



The Old School Henstead

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

What a week. Jubilee celebrations, outdoor challenges in the forests, by the sea, on the water. Assessment and learning aplenty in the classroom and out of it, focussed rehearsals, amazing set and prop construction. Read all about it!

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

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

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

Thursday 16 June - 13:30 to 17:00 Parent-Teacher meetings to discuss the personal development and achievement of the pupils
- Overnight Camp & Outdoor Movie Night - Years 4-6

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

Friday 24 June - Open Day

Wednesday 6 & Thursday 7 July - Performances of Oliver Musical (7pm)

Friday 8 July - Speech Day and End of Term



Coastal Camp.



Year 4 and 5 had a wonderful time away on the Suffolk coast. They took part in many outdoor activities, including orienteering, cycling and rowing. They put up their own tents, working well together as a team. Great weather allowed late evening dips in the sea before toasting marshmallows and drinking hot chocolate round the camp fire. Fish and chips on the beach at Aldeburgh was another treat. - Mrs Solomon



Orienteering Challenge.





Good Form! Rowing Through Neverland.



All the islands on Thorpeness Mere represent different parts of the Peter Pan tale, including the crocodile!

Cross Country Cycling.





Invigorating Dip Followed by Toasted Treats.





Enjoying Long Daylight Hours Before Bedtime.





Literature Keeps Year Six in Suspense.



The Year 6 pupils are thoroughly enjoying reading our current class book, *Holes* by Louis Sachar. Much discussion has taken place about the fate of Stanley Yelnats, the protagonist of the story. All is about to be revealed... - Mrs Sonn



Year Two Gets the Job Done.



This week, year two have demonstrated excellence across all areas of the curriculum. Despite the fact that it has been a week of assessment, the class have participated and challenged themselves with smiles on their faces as usual.

In phonics, we have been learning about graphemes which make two different sounds when they are read out loud. The children have excelled when spelling a range of words and have been able to recognise the correct phoneme in our morning sessions.

The class continue to enjoy being outside as much as possible and here you can see how the class demonstrated great teamwork skills to build bamboo structures for beans to grow up in the school's vegetable garden.
- Mrs McCarthy





Artists in the Making.



The children in Reception have been learning all about the Queen's jubilee. They have been developing their fine motor skills and art techniques by learning how to layer paint, mix colours and use a source photograph to help guide their painting. Excellent work, Reception. - Miss Doughty



Pony Club.



The progress in horsemanship is apparent. Without exception, every child's body balance, core strength, hand-eye coordination and motor coordination has moved forward in leaps and bounds. Riding has much to offer our boys and girls, not least self-discipline, the ability to focus and to control themselves as well as the mounts upon which they sit (be it Rumpy, Spotty or even Fred!) - Miss Clifton



QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

Hat & Cake Competitions

We had a great day on Monday celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. After a splendid lunch buffet, we stood and toasted Her Majesty with a rousing rendition of the national anthem. The boys and girls were in fine form and sang the lyrics with pride.

Then Rafferty and Amelie, Head and Deputy Head of the school council, judged the jubilee cake and hat competitions. There were so many wonderful entries, it was difficult to choose, but winners were picked in different age-group categories and congratulations must go to them and everyone else for their super efforts.

Later in the afternoon some might say the best part of the day arrived, as the children were all allowed to have a very large slice of whichever cake they thought looked the

loveliest. Cue lots of smiling faces and full tummies!

It was a wonderful way to commemorate a very special event. Long may she reign over us. - Mrs Sonn

Jubilee Cake Winners:

Nursery & Reception - Bethany (Reception), whose colourful cake featured 70 candles.

Years 1 & Year 2 - Izaak (Year 1), who created a wonderful Union Jack themed cake.

Year 3 & Year 4 - Emily (Year 3), whose cake incorporated a corgi and cake bunting, with accompanying cup cakes. Grace-Marie made a square sponge decorated with a Union Jack flag made out of berries.

Year 5 & Year 6 - Ruby (Year 5), whose cake was topped with a Union Jack. And Rafferty

(Year 6) who created a sponge cake with pink, white and blue meringue decorations.

See pictures of some of the many cake entries on the next page.

Jubilee Hat Winners:

Nursery & Reception - Otilie and Teddy

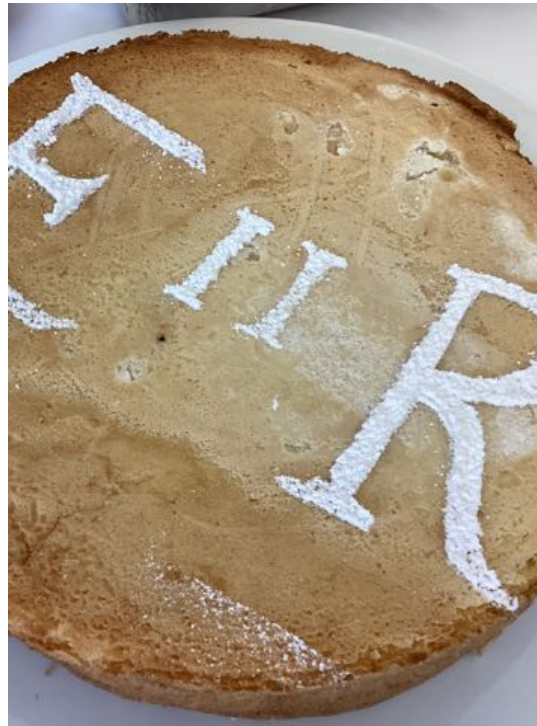
Year 1 & Year 2 - Edie (Year 1). She created a gold replica crown with purple fabric.

Prize winners were all awarded with books.





Jubilee Cake Competition Entries.



We had more cake entries than we can showcase on this page, but we hope this gives you a flavour of the creativity.



OTHER NEWS.

Mascots

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

Reception: Rose demonstrating an excellent attitude in swimming lessons.

Year One: Lucy for producing some excellent pieces of art work.

Year Two: Minty for her excellence in independent attitude to working.

Year Three: James for thorough explanations in English lessons.

Year Four: Grace-Marie for excellent research on her chosen African country in our English topic, Ethiopia.

Year Five: Elliot for his excellence in organisation and help in putting his group's tent up on the residential.

Year Six: Isaac G for for his excellent explanation about how to solve a mathematical problem, enabling his classmates to understand.

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Certificates Awarded

This week the Headmaster awarded a silver certificate to:

Eddie Year Two

Sponsorship Money

We would appreciate if families who raised sponsorship funds for the Henstead Hike would send their monies through as soon as possible, either by bank transfer or cash or cheque, so that we may send the money to the charity supporting relief in Ukraine. Thank you.



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