



The Old School Henstead

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

As we journey in adventure toward the end of term, St John Lucas' poem, published in 1908, at the height of excitement of polar exploration, reminds us that whilst there will always be "Ships of Fools", so too will there always be hope for the future. Thus do we look forward to our Easter celebration next Thursday.

O watchman leaning from the mast, what of the night? The shadows flee;

The stars grow pale, the storm is past, a blood-red sunrise stains the sea.

At length, at length, O dauntless wills, O dreamers' hearts that naught could tame,

Superb amidst majestic hills the domes of Eldorado flame!

WJ McKinney MA Hons PgDip MA





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

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

Wednesday 30 March - Inter-House Cross Country Competition (unfortunately no visitors)

Thursday 31 March - 08:50 Easter Service at St Mary's Church Henstead

Friday 1 April - Easter Bonnet Parade

Saturday 2 - Sunday 24 April - Easter Holidays

Friday 20 May - The Henstead Charity Hike

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

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



THE OLD SCHOOL
HENSTEAD
INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL

join us for an
**EASTER
BONNET PARADE**
Friday 1st April

The Old School Henstead is delighted to invite all pupils to take part in this Easter tradition! The task is to create an Easter Bonnet to wear in a parade at the end of term.

The prizes that will be awarded are:

- Most Colourful**
- Most Creative**
- The Largest (This must stay on the head)**

Any questions please email:
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EASTER BONNET
PARADE.



Year Three Takes a Lead in Learning.



This week the pupils have been engaged in their end of term assessments. The pupils all showed resilience and should be proud of the work that they have done. Apart from the assessments the pupils in year 3 have been engaged in some outdoor learning. They decided they wanted to create some water colour daffodil pictures whilst the weather was nice. The pupils explored the different brush strokes that they could make. They created some beautiful pictures.

The pupils also decided that they wanted to conduct some work with the Nursery and Reception children. They planned the lesson and headed down to lead it. As the children had been learning all about the Gruffalo, Year Three planned a lesson where "their pupils" created paper plate faces, as shown on the next page. - Miss Bennie





Crafty Work.



Year Three pupils created an arts and crafts station for Nursery and Reception children, to enable them to create their own Gruffalo monster plate.

A great job by all involved! Year Three pupils were awarded an A1 for their leadership skills when leading the task.

- Miss Bennie





Thoughtful English.



This week in English we have been working on our grammar. We have been learning about adverbial phrases, deciding if they were an adverbial saying where, when, why, how or for how long something happened. We loved being able to cut them out and sort them on our tables!

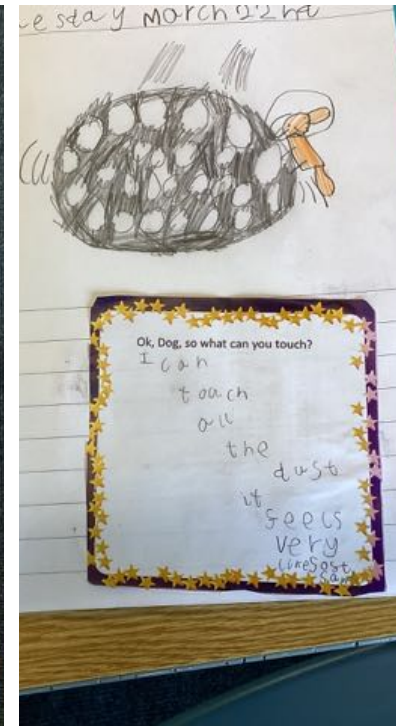
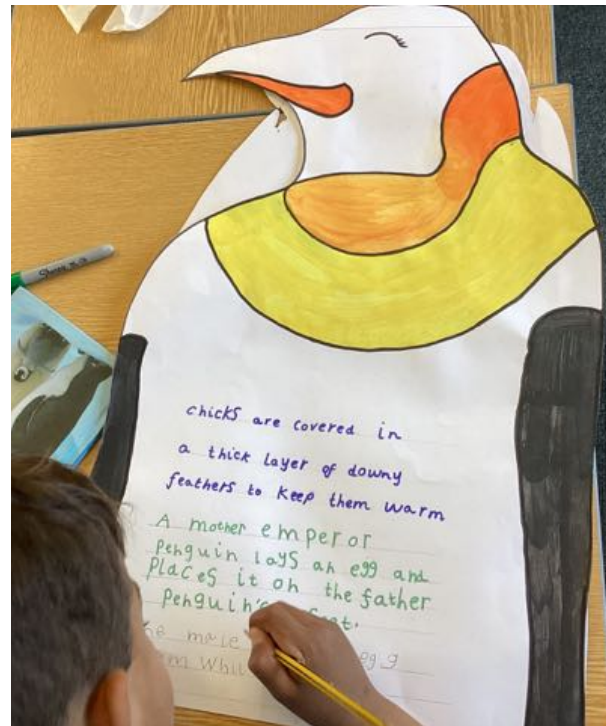
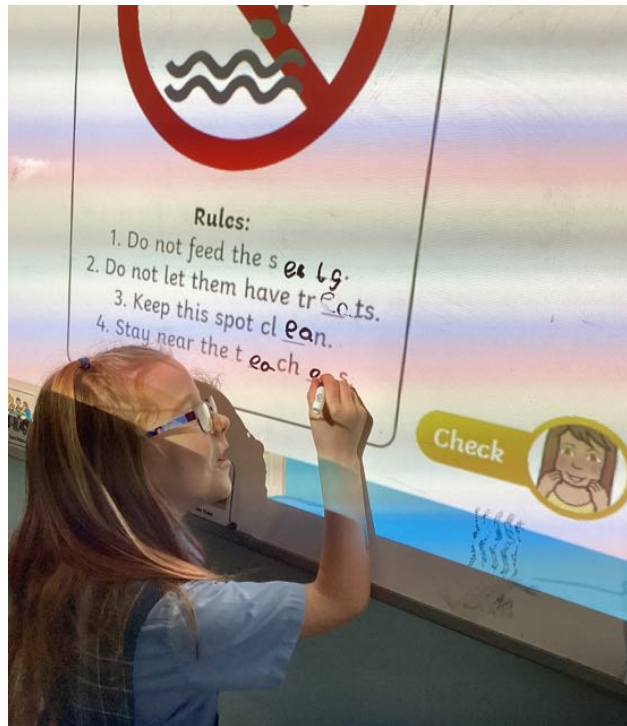
We also reflected on Red Nose Day! We spent some time finding out the reason why we have Red Nose Day and took a moment to reflect on all we have and how other people may not be as fortunate as us.

- Mrs Solomon





We Sense a Penguin in our Midst.



What a lovely week we have all had, the sunshine has added to our enthusiasm for learning and playing.

Our phonics lessons are helping the children distinguish between similar words such as 'sea' and 'see', although they do sound the same when spoken. This all helps us in learning the difference between these two vowel blends, also improving reading and writing skills.

Literacy has seen the children identify the senses from a poem called *First Dog on the Moon*. First they had to discover the senses used in the poem, then say which senses were not used and finally compose creative ideas to describe what the dog might hear and touch on the moon. One such creation was "I can hear the moon's mysterious humming".

In our topic we have enjoyed learning about the 18 different species of penguins. We discovered an Emperor penguin is 122cm tall, about the same size as Jonah! The children researched facts to write on our class penguin's tummy! He is on our classroom door for everyone to enjoy. - Mrs Dakin





Artistic Compositions Reflecting Weather.



Year Two has been exploring weather this term and they created some prints in response. They listened to different weather conditions and made marks using a variety of tools. Afterwards they created their own printing tile and used block ink to help them create their own prints. - Miss Bennie



Gruffalo Hunt in the Forest.



Reception took a stroll through the deep, dark wood...

The Reception children had a wonderful time hunting for the Gruffalo in Thetford Forest. We arrived to plenty of sunshine and, as soon as we got there, the children were raring to go. We walked through the beautiful woodland spotting many characters from the story until we found the Gruffalo himself. Of course, we had to explore the adventure playgrounds too! We had a fantastic day, Gruffalo hunting in the sunshine and taking in all the beautiful sights and sounds of the forest. - Miss Doughty





Design & Technology Club.



Pupils this week were completing their roller-coasters. They had to ensure that the test "person" flew down their ride safely. There were a few casualties. However the pupils used this to improve their structures.

They used paint and spray paint to make their structures more appealing. They will be tested this week with marbles.

Well done all pupils on your problem solving and building skills.

- Miss Bennie





Nursery News.



We have been so thankful for the warm, sunny weather this week which has meant we could spend more time outside and get on with our learning. We enjoyed the bubbles in the tough tray, finding different tools to use as bubble wands. The tennis rackets were the most popular choice for a wand. Inside the classroom the children spent many hours at the still life painting table. They painted daffodils using the water colours.

- Mrs Vorster



Sports Gallery - Swimming.





OTHER NEWS.

Mascots

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

Reception: Sofia for excellent analysis in phonics.

Year One: Sophia for using adventurous language to describe what you think you can hear on the moon in our senses poetry topic.

Year Two: Toby for analysing his assessments carefully this week.

Year Three: Margot for her great analysis of assessment questions in maths!

Year Four: Mr Hunt for his analytic story telling.

Year Five: Christabel for excellent analysis of her mathematics assessments.

Year Six: Jack for analysing technique during his games lessons.

Certificates Awarded This Week

Silver: Toby

National Cross Country Finals

A great performance by Rafferty, who came through in 15th place at the Independent Schools Association (ISA) National Finals at Worksop College last Saturday.

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After School Clubs

Booking forms for next term's after school clubs - including Pony Club - will be out soon.



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