



THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



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FROM THE HEADMASTER

An extraordinary start to the school year and one in which the children have understood and been inspired by the faith, the service and the gratitude for the skills of others that Her Late Majesty showed throughout Her long reign. The range of activities and the enthusiasm of our young learners comes across in this edition of the newsletter. Enjoy!

WJ McKinney MA Hons PgDip MA



On Wednesday we were visited by the Bohemian Choir, made up of undergraduates from the University of Liberec in the Czech Republic and their director Jana Konvalinkova. We heard a varied programme; from Czech folk-songs to classical pieces by Allegri and Franck, in a range of languages including Czech, French and Latin. Afterwards, the children enjoyed learning some Czech language, songs and games. - Mr Spencer



Year Six Leadership Skills Day

As the sun shone down on a beautiful Autumn morning we set off on our outdoor adventure. We paddled Canadian canoes along the Waveney from Gelsdeston to Beccles Quay, walked six miles to North Cove, stopped for a well-deserved packed lunch and finished our day cycling back to school. The pupils' map reading skills were impressive and teamwork and good spirits were in abundance. Well done all. - Mrs Sonn



We have been fundraising today for the Jeans for Genes charity.





Year Three has been exploring Roman Myths. They have been learning about the different Gods and Goddesses. The pupils explored this even further by creating their own God and writing a myth about them. The new creations ranged from the God of Beasts and everything to the Goddess of Snow and flowers. Some real creativity shown by the pupils this week. - Miss Bennie



The children in Reception class had a great afternoon on their autumn walk. They learnt all about the signs the seasons were changing then explored the school grounds spotting autumnal items and discussing their discoveries. Mr McKinney even helped them forage for fallen conkers, cracking them open to reveal shiny treasures inside! What an exciting afternoon learning all about autumn. - Miss Doughty





School Council Election Results

Following another full turn out, the following officers have been elected to represent their peers this term:

Hugo, Margot B
Lucy and Jonah
Max and Betsie
James and Emily
Adam

Head of School Council: Ted

Deputy Head of School Council: Elliot

Reception pupils will join the election process next term. We wish the officers a successful tenure in office. - Mrs Sonn



One morning this week our Nursery children were busy baking some delicious cookies. They learnt how to work together and took turns to measure ingredients, mix them in a big bowl and roll a ball of dough to put on the tray. The children waited patiently whilst they baked then went outside to enjoy the cookies, a story and the lovely sunshine!
- Mrs Braidwood



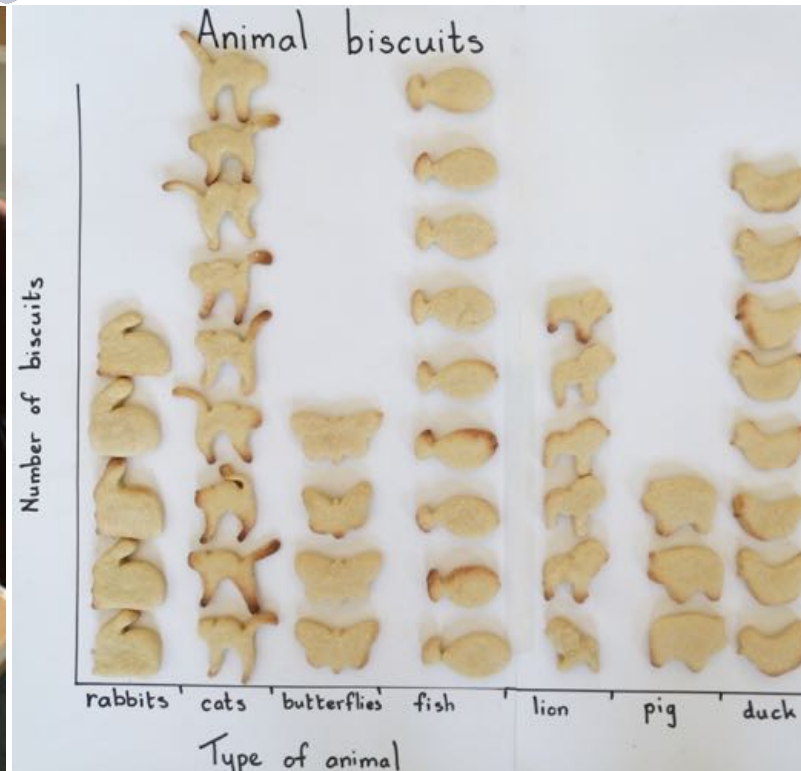
In this week's Craft After School Club we looked at oak leaves and acorns for our first week! The children used clay rolling it flat then printing their oak leaf, cutting round and painting. They then made their own keyrings by colouring and cutting round an oak leaf picture.

- Mrs Webster



As part of our Science curriculum Year One made some delicious shortbread biscuits. The children carefully weighed out the butter and sugar and all had a turn mixing them together. Next the flour was gradually added to form a dough. The dough was rolled out and shared between the children for them to cut out their biscuits. After being baked in the oven the children decorated them with icing and sprinkles.

- Mrs Dakin



Year Two has made a great start to the year with their maths work. We started the year by making an edible pictogram. This showed how many of each type of animal biscuit we had. We have now moved on to number work, using the bead strings to work out which numbers come between the given 10s. For example, a number that comes between 20 and 30 could be 27. Keep up the great work, Year Two!

- Mrs Solomon



In Wednesday's Art after school club pupils have been exploring the medium of weaving. The looms were created using cardboard. The pupils selected a variety of different materials to use during the weaving process! A very hard craft to master however everyone showed determination and skill when beginning their masterpieces.

- Miss Bennie



Æsop's Fables have been the focus for Year Four, as a means of breaking down the embedded grammatical structures. From observing conjunctions and their uses to grasping how to punctuate direct speech. We read and analysed the fables themselves too, enjoying discussions regarding the moral basis at the nexus of each tale. Next week, we will write our own versions of the fables looking to consolidate our understanding of speech, extending sentences and utilising powerful vocabulary to set mood and tone. - Mr Hunt





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