



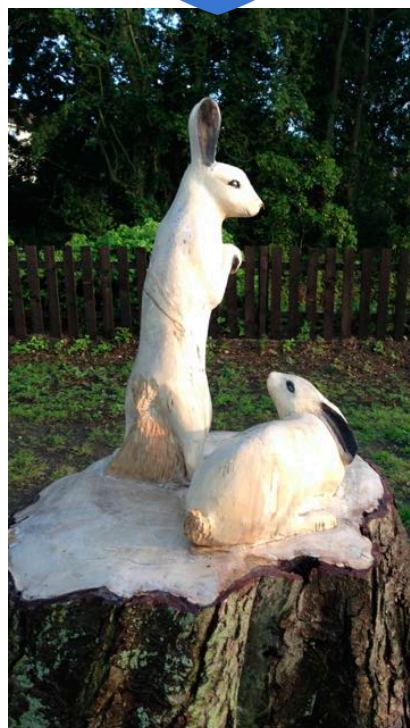
The Old School Henstead

Newsletter 17 June 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

It is a week that has combined overnight camping and a movie night for our older boys and girls, re-wilding at Somerleyton, viewing new-born calves and scurrying piglets from aboard a cross-country personnel carrier, diving grebes from the team boat and the zip of wire and slide. Our youngest were not to be outdone, as Bewilderwood was enjoyed under blazing sunshine. A splendid display of work from the boys and girls of Year Two in their assembly. Time for rehearsals? Yes indeed. Get your tickets soon!

WJ McKinney MA Hons PgDip MA





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

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

- Tuesday 21 June - 8.50 am in school hall, Informal Performance by pupils of Miss Bullen (violin and guitar). Parents of performers invited.
- Wednesday 22 June - 1.45 Sports Day
- Thursday 23 June - 2.00 Nursery Sports Day
- Friday 24 June - Open Day**
- Tuesday 28 June - 8.50 am, school hall, Informal Performance by pupils of Mrs Lincoln (singing, piano and flute). Parents of performers invited.
- Wednesday 6 & Thursday 7 July - Performances of Oliver Musical (7pm) - booking forms out next week
- Friday 8 July - Speech Day and End of Term



TICKET BOOKING
FORMS OUT NEXT
WEEK.

Oliver! the Musical

We are very excited about our upcoming production of Oliver! on Wednesday 6 & Thursday 7 July at 7pm.

Ticket booking forms will be sent out next week, so that you may invite friends and family. Save the dates!



Wild East.



Year 3 were lucky enough to go on a trip to Somerleyton on Wednesday to learn about the rewilding that is taking place. The pupils learnt about why it was important that we have areas that aren't farmed and allowed to grow in order to help the planet and reduce climate change. During our truck tour of the area we were lucky enough to see some piglets, cows, horses and a newly born calf. The pupils had a lovely time during the trip.

- Miss Bennie



Wild East.



BeWILDerwood.



Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed a day of adventure in the forest at BeWILDerwood on Friday. The children demonstrated the core school values through out the day with confidence, resilience, empathy, adventure, teamwork and excellence shown by all of our pupils.

Our adventure began with boat rides through the Dismal Dyke to the Scary Lake where we first met Mildred - a green crocklebog who greeted us with a rather wet sneeze! Once back on dry land, we enjoyed sitting in the shade listening to the magical story teller; learning all about the Twiggles and Boggles who live in the forest.

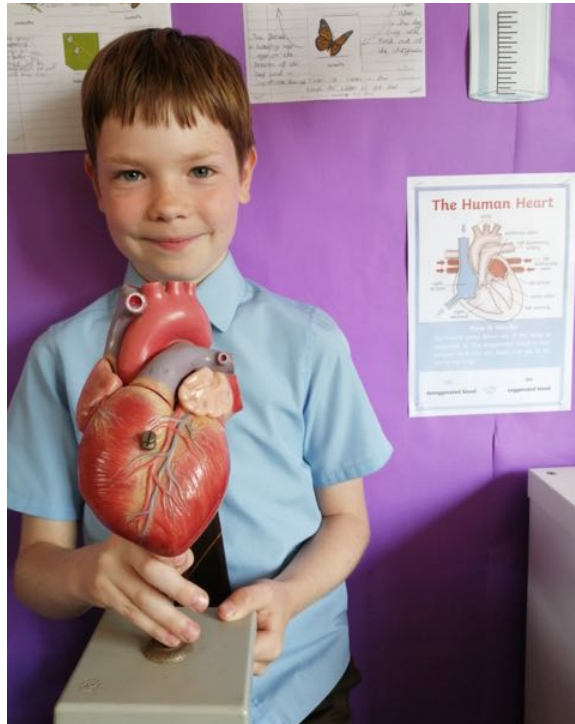
All of the children challenged themselves and showed great resilience when exploring the rest of the park with treehouses, wobbly wires, slippery slopes. The pupils were shining examples of polite behaviour and a credit to the school throughout the day. An excellent time was had by all and was very much well deserved!
- Mrs McCarthy

BeWILDerwood.





Getting to the Heart of the Matter.



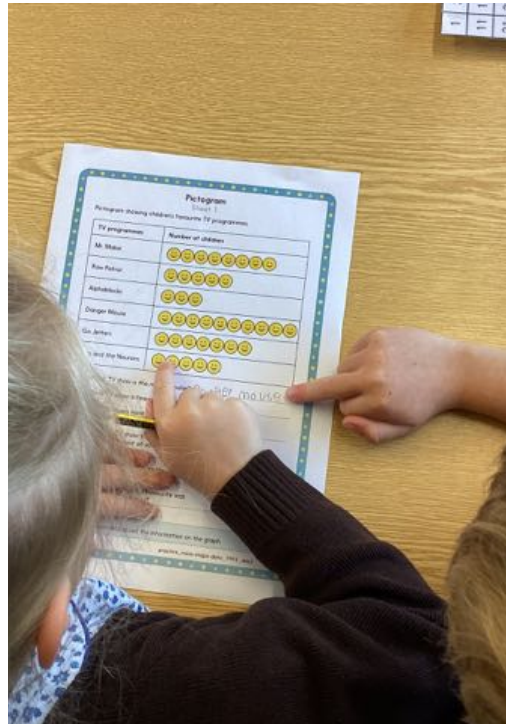
For our science work, we have started to look at the heart and how this works as part of the circulatory system. We learnt the names of the different parts of the heart and how they work to pump oxygenated blood around the body and deoxygenated blood back to the heart. This is then sent to the lungs to pick up oxygen again before being sent round the body again. We were fascinated by this!

In Humanities we are enjoying learning about the Maya civilization and researched about the games they used to play. In the process of researching this, we found out that the Maya wore headdresses and that the larger the headdress the more important the person! We then decided to make our own headdress. - Mrs Solomon





Industrious Year One.



What a glorious week we've had! The children have enjoyed show rehearsals, an educational trip and enjoyed lunches outside with the school community on the field.

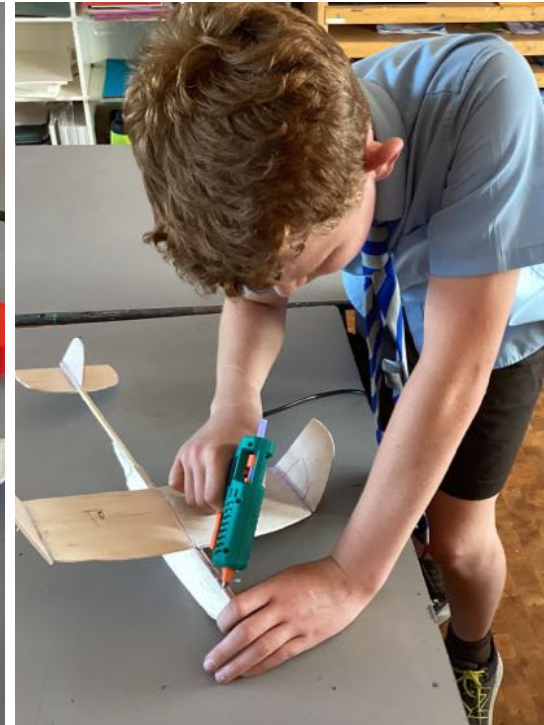
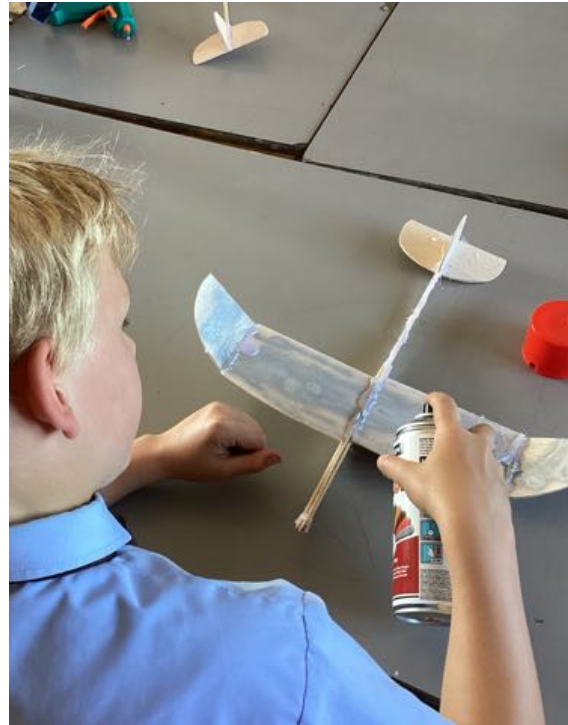
The *Three Billy Goats Gruff* story has inspired our Literacy and Art. First of all, the children had to sequence the story, next write underneath each picture explaining in their own words what was happening. Some beautiful pictures were created too, using a variety of different materials to create the goats, bridge and the grumpy troll!

In Maths we have been reading and analysing block graphs and pictograms. All based around favourite television programmes. Some children were challenged to create their own questions from information on the graphs. Excellent work Year One! - Mrs Dakin





Model Gliders Club.



We are now several weeks into model glider club and the pupils are making great progress. They are creating their gliders from scratch, and are doing an excellent job. This week, the gluing was almost completed, and next week the painting begins. We can't wait to try them out! - Mrs Sonn



Outdoor Ed Club.



The enthused children paired up equipped with clipboards and writing implements. They had to not only identify but also provide photographic evidence of their minibeast discoveries and then record their findings on a scavenger hunt checklist. - Mrs Dakin



Nursery News.



The sunny weather has ripened the strawberries beautifully and the children had a wonderful time bringing in the harvest! We have been in the shade of the gazebo painting still life pictures of the pansies and dahlias that we have been growing. The children have also been using the herbs in the garden in their mud kitchen play. They enjoy cutting the mint, curry plant, lavender and sage then rubbing into their mud kitchen dishes. We feel very blessed to have such a wonderful garden area to play and learn in. - Mrs Vorster





Camp & Movie Night.



Pupils in Years 4-6 were invited to an after school movie night followed by supper and overnight camp on Thursday. Perfect weather and great fun was had by all.

Sports Gallery - Swimming.





Pony Club.



The sun continued to shine as our riders enjoyed another excellent Pony Club afternoon. Chatting to the children it is clear that riding has helped them to appreciate the value of perseverance, dogged determination and the rewards of empathy. - Miss Clifton



OTHER NEWS.

Mascots

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

Reception: Anna and Freddie for excellent settling in.

Year One: Sofia for her excellence in both English and maths this week.

Year Two: Eddie for his excellent approach to maths this week.

Year Three: James and Alex for their excellent conduct in school and settling in superbly.

Year Four: Grace-Marie for a superbly reimagining of an African folktale.

Year Five: Isabella for excellence when writing short stories this week.

Year Six: Bobby for his excellent can-do attitude during Oliver! Rehearsals.

Bronze	Rose	Reception
Silver	Betsie	Year One
	Carter	Year One
	Edie	Year One
	Lexi	Year Two
	Louiza	Year One
	Araminta	Year One
	James	Year Three
	Louis	Year Three
	Margot	Year Three
	Violette	Year Three
	Elliot	Year Five

to perform some of the pieces they have been working on to their parents, and to develop their performance skills in a friendly and supportive environment. The concerts will take place in the school hall, and parents of performers are warmly invited. After morning drop-off on the day of the concert, please feel free to come straight to the hall. The concert will start at 8.50am and should last about 30 minutes. Afterwards, Miss Bullen and Mrs Lincoln will be happy to meet parents and answer any questions you may have regarding supporting practice and progress. I look forward to seeing you at what I hope will be a two very enjoyable events. - Mr Spencer

Certificates Awarded

This week the Headmaster has awarded the following certificates:

Informal Concerts

We will be holding two informal pupils' concerts, which will be an opportunity for pupils of two of our Visiting Music Teachers

