



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter 13 May 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

A week of outdoor dining and learning, with excitement building as the residential and outdoor learning trips are finalised. The Henstead Hike, supporting the children of Ukraine, looks as though it will be blessed with fair weather. A huge thank you to the whole Henstead community for such generous support of Backpacks of Hope. The School Council has made the delivery now that all is gathered in.

WJ McKinney MA Hons PgDip MA





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

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

Friday 20 May - The Henstead Charity Hike

Sunday 22 May - Friday 27 May - Year Six Residential Trip to Snowdonia

Saturday 28 May - Sunday 5 June - Half Term

Monday 6 June - Garden Party to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee

Wednesday-Friday 8-10 June - Years Four & Five Residential Trips

Wednesday 15 June - Year Three visits Wild East, Somerleyton Hall

Thursday 16 June - Overnight Camp & Outdoor Movie Night - Years 4-6

Wednesday 22 June - Sports Day & Adult versus Children Cricket & Rounders Matches

Friday 24 June - Open Day (**change of date**)

Wednesday 6 & Thursday 7 July - Performances of Oliver Musical

Friday 8 July - Speech Day and End of Term



Backpacks of Hope for Ukraine.



A special thanks to parents for their generosity in filling 101 Backpacks of Hope for Ukraine. Today the School Council representatives delivered the backpacks to Soul Foundation in Norwich, ready for their imminent dispatch by truck to the Ukraine. The children created a human chain from the minibus to unload the bags into the warehouse. The group was presented with a certificate of thanks after being shown round the headquarters, including the social supermarket for those in need in the Norwich area.



Healthy Eating.



We were delighted to welcome Mrs Jarmey, a hospital Paediatric Dietitian (and Oliver's mummy) to share her healthy eating and drinking expertise. All pupils attended an introductory assembly with the focus on the importance of food and drink as fuel to power our bodies.

Two excellent workshops followed with the children engaging in a variety of hands on activities. Lively conversation ensued as decisions about food groups and healthy quantities were discussed within the splinter groups.

All gained a better understanding of food and drink, daily intake and the importance of enjoying our meals. - Miss Clifton





Botanical Studies.



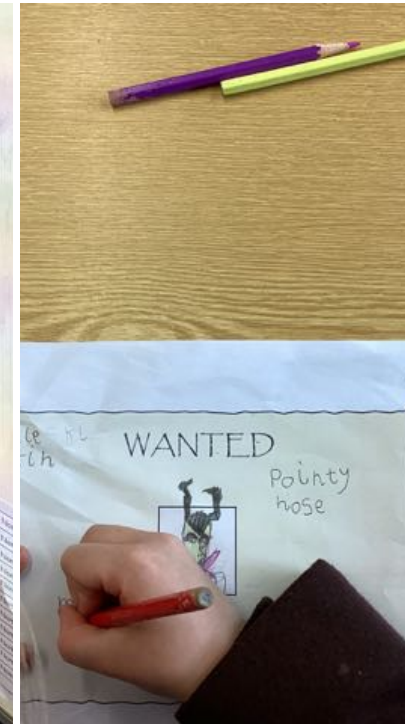
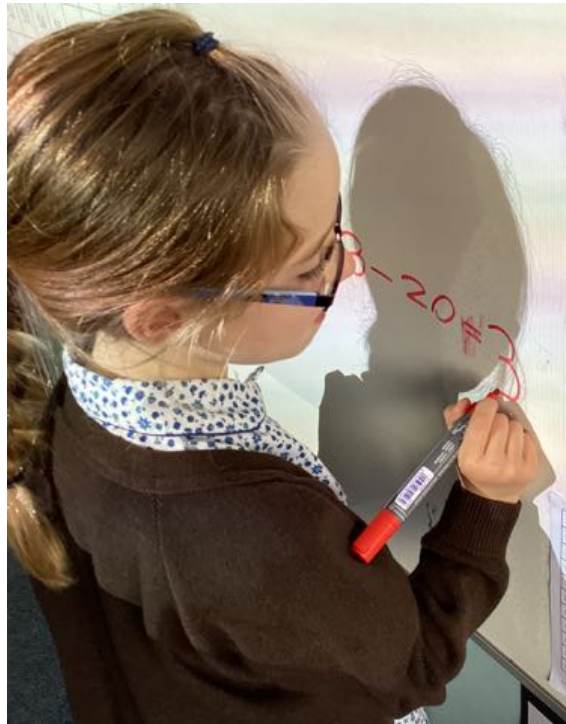
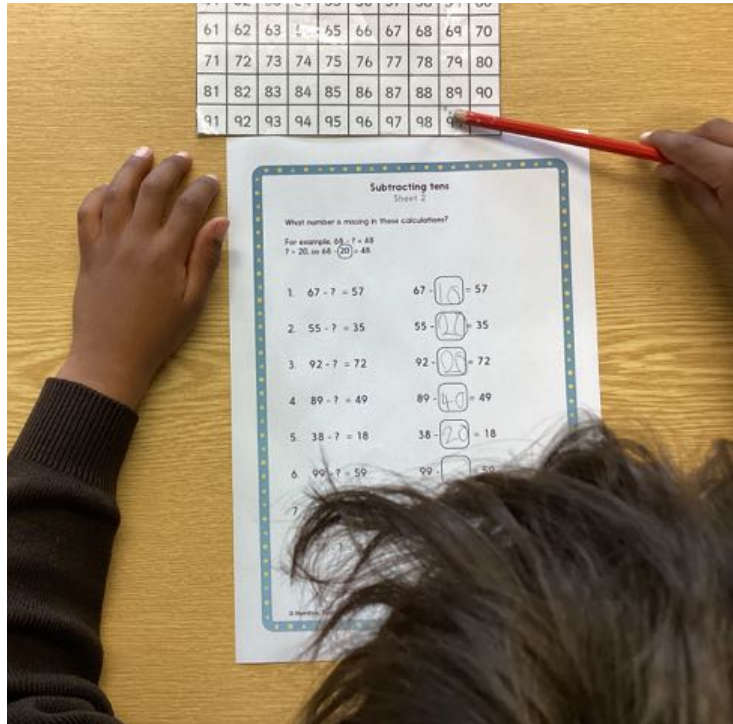
This week Year 3 have been focusing on all things plants. They have been investigating the way in which water travels through a plant. To carry this out the pupils filled cups up with coloured water and put white flowers into them. The pupils were able to discuss using scientific language that the water was absorbed through the roots and evaporated from the leaves.

This scientific enquiry continued with the exploration of what plants need to live. The pupils created their own potted plants and following certain criteria placed the plants around the school to investigate what plants need to thrive. The results of our experiment will be collected over the next couple of weeks. - Miss Bennie





Studios Year One.



We have had a real focus on subtraction in maths this week, using 100 squares to help us take away 10p or 11p from 2 and 3-digit money amounts. We remembered to look for patterns in the process and carefully thought if the answer would be higher or lower than the original price.

In Literacy we continued on the traditional Fairy Tales theme. The children considered and identified who were the heroes and villains from various tales. Next they sketched their selected villain and added descriptive labels around them, such as a huge nose, wrinkled skin, mad hair or pointy eyebrows. Just some of the creative descriptors used!

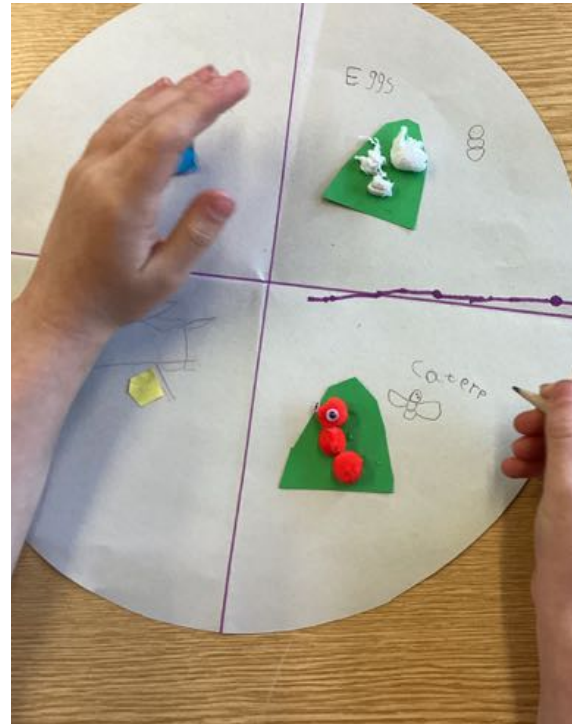
Show rehearsals are well and truly underway. We often have a spontaneous rendition of one of the songs during snack time!

Great thinking and teamwork everyone. - Mrs Dakin





Life Cycle of the Butterfly.



Life cycles are part of Year One's Science topic this term. We have enjoyed seeing the caterpillars in Year 5 that are now slowly transforming into their cocoons ready for the next stage of their development. We created our own butterfly life cycles labelling the four different stages.. - Mrs Dakin



Nursery News.



It is such a privilege to work with our Early Years children and watch them develop over the three years they are with us in Nursery and Reception. This week I have noticed how friendships are flourishing. We have spent as much time as we can outside and I have enjoyed working with the children as they play on the climbing equipment, in the mud kitchen and at their detailed role plays. I have listened to conversations between super heroes and traffic police and many "mummies" and "babies". I have heard the children ask each other questions about the task they are involved in, comment on each other's work and use kind words when a friend is in need. I am so proud of how our children include everyone in their fun and how often I hear the words "I'll help you". I look forward to watching these friendships develop over the next few years at The Old School and watching the children grow into kind, caring, warm hearted citizens.

- Mrs Vorster





Outdoor Ed Club.



Due to the rain we took our learning inside and thought about what a piece of fruit looks like inside close up. The children carefully looked at shape, colour and texture. Some lovely observational drawings - well done! - Mrs Dakin and Mrs Webster



Everything is Thriving in Reception.



This week, the Reception children have certainly been making the most of the sunshine. They've been busy learning all about how plants grow and how to care for them as well as planting seeds, corms, tubers and plug plants! Well done Reception, excellent green fingers! - Miss Doughty



Music Examination Success.



Music is a key component of life at The Old School Henstead. Many of the children take individual music lessons in singing or playing a musical instrument.

We are delighted to report more examination success, this time for singing.

Congratulations to the following pupils who have enjoyed success in Trinity College London Music Examinations::

Violette	Grade 1 Singing with merit
Emily	Grade 1 Singing with merit
Edward	Grade 2 Singing
Christabel	Grade 3 Singing with merit





The Silver Arrow.



Full well they know no foreign foe
Our shores will dare invade
With pikemen bold our walls to hold
And archers in every glade.





Maya



In Years 4 & 5, we have begun a new topic on the Maya. The Maya civilization were living (and some still are) in 'Mesoamerica'. This is in Central America. It covers countries such as: Guatemala, El Salvador, Belize, Panama, Costa Rica, Honduras and Nicaragua. As part of our work, we used Atlases to find these countries so we could see where the Maya lived. We also found out some interesting facts whilst looking at pictures of artefacts from the Mayan civilization. Did you know that Egyptians weren't the only ones to build pyramids? The Maya did too! Nor were the Egyptians the only ones to use hieroglyphics. The Maya did too! Also, amongst other things, one of their forms of punishment was to cut the person's hair!! We decided we would prefer that to some of their other forms of punishment! - Mrs Solomon





Pony Club.



At today's Pony Club pupils were learning to ride independent rising trots and how to use the basic aids correctly and effectively. Stable management focused on how to enter a paddock safely and catch a pony. They also learnt about the need for water, strong fencing and secure gates and discussed hot weather, poor grass and the need for additional hay.

Sports Gallery - Swimming.



Sports Gallery - Long Jump.





OTHER NEWS.

Mascots

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

Reception: Hugo for teamwork during gardening in Reception.

Year One: Jonah for carefully thinking about maths mastery.

Year Two: Olivia for looking out for her teammates this week.

Year Three: Louis for scientific thinking during plant investigations.

Year Four: Robin for wonderful, considered work during our study of liberation stories in English.

Year Five: Christabel for her calming and thoughtful influence on others.

Year Six: Jack for creative thinking in art.

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Certificates This Week

Orlando Reception Bronze

Teddie Reception Bronze

Lucy Year 1 Silver

Saffie Year 2 Silver



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