



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter 29 April 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

It has been a fantastic start to the summer term - LAMDA certificates have arrived and been presented - a raft of distinctions across years Three to Six. We are also celebrating the success of our Year Six Leavers in their respective entrance examinations to senior school. No less than the offer of eleven scholarships! Huge congratulations to them and to those who teach them.

WJ McKinney MA Hons PgDip MA





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

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

Monday 25 April - Summer Term Begins

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

Saturday 18 June - Open Morning

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

Wednesday 6 & Thursday 7 July - Performances of Oliver Musical

Friday 8 July - Speech Day and End of Term



Pony Club.



This season's Pony Club got off to a wonderful start, with new and continuing members. Pupils enjoyed learning about the care for horses towards the earning their Pony Club badges, as well as riding lessons in the arena. Roll on next Friday.



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Prior to their riding session, pupils learnt basic stable management, feeding, watering and mucking out. They also learnt how to fit protective brushing boots and stable rugs.

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LAMDA Success.



Congratulations to all our LAMDA students for their success in their recent examinations - all with distinction or merit grades.

The Old School Henstead is a registered examination centre for LAMDA (London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art) and our resident LAMDA teacher delivers weekly lessons (individual or in pairs).

Pupils in current Years Two to Five interested in starting lessons from September or wishing to find out more should email the school office for a free taster session. You do not need to find a partner, as the teacher identifies suitable pairs.

The lessons help build confidence and communication skills, as well as supporting performances in school productions and interviews for senior school and the world of work beyond. What is more, the lessons are so much fun.

LAMDA



Nursery News



What a lovely start to the Summer term. The children who have just started with us came in confidently with big smiles and have settled quickly into the school day. The brighter weather has meant that we have spent most of our time outside in the garden. There has been a big focus on gardening, which is a passion of Miss Doughty's and when we were helping her weed the children were fascinated by the ant colony under the stone slabs.

The children found the road signs and police outfits and set to work creating an elaborate road works and traffic police role play.

Inside, the home corner has had a revamp and there have been many cooks in the kitchen, babies in cots and buggies and birthday parties.
- Mrs Vorster





Humanities - Tudor Times.



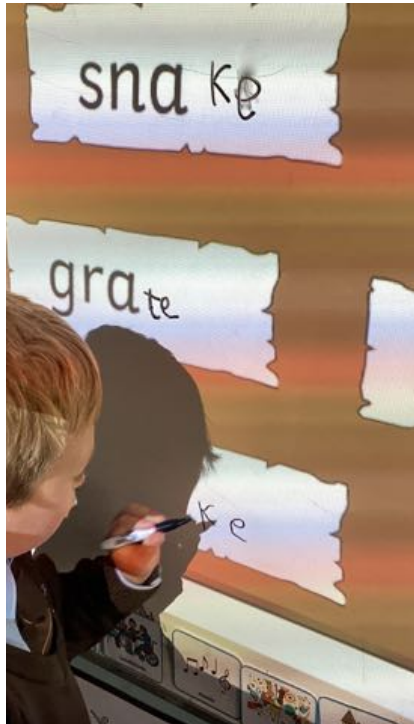
Years Four and Five have thoroughly enjoyed their Humanities topic, learning about the Tudors. We have been learning out about the War of the Roses and how that led to the Tudor rose and the beginning of the Tudor period. Along with this we learned about the monarchs and even created adverts for a new wife for Henry VIII! To finish off the topic, we enjoyed a wonderful Tudor Feast together. This included some food that the Tudors may have eaten, including: beef, chicken, grapes, cheese and bread. We had so much fun!

- Mrs Solomon





Creativity with Castles.



Phonics has seen us think about split digraphs, a tricky concept because two letters make one sound but are separated within the word for example a-e or l-e. We are writing and reading words using this knowledge to reinforce our learning.

In literacy we have investigated characters in Fairy Tales through role-play.

The children have considered personalities, feelings and actions of a character from Cinderella and performed them in pairs to the class. Great thought went into how emotions can influence behaviour. We enjoyed seeing some charming princes and kind fairy-godmothers.

Our Castle and Knights topic have inspired the children's artistic skills. They are designing their own castles using 2-D shapes in the style of artist Paul Klee. We look forward to seeing their creations in colour.

- Mrs Dakin





Ice Cream Team.



Our class ice-cream shop has been played with enthusiastically, linking nicely to our school values of teamwork and thinking. The children have had to price their wares and make sure they give their customers the correct change!

Mrs Dakin





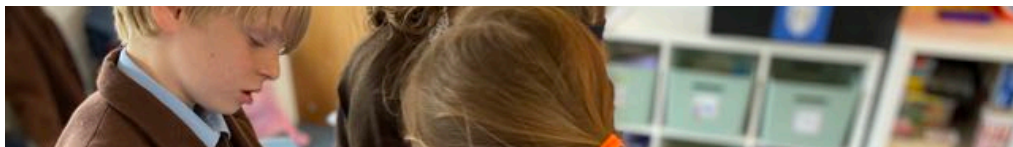
Year Three Thinks it Through...



Year Three has been working hard this week. Pupils have been exploring reports and reviews about computer games. They were able to identify the key features that could be found in report writing and wrote a review about a game in order to ensure that it was suitable for the Nursery children. They were encouraged to ensure that their work was unbiased and included as much information as they could possibly include.

In Maths the children have been exploring numbers up to 10,000. They have been challenged to count up and down in 1000s, 100s, 10s and 1s. They have shown a good understanding of place value this week.

- Miss Bennie



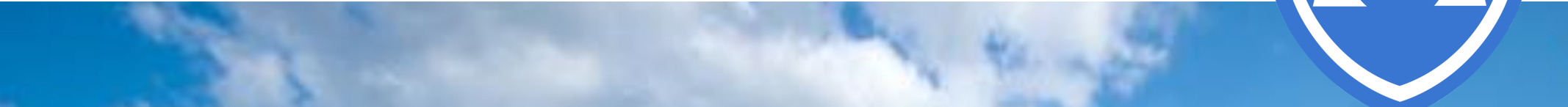


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OTHER NEWS.

Mascots

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

Reception: Freddie for working well in teams during this week's learning.

Year One: Carter for thinking carefully about his learning and developing his skills across a range of subjects.

Year Two: Saffie for being an excellent team member, seeking to ensure that her friends are well included.

Year Three: James for thinking carefully about technology and its benefits in a recent series of lessons.

Year Four: Grace-Marie for thinking constructively about how to utilise her extensive vocabulary to enrich her writing.

Year Five: Samuel for his great teamwork in class when working.

Year Six: Lolah for demonstrating excellent thinking skills when converting between different units of measure in maths.

After School Clubs

Don't forget to return your booking forms for After School Clubs, which this term include Pony Club, Piano, Athletics, Archery, Dance, Tortoise Club, Props & Set Construction, Outdoor Education and Model Gliders.

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