



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter 20 May 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

The parable of the Good Samaritan highlights a number of those who, seeing someone in dire need, choose to pass by on the other side rather than get involved. No so our Henstead community! The boys and girls have added to the generous support of Backpacks of Hope by tackling the challenge of our annual coastal walk - pictures of which you will see in this edition of the newsletter. Well done to everyone who helped and took part.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

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

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



Henstead Hike.



A fantastic effort from the whole school community today as we took on the 13-mile challenge of our coastal Henstead Hike. The weather was not always kind, but we won through. We were delighted to welcome many parents and canine friends too!



D-eye-section.



The pupils had long been looking forward to their science practical - dissecting a pig's eyeball. They had discovered that pigs' eyes are similar to human eyes and were keen to explore this part of the anatomy to gain a better idea of how we see.

Gloves and safety goggles on and scissors and tweezers in hand, they began by locating the cornea which allows light to enter the eye, and the sclera which is the white of the eye. The keen-eyed among them spotted the optic nerve at the back of the eyeball which carries information to the brain. They then made their first incision and observed that a liquid called aqueous humour spilled out. This gives the eye its round shape and feeds it nutrients to keep it healthy.

The next part of the dissection was the most challenging - cutting into the sclera, which is very tough. However, they were rewarded for their persistence by finding the lens, which focuses light onto the retina and magnifies and sharpens the images we see, much like the job of a cinema projector. They placed the lens on top of some writing to prove that it does indeed do its job effectively.

Dissections like this are usually performed at senior school but the Year 6 pupils remained focused on the task and demonstrated their ability to handle practical lessons of this nature in a mature and sensible way. Well done all.- Mrs Sonn





QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS MONDAY 6 JUNE.

We will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a special tea on 6 June - the first day back after half term.

Hat & Cake Competitions

The school council is inviting pupils to participate in a cake-baking competition and a jubilee hat competition. Children can enter one or both! Prizes will be awarded for the best cake or hat for: Nursery/Reception, Years 1/2, Years 3/4 and Years 5/6. In order to make the competition as fair as possible, the council will be looking for those cakes

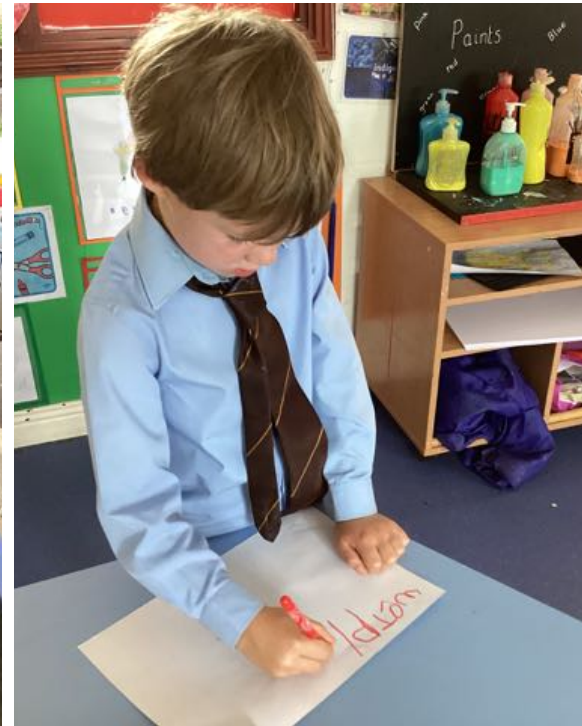
and hats which reflect the time and effort put in by pupils.

We look forward to seeing what wonderful creations our boys and girls come up with!
-- Mrs Sonn





Writing for a Purpose.



This week, the children in Reception have been putting their phonics skills to the test by writing for a purpose. They've been labelling plants, writing lists and creating 'wet paint' signs to warn the other children not to touch! Giving purpose to writing by using it in real life situations has really helped the children consolidate their skills and learn how to apply them in the 'real world', great job! - Miss Doughty





Outdoor Ed Club.



This week's Outdoor Ed after school club included a tree measuring challenge, which the children embraced with great enthusiasm. - Mrs Webster & Mrs Dakin



Sculpture Studies.



Year Two pupils made the most of the amazing weather this week during art. The pupils were introduced to the artist Andy Goldsworthy and his sculpture work. We discussed how we might create our own natural sculptures outside. Some pupils went for 2-D sculptures and others built their sculptures to be as tall as they could. Some great pieces of art created. - Miss Bennie



Pony Club.



At today's Pony Club the beginners learnt how to hold their reins correctly and to maintain an even contact with their pony's mouth. Increasing use of positive leg aids led to greater independence and less assistance. The more advanced riders rode as a team and kept the correct distance between each other. Trotting poles were introduced and the need to look up and not down emphasised. - Miss Clifton



Prop Making.



The After School Club for Stage Props and Construction has been very industrious. We cannot wait to see how these stage props look when they are finished, in preparation for our end of year musical Oliver. - Miss Bennie

Sports Gallery - Ball Throw.



Sports Gallery - Running.

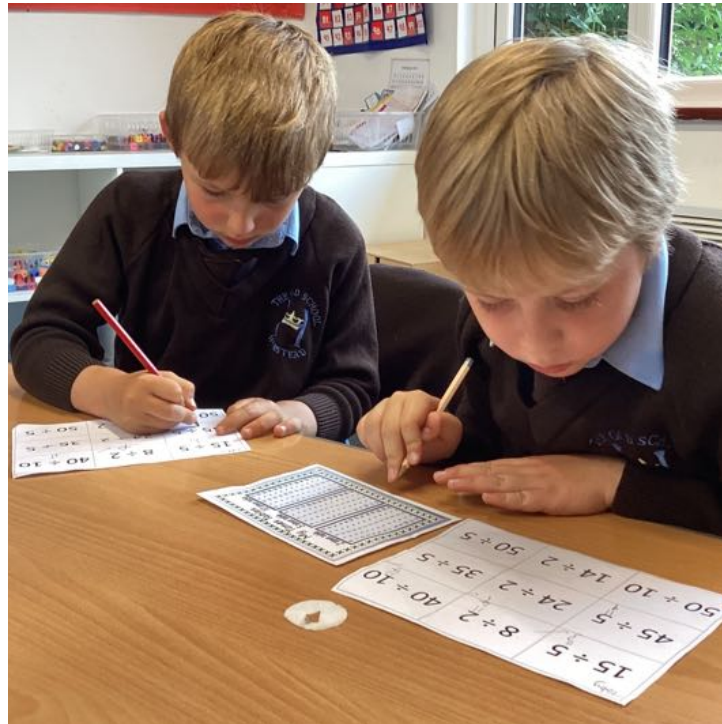


Sports Gallery - Swimming.





Industrious Year Two.



Year Two did a sterling job creating their maps of the Henstead Hike: colour codes, keys, place names and directions were all neatly completed and we all know exactly where we are going!

Maths

We revised our 2x, 5x and 10x. Minty and Betsie proved to be real experts at division bingo, completing a whole board accurately in next to no time.

Phonics

We practised words beginning with 'ch' in phonics: first we spotted some of these words in the dictionary and tried saying them (chlorine and chrysalis proved surprisingly easy). Then we tried memorising some of the shorter words to spell on a white board (chasm, choir, chorus, chord).....well done Year Two for managing to spell these correctly!

- Mrs Suffolk





OTHER NEWS.

Mascots

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

Reception: Teddy for thinking carefully in all areas of his learning.

Year One: Edie for continued teamwork and thoughtfulness in class especially in maths adding and subtracting 11 and 12

Year Two: Betsie for superb teamwork across all areas of her school life.

Year Three: Margot for her teamwork skills in maths when completing games and activities.

Year Four: Grace-Marie for superb thinking during a mathematics extension task involving a multi-step problem requiring secure knowledge of decimals, place value and columnar subtraction.

Year Five: Georgina for well-considered advice to a fictional character from the current class reader, *Kensuke's Kingdom*.

Year Six: Isaac for excellent thinking and incisive questioning in science lessons this week.

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Certificates This Week

Darcie	Year One	Silver
Izaak	Year One	Silver
Jayden	Year Three	Silver



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