



# The Old School Henstead

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## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

What a week! We have been blessed with perfect weather for our sports days and the senior slip & slide was a terrific finale to the Inter-House Athletics competition. Nursery was not to be outdone, as the pictures in this edition amply illustrate. To finish the week, the marquee team arrived, to great curiosity. Not long to wait!

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

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

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 now.

Friday 8 July - Speech Day and End of Term

Monday - Friday 11-15 July - Summer School (booking forms out now - save the dates) Open to pupils moving up to Reception in September up to Year 6.



TICKETS OUT NOW.

### Oliver! the Musical

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

Ticket booking forms are out now, so that you may invite friends and family. Save the dates!

All Henstead families are invited, irrespective of whether their children are part of the show.





## Concert.



On Tuesday morning, Miss Bullen's violin and guitar pupils entertained their parents and teachers with a concert of pieces they have been working on. I was very impressed not only with the musicality of the playing, and the way the children presented their pieces beautifully with an introduction and bow at the end of each, but with the sheer enjoyment the children radiated in sharing their music with their audience. Miss Bullen also treated us to a rousing folk-medley which has inspired our violinists still further. Many thanks to Miss Bullen and all the performers for entertaining us. Next Tuesday it will be the turn of Mrs Lincoln's singing, piano and flute students.

- Mr Spencer







Sports Day - Gallery.





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Nursery Sports Day - Gallery.







## Big Numbers.



The children in Reception have been exploring BIG numbers. They've been learning how to read and write numbers with 2,3 and 4 digits as well as investigating tens and units and using blocks to help solve addition and subtraction calculations. Great maths, Reception! - Miss Doughty





## Aboriginal Artwork.



Year 6 has been exploring Aboriginal art, which uses lots of patterns and vibrant colours, and has created some beautiful pieces. We discovered that In Aboriginal culture, each colour has a sacred significance. White is the spirit colour, black is the colour of night, red is the colour of the land and of blood and yellow, the colour of the sun. Pattern is used to represent different objects and native animals. The purpose of this art is to pass on information through story telling in the pictures, in order to preserve the culture. What an interesting insight into a fascinating people.

- Mrs Sonn







## Excellence in Action.



Following our wonderful trip to BeWILDerwood last week, Year Two pupils have continued on their excellent streak this week. In our English sessions, we have been sharing a range of books by the same author and comparing characters and the writing styles: looking for the similarities and differences.

Our Maths sessions have included some revision of the topics we have studied so far this year. The children challenged themselves and supported each other, reminding us all of the skills they have learned. They demonstrated great resilience.

I would also like to say a big congratulations to them all for their efforts and sportsmanship at our Sports Day on Wednesday. They all participated enthusiastically and I was very proud of all their efforts. - Mrs McCarthy





Sports Gallery - Swimming.







## Pony Club.



Our young riders now have a genuine understanding of how their ponies rely on them for non-verbal direction and leadership. It is a delight to observe the developing bond with their ponies and a growing appreciation of horsemanship.  
- 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: Sofia for excellence in being a supportive friend.

Year One: Jonah for excellence displayed in both the recent musical concert and sports day.

Year Two: Max for excellent sporting performances this week.

Year Three: Louis for an excellent attitude during sports day, and being an all-round positive influence.

Year Four: Robin for his excellent conduct, exemplifying the values of the school.

Year Five: Christabel for her excellent conduct and manner.

Year Six: Tom for his can-do attitude, both displayed during sports day and in the lead up to the end of the term.

## Holiday Club

Our Holiday Club for pupils in Reception to Year 6 (plus pre-schoolers moving up to Reception in September) will run from Monday - Friday 11-15 July. Booking forms out soon. Save the dates!



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