



The Old School Henstead

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

It has been a real pleasure to observe lessons across the school during the course of this week. We follow the guidelines of the Independent Schools Inspectorate and focus on both the achievement and the personal development of the boys and girls. On view - independent learning, sharing of ideas, demonstration of solutions and a genuine pride in success, both individual and collective. They go as far as they can see and then see how far they can go. Bravo!

WJ McKinney MA Hons PgDip MA





**DATES FOR YOUR
DIARY.**

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

Monday 31 January - Candlemas Service (in school, pupils only)

Friday 11 February - Under 11 Cross Country Competition at Finborough School

Half term: Saturday 19 February – Sunday 27 February inclusive

Thursday 3 March - World Book Day - Pupils may dress up to represent their favourite book character (not superhero or football kit)



Oh I do Like to be Beside the Seaside.



Year Six has been exploring the seaside in art, paying particular attention to the colour, shape and patterns found in objects like shells, as well as the creatures which dwell beneath the waves. The pupils have taken to this theme with enthusiasm and have produced some lovely sketches, using shading to show graduations of light and shadow. This gives the illusion of volume and dimensionality to their sketches.

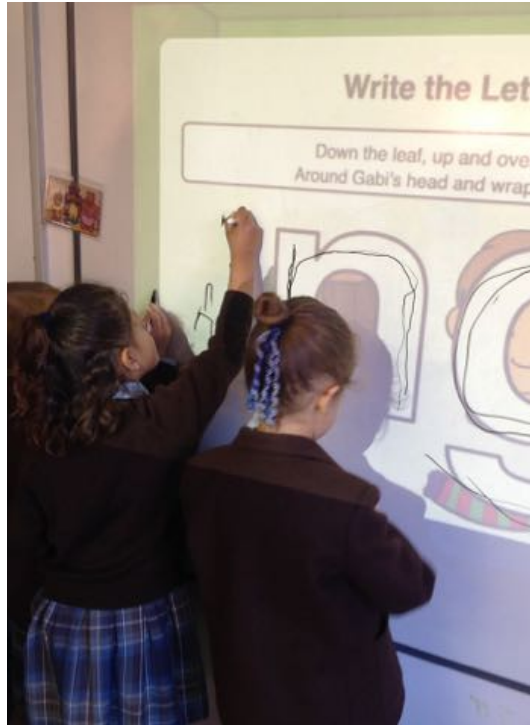
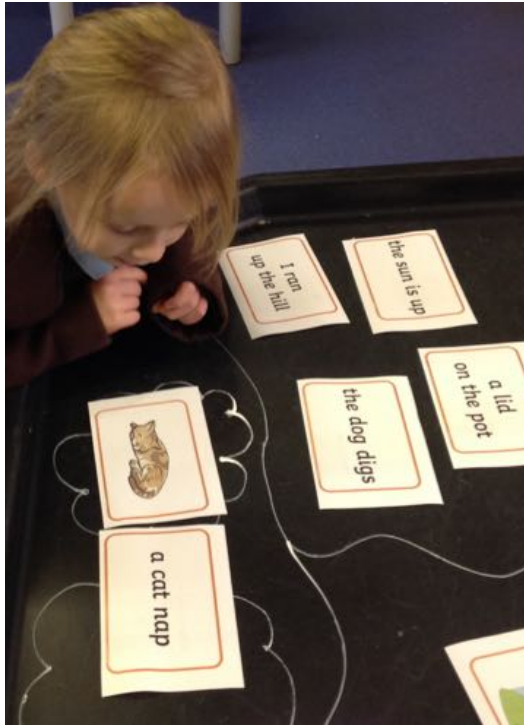
The children have also been working with water colour pencils and paints, the latter medium allowing them to play with the intensity of the hues, making some almost transparent and others much deeper and bolder.

While it might be a little too chilly to take a dip in the sea right now, these shells and animals remind us of exotic far-off destinations, and that we must look after these precious environments. - Mrs Sonn





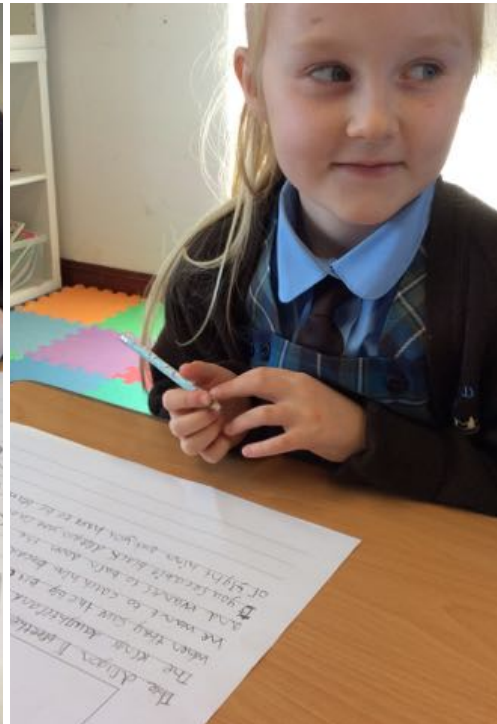
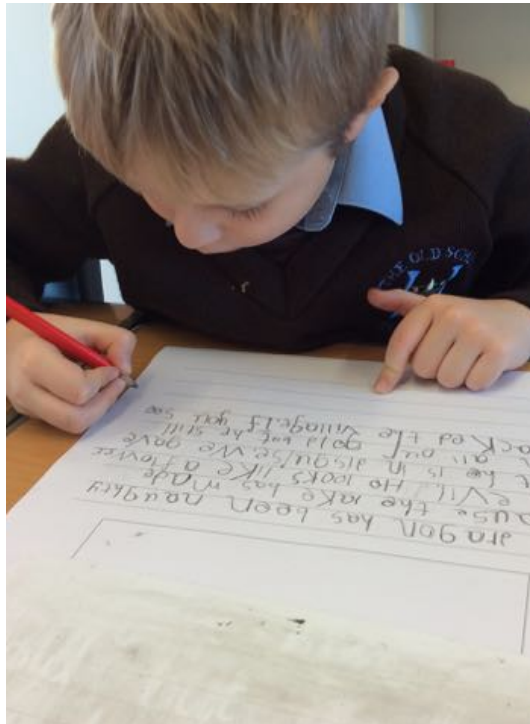
Reception Writers.



This week, the children in Reception have been really enjoying their writing activities! They've been learning lots of new tricky words (words that can't be sounded out!) and getting to grips with several new Phase 3 sounds. Well done Reception! - Miss Doughty



Wanted Dragon.



It has been another fabulous week for Year Two. I am impressed by the progress they have made this year so far and am enjoying every single week with them.

You may have heard stories about a 'wanted' dragon around the school recently. There was much excitement from all year groups when wanted posters went up around the school. The children created descriptive posters complete with expanded noun phrases and a range of subordinating and coordinating conjunctions to attempt to capture a dragon. The dragon in question had been terrorising a local village and had captured a princess. Please if you have any information, let George the brave knight know!

Equal enthusiasm and effort has been applied to our maths lessons this week, where the children have been doubling and halving numbers. They have applied their knowledge of the two times table and addition to help tackle the challenges set for them this week. I would like to mention here how the children partitioned larger numbers into tens and ones to help them - Minty even managed to find halves of three digit numbers! Furthermore, the confidence the children have shown has allowed them to look at fractions. They have used their knowledge of equal sharing to split numbers into halves, quarters and thirds. Well done everyone. - Mrs McCarthy





Calculations.



This week, we worked to consolidate their understanding of 2D shapes, with a lesson series focussing on how to calculate the area of both compound and non-compound shapes. With adroit usage of times table facts, the pupils were able to undertake the challenge of first finding out the length of the sides, and then to multiply them together. As the pupils transitioned towards compound shapes, where the sides of the lengths is not as obvious, the pupils' ability in finding out the lengths by using the available information was excellent.

Their work, both independent and in groups, was of a top class, and well deserving of the praise received. - Mr Hunt



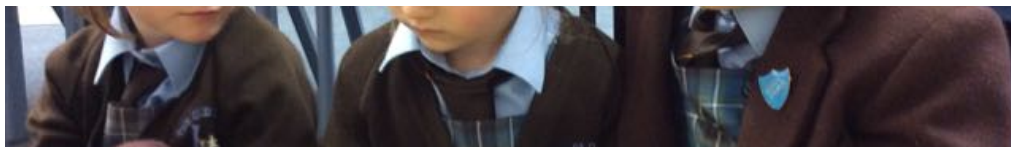


Junior Book Club.



Junior Book Club has been a calm and relaxing way to end our Tuesdays this half term. So far, we have shared a variety of books together: *Gorilla* - a thought provoking picture book, Katy Morag and her two Grandmother's - which included detailed illustrations about life on the Isle of Struay. This week, we read the opening of the Ted Hughes classic *The Iron Man* and thought about where the story may take us. We created our own illustrations to match the descriptions we read in the story.

- Mrs McCarthy





Sports Gallery - Swimming.





Sports Gallery - Unihoc.





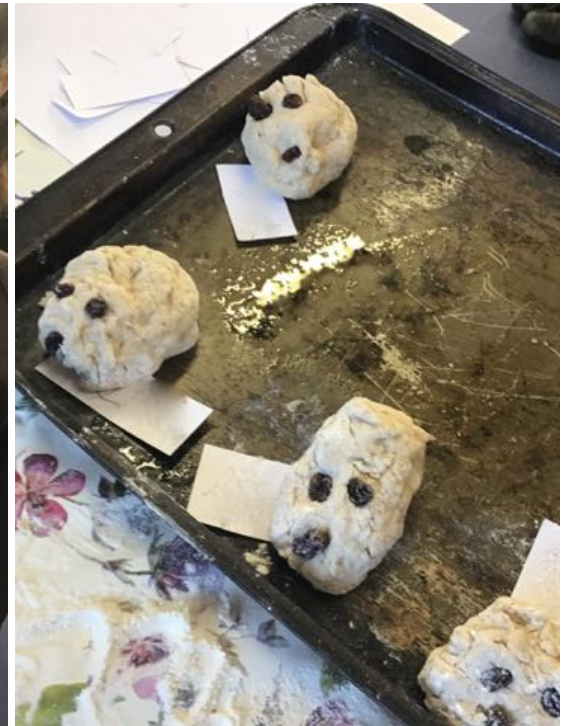
Hola!



In this week's Spanish lesson the younger children had the chance to taste some Spanish tapas, trying Spanish omelette, olives, Serrano ham, manchego cheese and patatas bravas. They pronounced the different foods beautifully!
- Señora Webster



Hedgehog Bread.



Reception and Nursery children had fun measuring and following a recipe to make mini hedgehog breads! - Mrs Vorster



Budding Engineers.



Some of our pre-school children enjoying exploring magnetic construction shapes to create 2D and 3D models. - Mrs Vorster



OTHER NEWS.

Mascots

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

Reception: Sofia for empathising with characters in a book.

Year One: Izaak for experimenting with different ways to make different amounts of money.

Year Two: Betsie for excellent use of resources during our fractions topic.

Year Three: Violette for investigations into coral reefs.

Year Four: Grace-Marie for experimenting superbly during our short topic on writing play scripts.

Year Five: Georgina for showing empathy when working with younger children.

Year Six: Lola for caring for a poorly friend.

Certificates Awarded This Week

Congratulations to the following pupils who were awarded Bronze Certificates for achieving five A1's: Toby and Max.



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