excellence in independent writing and maths.

Year One: Eddie for excellent show and tell performances, earnestly explaining his gatherings and listening carefully to questions.

Year Two: Margot for demonstrating the importance of friendship excellently.

Year Three: Grace-Marie for demonstrating excellence in all that she does.

Year Four: Ruby for excellent gymnastic demonstrations during break times.

Year Five: Tom for showing excellence in after school clubs, particularly in hitting a pitching wedge!

Year Six: The class, for aiding the building of the stage displaying maturity and excellent collaboration.

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

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.

LAMDA Lessons

Parents in current years two to five have been sent an email about LAMDA options for next term. The Old School Henstead is an accredited examination centre for LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art).

Show Bookings

Parents must ensure that they return their booking forms for the end of term musical performances.

