



The Old School Henstead

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

It has been a pleasure to see the manner in which our Year Six pupils have embraced the challenge of preparing their applications to senior school. Focussed and enthusiastic and all in addition to a full curriculum in and out of the classroom, plus their duties in looking after our younger boys and girls as Prefects, House Officers, Librarians and Heads of the School Council. This week has seen the commencement of interview preparation also. I have interviewed no small number of young people in my time and am proud to report that our Old School Henstead candidates are as strong as you will find...

WJ McKinney MA Hons PgDip MA





DATES FOR YOUR
DIARY.

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

Thursday 30 September - 8:50 Harvest Festival Service at St Mary's Church, Henstead (parents welcome)

Friday 1 October - 1:15 Under 9/11 Boys & Girls Cross Country at Worlingham Primary School

Wednesday 6 October - 1:00 Under 11 Mixed Tag Rugby Tournament at Lowestoft & Yarmouth Rugby Club

Friday October - 3:30 Under 11 Boys Football at Beccles Primary Academy

16-31 October inclusive - Half Term

Friday 12 November - Children in Need

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



SCHOOL OFFICERS.

Houses

We are pleased to announce our Year 6 house captains. We are sure they will demonstrate outstanding leadership skills and set great examples for the younger pupils during house activities throughout the year.

The House System is central to our core values and we rely heavily on the quality of our House Captains to lead from the front.

Deben

House Captains - Lolah, Tom and Isaac M

Yare

House Captains - Bobby and Isaac G

Orwell

House Captains - Oliver and Isabella

Waveney

House Captain - Jack

Vice Captains - Ariane and Sam

Captains

We look forward to their guidance and encouragement as they take on the demands of the position as outlined below:

To be a role model in terms of attitude, work ethic, manners and appearance to younger members of the house, providing inspiration and motivation to all pupils in their house.

To help organise and plan competitions and events throughout the year, and ensure that all pupils have an opportunity to compete.

To help supervise house activities and competitions.

To ensure fairness and equal opportunity for all, irrespective of ability.

To report back results or news to the house.

We believe that these roles will develop invaluable leadership, organisational and decision-making skills. We wish all the appointees a successful year in post.



Head of School

Millie

Assistant Prefects

Lola & Luca



Digest This!



Year Six pupils have been learning about the digestive system this week in science lessons. They carried out an experiment using orange juice, water, crushed biscuits, bananas, a plastic bag and a pair of tights to understand the process of food digestion.

First, it's churned in our stomachs - the boys and girls enjoyed mashing up the ingredients in the plastic bag. Then it passes through the small intestine - said tights - which breaks it down and absorbs nutrients. Next, the large intestine absorbs water and salts and gets rid of any food which isn't required - this rather was where the experiment started to get messy, as the children had to squeeze excess liquid out of the tights! Lastly, what's left passes out of the intestine, and then we go to the toilet. To demonstrate this, the pupils cut a hole in the bottom of the tights and squeezed out the crushed up, mushed up biscuits and bananas. What an enjoyable and hands-on way to learn about the digestive system, but definitely a messy business! Mrs Sonn



Reception Writing.



The children in Reception have been very busy learning lots of new sounds. We've been flying like insects, drumming to a beat and patting puppies to help us remember how to sound out each letter, so much fun! We've even been using them to write words in our brand new exercise books, very grown up! Great writing, Reception. - Miss Doughty



Budding Artists.



Our budding artists are really beginning to flourish this term! Our school value focus for this half term is confidence and creativity and pupils throughout the school are encompassing both in their art lessons. Year 1 has been focussing on the meaning of colour. Whilst investigating Vincent Van Gogh, the pupils have explored what colour means to them. Recently they have been exploring warm and cold colours. As a class they have discussed how for some pupils this may be different and this is why art is important as they may all have different opinions. - Miss Bennie



Science & Money Matters.

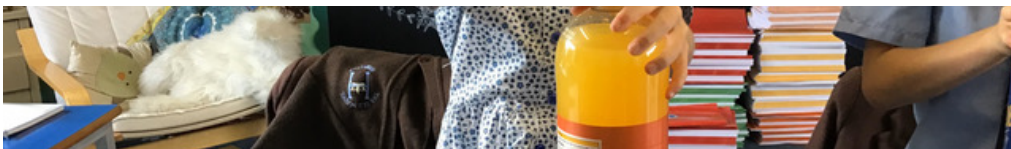
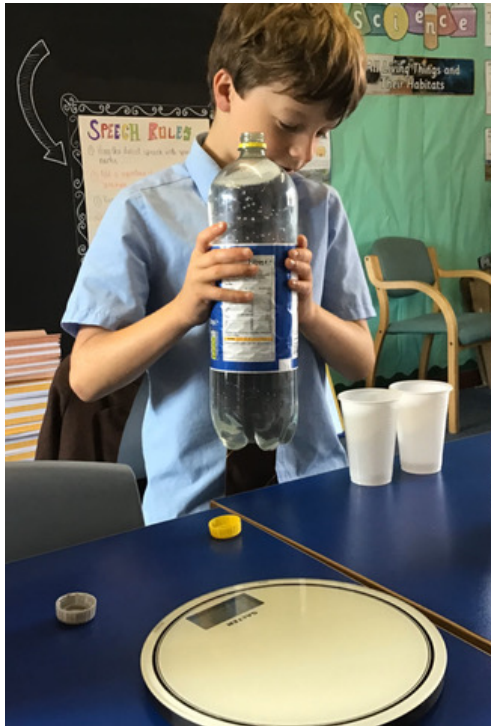


Year Two has been particularly enthusiastic about our science topic this half term: living things and their habitats. We began the topic by discussing the meanings of the terms 'living', 'dead' or 'never been alive'. We discussed different materials and creatures, as well as humans, and set off around the school grounds to discover items into these categories. A cabbage white butterfly, for example, was definitely alive but the wooden picnic bench, although not living at the moment, had once been a living tree. We then discussed the term 'habitat' and decided that it was 'the natural home of a living thing'. Again, we took to the grounds to investigate how many different habitats we could find and what type of living thing might like to live there and why. This developed into a thoughtful discussion about the needs of different animals.

Aside from Science, the children have been extremely focused during our Maths sessions, currently relating to money. The children could all identify the coins and helped each other to find the correct change to purchase various items around the classroom. We challenged ourselves to find as many different ways to make the full amount using the largest variety of coins. Well done Year Two. - Mrs McCarthy



States of Matter.



This week, Year Four continued their study of the states of matter with a lesson exploring gas. To initiate our investigations, we began at the conceptual considering the weight of gas. While gas is very light relative to the solid states all around us, by the nature of its' existence, it must weight something. So, we took to designing an investigation which would aid our efforts in proving this.

We settled on observing the weight changes in fizzy drinks. Invented in 1767 by John Priestly, fizzy drinks are made adding carbon dioxide to water. While a drink might be fizzy to begin with, as the carbon dioxide leaves the beverage, the 'flatter' it becomes. Our experiment, therefore, involved weighing fizzy drinks before and after they became flat and taking note of the changes of weight. The difference between the two weights accounted for the reduction in carbon dioxide, which gave us a metric to explore and compare.

A fun experiment with plenty of learning. Well done, Year Four. - Mr Hunt



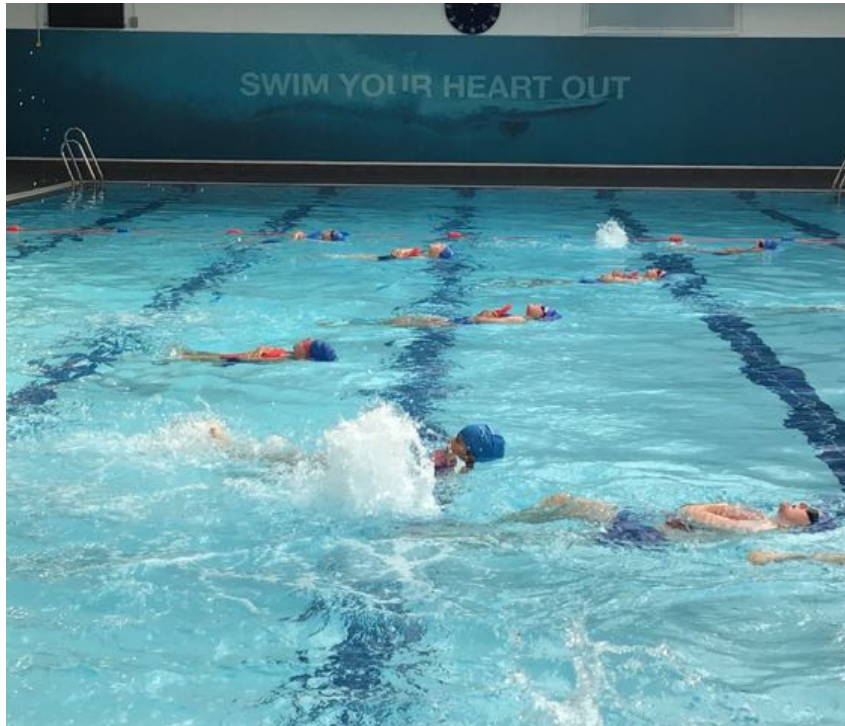
Sports Gallery.



Hockey drills ahead of today's hockey tournament.



Sports Gallery - Swimming.



Swimming drills.



Slime & Science Club.



In this week's Slime & Science After School Club we mixed glue, colouring and cornflour to create an amazing product! - Mrs Vorster



Golf Club.



Enthusiasm and progress continue in our Golf After School Club.



Junior Art Club.



Our junior art club members were keen to show their animal art pieces.
Mrs Webster



Firm Friends.



It is wonderful to see how many friendships are forged during break times, with tennis, den building and fun.



OTHER NEWS.

Mascots

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

Reception: Sophia for confidence when writing and joining the other children on the big field.

Year One: Jonah for confidence and creating his own maths sums.

Year Two: Toby for confidently taking on challenges.

Year Three: Margot for creatively planning and organising her thoughts for the new story she is writing.

Year Four: Grace Marie for creatively planning her own version of an Aesop's fable.

Year Five: Georgina her confident swimming this week.

Year Six: Oliver for confidently taking on his captaincy for Orwell house.

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.

