



The Old School Henstead

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

What a half term it has been! The children have grown in confidence and the atmosphere of the school has never been more positive. A1s have been awarded across the curriculum, especially in creative writing. There have been challenging science projects and mention must be made of our intrepid year Six boys and girls, who have taken on leadership roles with gusto and led the way in lessons, in their houses and on the games field. We trust that our whole school community enjoys a blessed and purposeful holiday.

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DATES FOR YOUR
DIARY.

Dates for your Diary - calendar updated weekly with additional events, fixtures and excursions.

16-31 October inclusive - Half Term

Monday 1 November - Nasal Flu Immunisations

Friday 5 November - **PTFA Bonfire Night - Tickets on sale now via booking forms sent home.**

Wednesday 10 November - 2:00 Under 10 Mixed Dodgeball, East Point Academy

Friday 12 November - Children in Need

Wednesday 1 December - 2:00 Under 9 Mixed Uni-Hoc Tournament, East Point Academy

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

Friday 17 December - Autumn Term Ends



Zoology in Action.



Years 4 and 5 had a wonderful day at Thrigby Hall. The weather was glorious, which meant all the animals were on top form, especially the gibbons!! Many of the children managed to imitate these so well that we weren't sure whether it was the children or the gibbons making the noise! The monkeys kept us entertained for quite a while!

We found out some very interesting facts about the animals. The reticulated python is about five metres long. We were very glad it was safely behind glass! The crocodiles and alligators are meat eaters, so are occasionally fed chicken. However, they do not eat anything for the six coldest months of the year. The snow leopard has adapted to its environment by having an extremely thick coat and it uses its lovely furry tail like a blanket to keep itself warm. We loved being able to get so close to the tiger and discover how large its paws were. One of our favourite animals was the Red Panda, which could move amazingly quickly through the trees. A great day out was had by all! - Mrs Solomon





Magical Creatures and Mathematical Calculations.



Year Three pupils have been working hard this week. In English they have been investigating the break-in of a troll to the classroom. From this the pupils were contacted by the 'Magical Creatures and Beings HQ' and have been working on their own set of instructions on how to catch a magical creature. So far we have instruction manuals for catching ogres, werewolves, krakens and flying monkeys.

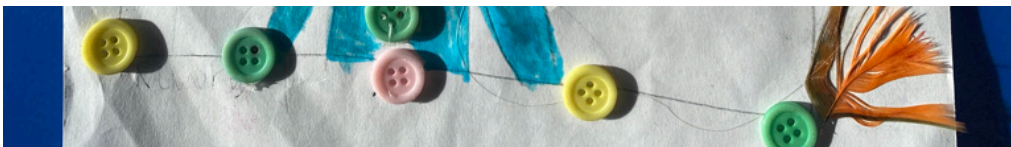
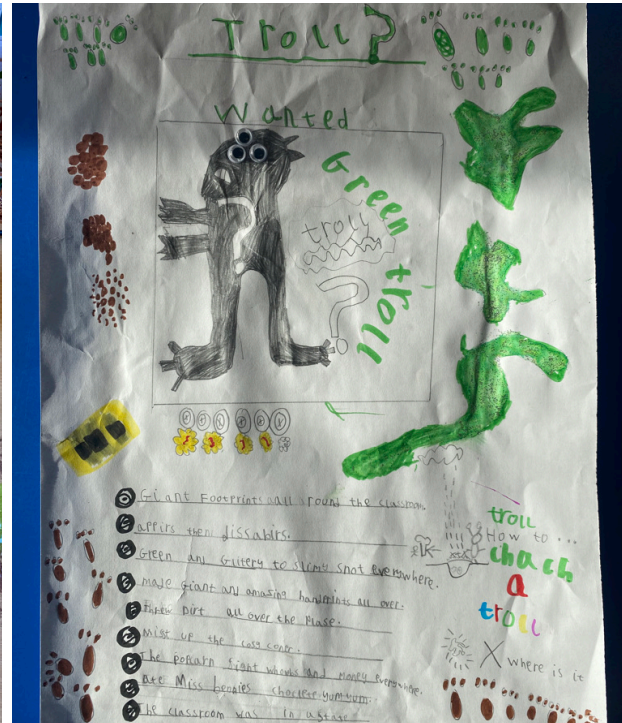
In Maths we have been exploring multiplication and division and the corresponding relationship between them both. Some pupils have been using arrays to assist with their calculations. The pupils have been working really hard and have shown a great understanding of this process.

We have finished our exploration of space and to round it off pupils wanted to discuss black holes and aliens. As a class we discussed whether we believed in them or not. Some pupils were unsure and wouldn't give a definite answer! To finish off the topic pupils designed their own planet and created some aliens. - Miss Bennie





Troll Visit.



There was evidence of a troll visit in the Year Three classroom, with footprints on the carpet, mud and green gloop on the desks, and torn remnants of the troll's clothing. Our detectives got to work on the case, resulting in some creative compositions and artist impressions.- Miss Bennie



Discoveries in Science.



Year One has been enjoying investigating and problem solving. Our Science topic on magnets has been particularly thought-provoking. The children were given a jar of water with a paper clip stuck in the bottom. Their task was to get the paper clip out of the jar without getting wet hands! The children paired up and discussed their ideas. String was suggested as an aid to help, but didn't work. More brainstorming, then a magnet was the next idea. Before long one team had the brilliant idea of sliding the magnet up the outside of the jar, carefully attracting the paper clip up and out of the jar. Hooray!

The next task was to make a paper clip travel along a piece of paper using a magnet. This stumped some of the pairs as the magnet and paper clips were placed on top of the paper by the children. The paper clip didn't go anywhere except stick to the end of the magnet. A flash of inspiration from Edie, who suggested "why not just put the magnet under the paper." A cheer from a proud teacher and hugs from all the children for Edie, paper clips were then soon whizzing round.



Dinosaurs continue to be a popular topic. Determined and enthusiastic children carefully dug out dinosaur teeth from clay bricks, using special excavation tools. Face painting and dinosaur silhouette pictures finished off the topic nicely. Well done everyone. - Mrs Dakin



What a Game!



A terrific start to the boys' football season, with a 8-1 away victory. On arrival the boys were able to see they would be playing on a small pitch but with big goals, meaning end-to-end play, plenty of chances to score and the need to be at their best defensively. They did not disappoint.

A bright start from the Henstead boys saw added pressure from IG and Sam, with IG stinging the hands of the home goalkeeper on numerous occasions. Defensively Luca and Adam were limiting Beccles to corners and crosses but no shots on goal. Bobby, who started in goal was showing some excellent distribution skills, setting up numerous counter attacks with his kicking but when required also playing out from the back. Attacking corners from Adam, Sam and IG were causing mayhem in the Beccles box and finally Sam was on hand to smash the ball home for a 1-0 lead. This didn't last long though as Beccles began to attack and after a sustained amount of pressure the ball found its way into the back of the Henstead net after a strike from the edge of the box. This was the spur Henstead needed and with Rafferty

dominating the midfield, we were pushing for a second goal - it came eventually through Raff himself, a wonder strike from out wide into the far top corner of the goal. Like buses another soon came along with IG finally getting himself onto the score sheet and a 3-1 lead at the half time break.

Henstead continued to dominate in the second half, IM, Oliver and Ted keeping the pressure on in the attacking half and showing some neat touches, Elliot causing problems down the right wing, from where he cut inside, dribbled into the box and let fly with a strike across the goalkeeper into the far bottom corner, making it 4-1. Henstead weren't done there, Tom now in goal and Jack keeping Beccles at bay with some great tackles, allowed Luca to move into midfield and find Bobby with a neat pass who hit one from half way which proved to be too hot to handle for the keeper for a 5-1 advantage. Two more late goals from IG, who finished off with a hat trick and another from Bobby finished off a convincing win. - Mr Hunter



Football Tournament Success.



The final fixture of the half term was once again a success, the under 11 boys football team finishing runners up in the North Suffolk football tournament.

We kicked off the afternoon's fixtures against a Red Oak team which had looked very competent in their first game. Henstead started with confidence, Luca and Jack making sure we were secure at the back, Tom and Sam running the wide play, Rafferty dominating the midfield and IG showing his skill and strength up front. We found ourselves 1-0 up early on with Sam smashing home at the back post after some good work from IG. The duo swapped roles as Sam became the provider for IG to slot home for an early 2-0 lead. Substitutions were made with Oliver showing some neat footwork up top, IM and Elliot on either wing now causing the problems, whilst Adam and Ted kept us tight at the back. The boys saw out the opening game for a 2-0 victory.

Our next game saw us play a strong Albert Pye team, we found ourselves defending for large parts of the game then hitting them on the counter attack with our pace up front, Bobby being called into action on numerous occasions, brave blocks from Luca, Jack and Raff were matched by the

dogged work from Sam, IG and Tom, the subs played their part too, continuing to work hard for the team and a 0-0 draw at the final whistle. This saw us top the group and qualify for the semi-final.

The semi-final was over before it had begun, a scintillating opening five minutes saw us take a 3-0 lead - a wonderful dribbling run from IG, who laid it off to Sam to slot home, then IG once again driving forward, choosing to shoot himself to make it 2-0; finally, Rafferty's driving run and shot saved by the keeper fell to Sam who was in the right place at the right time to make it 3-0. Once again the subs kept up the level of hard work and continued to press for a fourth goal, however just before the final whistle Grove managed to get a consolation goal to finish the encounter at 3-1.

The final saw us come up against a very strong side in Woods Loke, IG had a chance early on which was saved before Woods Loke took the lead, then added another before we got to grips with the game. Rafferty found IG in the box and he found the bottom corner - at 2-1 we were back in the game. We pushed for an equaliser but couldn't quite get back on terms. It was an excellent performance from the whole squad. - Mr Hunter



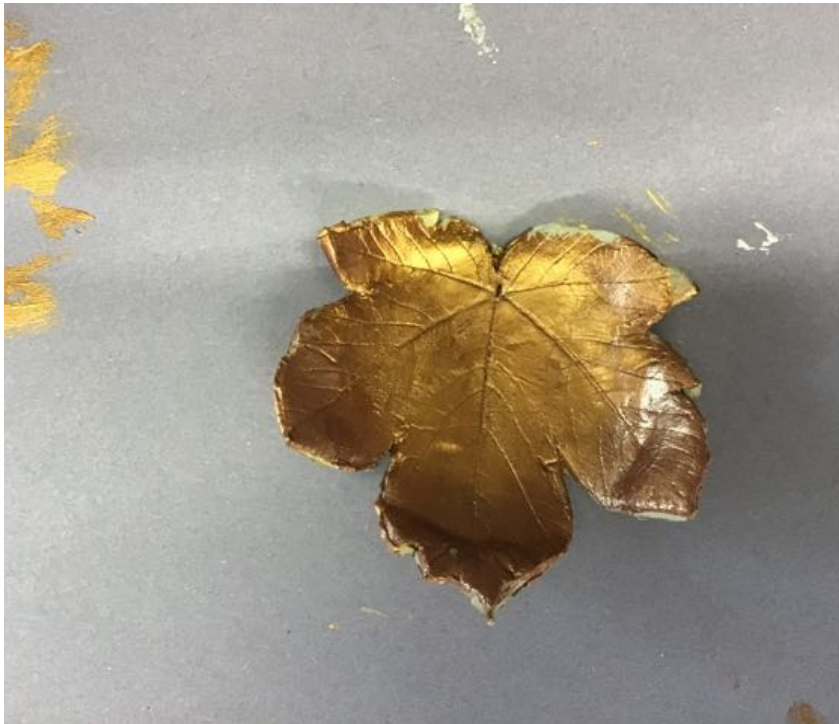
Sports Gallery - Swimming.



Excellent progress in our swimming sessions this week.



Junior Art Club - Maple Leaf Bowls



This week the children finished their beautiful maple leaf bowls. Metallic acrylic paint was used to finish their masterpieces. The pupils were very excited to tell me how they will be using their bowls at home! - Mrs Webster



Junior Art Club - Leaf Printing



We finished the art club with printing different shaped leaves onto black paper. - Mrs Webster



Nursery Gallery.



Our Nursery pre-school children are very enthusiastic about sport and gymnastics, as the pictures show.




Nursery.



We can hardly believe that we are already at the half term break. The Nursery children have had a happy, busy and successful first half half term with plenty of learning and new experiences to share with their families. This week was no exception. The children have continued to feed their love of numbers by enjoying games of bingo, tracing numbers on wipe boards, going on number hunts and playing board games together. They have also been enjoying the crispy autumn leaves that have been falling in our garden and earlier in the week produced some imaginative pieces of art with the leaves and other natural resources. The phonics sessions at carpet time are as popular as ever and it is lovely to see the children sharing cosy moments together in the reading corner looking at the books together.
- Mrs Vorster





The Old School Henstead
PTFA
BONFIRE & FIREWORKS

Friday 5th November
Starts 5.30 pm

Booking forms for tickets have
been sent home with pupils.

PTFA NOTICES.

Please note this is a private event restricted to current pupils and their parents and grandparents, for reasons of COVID protocols. We regret that we are unable to extend the invitation this year to alumni and friends in the local community. We trust you understand our reasons for wishing to keep families safe.

For more information about the event, or to offer help, please email the PTFA on ptfa2@theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk



OTHER NEWS.

Mascots

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

Reception: Aurora for reading confidently.

Year One: Edie for an epiphany where she creatively explained how to use a magnet to solve a science problem.

Year Two: Araminta for confidently approaching all areas of her learning during the first half-term.

Year Three: James for confidently identifying animals in French.

Year Four: Grace-Marie for creatively writing an excellent introduction to an explanation text.

Year Five: Christabel for her creative ideas in English.

Year Six: Isaac M for a wonderfully creative piece of writing about a rainforest.

Uniform Shop



Lab coats now available from the 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.

