



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter 10 September 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

How blessed we are to be back in our school, with its excitement, challenges and successes in learning, friends and members of the whole school community. Our new pupils have settled marvellously well and the seasoned campaigners have been welcoming and helpful. Our new prefects have immediately been working, with our Head Girl in attendance at the school leadership team meeting this week! The mascots have made it too... some tired paws and wings. Welcome back to all!

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Dates for your Diary - fixture dates, further events and educational visits will be advised in due course.

Friday 17 September - Jeans for Genes Day (£1 donation to wear jeans on the day to raise money for this worthy charity)

Thursday 30 September - Harvest Festival Service at St Mary's Church, Henstead (parents welcome)

16-31 October inclusive - Half Term

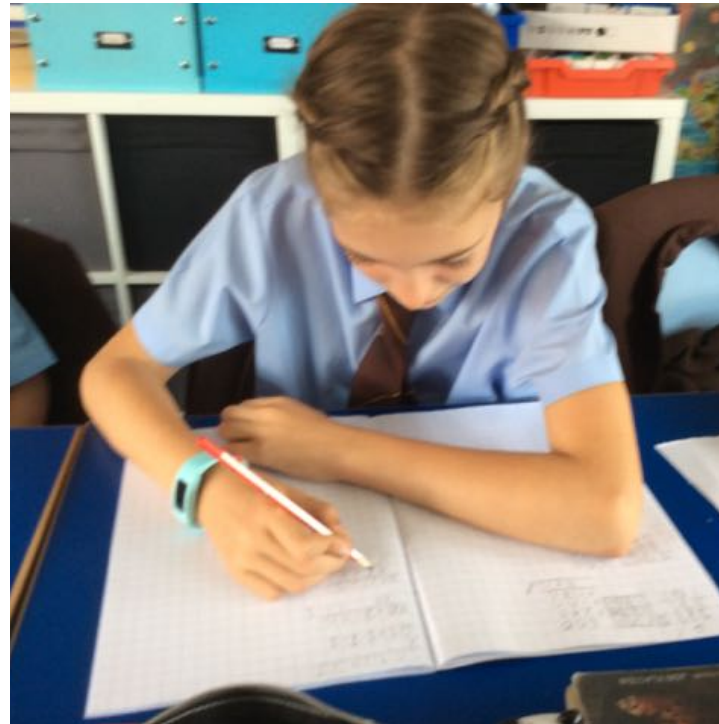
Friday 12 November - Children in Need

Thursday 16 December - Carol Service (by candlelight) at St Mary's Church, Henstead

Friday 17 December - Autumn Term Ends



Off to a Flying Start.



This week, the Headmaster has been talking applying an 'I can' attitude to all that we do. The Year Six boys and girls have certainly done that and are off to a flying start with their learning. They have already had their first exam preparation session, during which they acquitted themselves ably, demonstrating positivity and a determination to succeed.

Exam prep sessions are a vital part of education in Year Six at The Old School Henstead. They take place once a week, in addition to timetabled lessons, and help to develop the skills required for entrance exams, and for the assessments which take place at all senior schools during the first term of Year Seven. They also enable pupils to begin their senior school journeys with confidence and the conviction that they are more than ready for the rigours of secondary education.

Well done Year Six - you certainly can!

- Mrs Sonn





School Council Elections.



Election fever took hold yesterday and it was exciting to find out who was to represent each year group on the council. What qualities does an effective school councillor need, you might ask? Well, if he or she is able to demonstrate this half-term's school values of confidence and creativity, they will be off to a great start. A councillor also provides a voice for other pupils, so demonstrating excellent listening and communicating skills is also a must. Lastly, they should be approachable and open to all ideas so that their fellow pupils feel that they are being fairly represented.

These are also good life skills and this is a wonderful opportunity for the boys and girls to develop these abilities for the future.

The representatives elected for this term:

Year 1 - Darcie and Edie

Year 2 - Eddie and Olivia

Year 3 - Margot and Louis

Year 4 - Grace-Marie

Year 5 - Chloe and Ariane

Year 6 - Rafferty and Amelie (Heads of School Council)

Congratulations to all! As Reception pupils are busy settling into school life, they will be sending a year group representative to our weekly meetings from the beginning of next term. - Mrs Sonn



Show Gallery - Dragon.





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Performance Gallery.



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Lapping it up.



Great excitement in resuming swimming sessions for the first time in the refurbished pool.



Industrious Year Two.



As expected, Year 2 have settled fantastically well into their new class. The children have returned from the summer full of confidence and with a desire to learn. In Mathematics the children have spent time focusing on place value and have been using a variety of concrete and pictorial representations to secure their understanding of the numbers 0-20. The class have discussed partitioning numbers into tens and ones and have enjoyed finding patterns in this.

I'd also like to thank the children for their impeccable behaviour and attitude during their first swimming session this week. They really were a great representation of the school.

Mrs McCarthy



Sports Gallery.





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First rugby drills of the season.



Golf.



Our after school golf club got back into the swing after the summer break. You may view a short video clip of one of our golfers on our facebook and twitter pages via these links:

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=399577884934761&id=106935564198996&m_entstream_s and <https://twitter.com/OldSchoolHstead/status/1436060715056574466>

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Excellent performances in SAQ drills in PE sessions.



States of Matter.



This week, Year Four continued their study of the states of matter. Their focus this week was directed towards understanding the properties of the differing states and how we can best define each state. An important element of our lesson this week was observing natural materials, determining the state to which they belong, and perhaps more importantly, justifying our choices. Having developed an understanding here, we looked at visual representations of the states, and how best we might explain these ideas to a younger student.

Needless to say, their ideas were varied and excellent which resulted in a thoroughly enjoyable lesson.

Well done, Year Four.

- Mr Hunt





Reception Gallery.



Nursery Gallery.





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Junior Art Club.



For the children's first after school art club session, they chose their favourite animal, drew an outline, then used tissue paper to make their collage masterpiece..... To be continued. - Mrs Webster



OTHER NEWS.

Mascots

Mascots were awarded this week to the pupils best demonstrating our school values for this half term - Confidence and Creativity:

Reception: Rose for confidently setting into her new school.

Year One: Ted for confidently joining the school and demonstrating his mathematical keenness.

Year Two: Max for transition into Year Two with excellent confidence.

Year Three: Louis for confidence across all areas of the curriculum.

Year Four: Grace-Marie for confidently approaching maths extensions.

Year Five: Ruby for confidently writing a fantasy story.

Year Six: Tom for confidently approaching the entrance examination preparation sessions.

Uniform Shop

Open Monday mornings (8:15-9:15) and Thursday afternoons (3:15-4:15). You may also 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.

Your PTFA Needs You

Your PTFA needs you!! We need your energy and skills. Whether you're a whizz at organising or coming up with ideas we need you! Please get in touch with ptfa2@theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk to help us create great memories for our children.



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