



The Old School Henstead

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

In this week in which we focus our attention on the many Children in Need around the world and much closer to home, the boys and girls have been as thoughtful as they have been enthusiastic in their preparations. Mr Spencer's thoughtfully selected hymn for one of our assemblies captures the mood perfectly... Mr McKinney

*Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around
Through my sight and touch and sound
In you and you in me?*

John Bell & Graham Maule





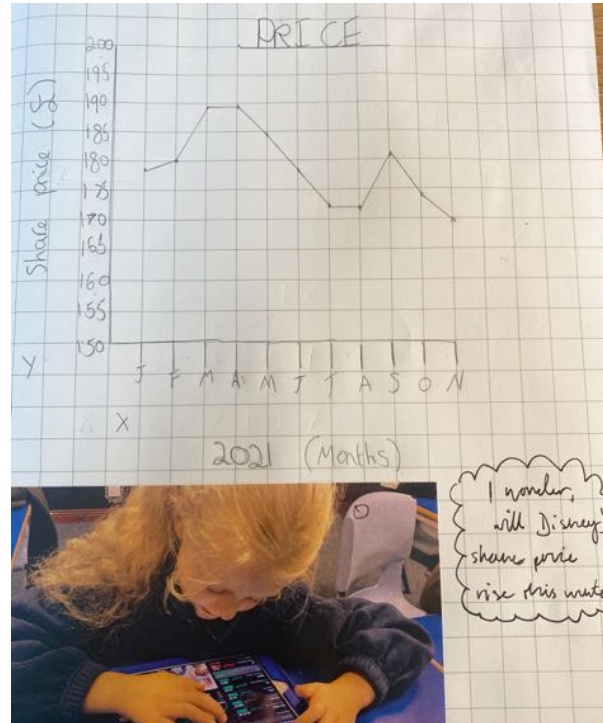
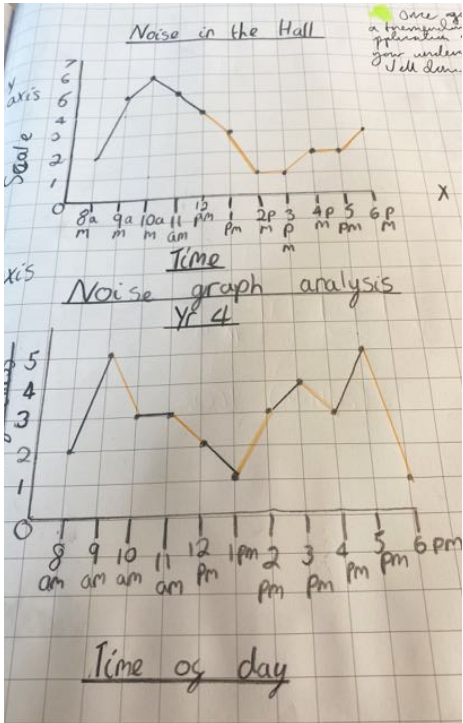
DATES FOR YOUR
DIARY.

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

- Thursday 25 November - Advent Service (in school, pupils only)
- Friday 26 November - Years 4 & 5 Assembly (pupils only)
- Non-uniform Day in exchange for item for Christmas Fayre Hampers
- Wednesday 1 December - 2:00 Under 9 Mixed Uni-Hoc Tournament, East Point Academy
- Saturday 4 December - 11:00 - 13:00 Christmas Fayre (The Old School Henstead families only)
- Tuesday 14 December - Nursery Nativity, St Mary's Church, Henstead
- Wednesday 15 December - Lower School Nativity, St Mary's Church, Henstead
- Thursday 16 December - Carol Service (by candlelight) at St Mary's Church, Henstead
- Friday 17 December - Autumn Term Ends



Stocks and Shares - Statistics



Year Four grasped their study of statistics well this half-term. Seeking to explore the real-world applications of how graphs can be used, the children were keen to investigate how company stock prices shift through a calendar year. While a few different companies took the class' interest, they eventually settled on selecting Disney. After the initial investigation process, they plotted the prices through a calendar year and presented them using a line graph. The children were fascinated in how things change through a year and found applying their understanding to real examples to be great fun. We also explored noise levels as a means of presenting data, too, looking at how the levels of noise change through a day and what that might look like on in a line graph.

Their engagement with the topic was outstanding this half-term, and has resulted in some stunning pieces of work.

Well done, Year Four. - Mr Hunt





Art (without getting in a flap...)

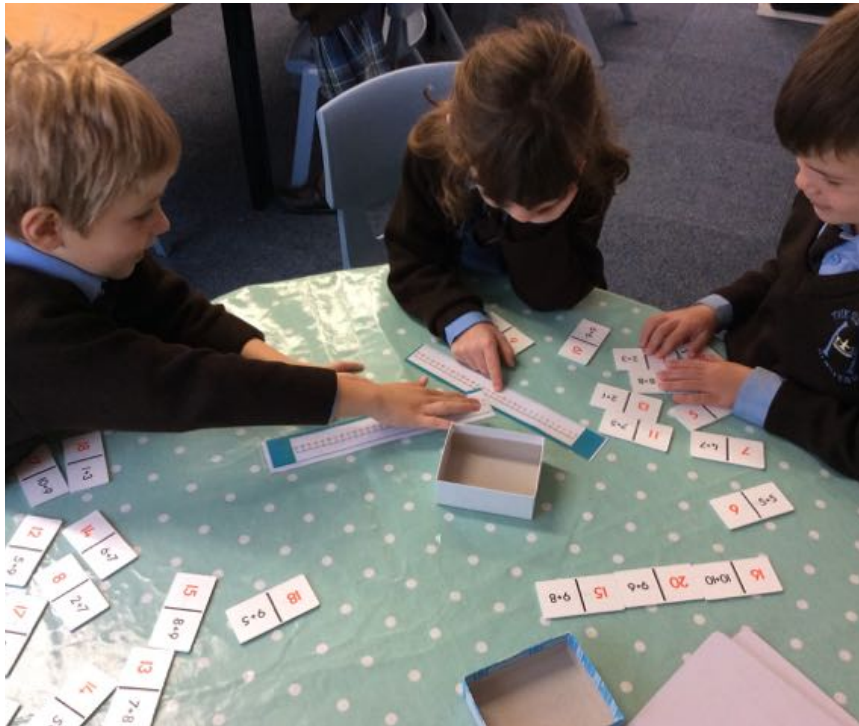


Year Five has been exploring feathers. The pupils completed some sketchbook investigations previously in which they drew feathers using a variety of tools. This week they extended their investigations by creating tiles that were inspired by their drawings. Each tile was very different as the pupils used different utensils. A firm favourite was the toothbrush!
 - Miss Bennie





Year Two determined to add research to their learning...



Resilience and Research are our values for this half term and I can say, with confidence, that Year Two pupils have displayed both of these across our learning this week.

In Maths, the children have been focusing on addition and subtraction, where they have been thinking about counting on forward or counting back. The children have been particularly resilient when covering this topic, trying out multiple methods with a range of resources to support their thinking.

In English, we have been researching a completely new text type: Information texts. To aid our learning, we studied a variety of books from the library to understand fully how an information text is different from a story. We can now confidently identify the features of an information text and the difference between fact and fiction.

Another area in which the children have showcased research is Humanities. The children have been putting together a timetable of some of Britain's most famous kings and queens and, as part of this, have begun researching some of their favourite monarchs. to learn more about what they were like and the time that they lived in. Well done Year Two for your focus and determination this week. - Mrs McCarthy





Reception Round Up.



The Reception children have been so busy this week exploring resources and putting their thinking skills to the test!

They've enjoyed making pizza dough, creating with the natural 'loose parts', making music and even brushing teeth! They've also been working hard on their writing and have impressed me with their maths skills too, finding different ways to represent numbers. Great learning, Reception!

- Miss Doughty





Nursery Gallery.



It has been another busy week in Nursery, with lots of outdoor play dough, incorporating natural resources. The children have also been making hedgehogs with leaves from our recent walk in the woods. - Mrs Vorster



Sports Gallery.



Our boys and girls are working hard in attack and in defence!



Sports Gallery.



Some excellent evasive moves as our younger Rugby players try to keep their tags!



Book Fair.



There was much delight this week as the travelling book fair opened its doors once again. Excited pupils were keen to browse the shelves for literary goodies, and if they had money left over, to buy a pencil case or rubber to add to their stationery collection. There was a definite buzz in the air - it was wonderful to see the boys and girls chattering happily about how much they were looking forward to reading their new acquisitions - and they enjoyed being able to choose their own books to read.

Much thanks and praise goes to the Year Six pupils, who set up and ran the fair every lunchtime and after school. They used their mathematical skills to add money and work out change. They also showed great maturity, patience and kindness by helping pupils to decide which books would suit them best, so customers left the fair very pleased with their purchases.



Thank you to parents, too. Your support is much appreciated and the money your children have spent will earn free books for our library and classrooms. - Mrs Sonn



Children in Need - Sponsored Sing.



On Friday afternoon, as part of the BBC's annual fundraising campaign for *Children in Need*, the Senior Choir with Mr Spencer performed a Sponsored Sing. The aim was to fill 45 minutes with continuous song. As well as raising funds for a good cause, it was a great opportunity for each class to share some of the songs they have been working on with Mr Spencer, and several of Mrs Lincoln's singing students performed solos they had prepared with her. There were lots of songs involving everybody, and in total seventeen songs were performed! There was a real sense of accomplishment as we realised our efforts meant that we could donate a significant amount to the campaign and help children less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you so much to all the parents who have already contributed and if you would still like to donate you may still do so. Donations still welcome next week, to form teachers or the school office.





Art Club.



The children had fun making Pudsey Bear masks and bookmarks for today's Children in Need fundraising day.



Children in Need - Cake Sale.



Thank you to all our parents for donating and buying cakes at this afternoon's cake sale in aid of Children in Need.



OTHER NEWS.

Mascots

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

Reception: Aurora for being a resilient friend.

Year One: Sophia for excellent research on the order of the planets.

Year Two: Lexi resiliently approaching her swimming lessons.

Year Three: Violette for researching using a dictionary.

Year Four: Grace-Marie for excellent research for her assembly next week.

Year Five: Chloe for resilience in maths.

Year Six: Amelie for in depth research to create a fascinating presentation about COP-26.

a specific colour theme: Silver (Nursery & Reception; Gold (Year 1); Purple (Year 2); Red (Year 3); Blue (Year 4); Green (Year 5); Pink (Year 6). Save the date for our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 4 December.

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.

Non-uniform Day

Next Friday 26 November will be a non-uniform day in return for a contribution to our Christmas Fayre hamper prizes. Each form has been asked to bring a gift following

Uniform Shop

Open on 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.

