



# THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



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FROM THE HEADMASTER

Autumn is indeed the season of mellow fruitfulness, with the stunning colours of chestnuts and the reminder of times when children's games were somewhat less complicated (just add string). A hopeful squirrel has been searching our Nursery, while Leaf Man has been seen around Reception and, thanks to our budding artists and crafters, we are also being visited by some very autumnal gonks - see if you can spot them.

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Year Three has been thoroughly enjoying the science topic of *Animals, including humans*. The focus for this half term has been skeletons. They have compared the human skeleton to those of other animals as well as thinking carefully about the three main roles that the skeletons play. The children observed ‘Steve’, our model skeleton, and created life-size drawings of their own skeletons.

- Mrs McCarthy





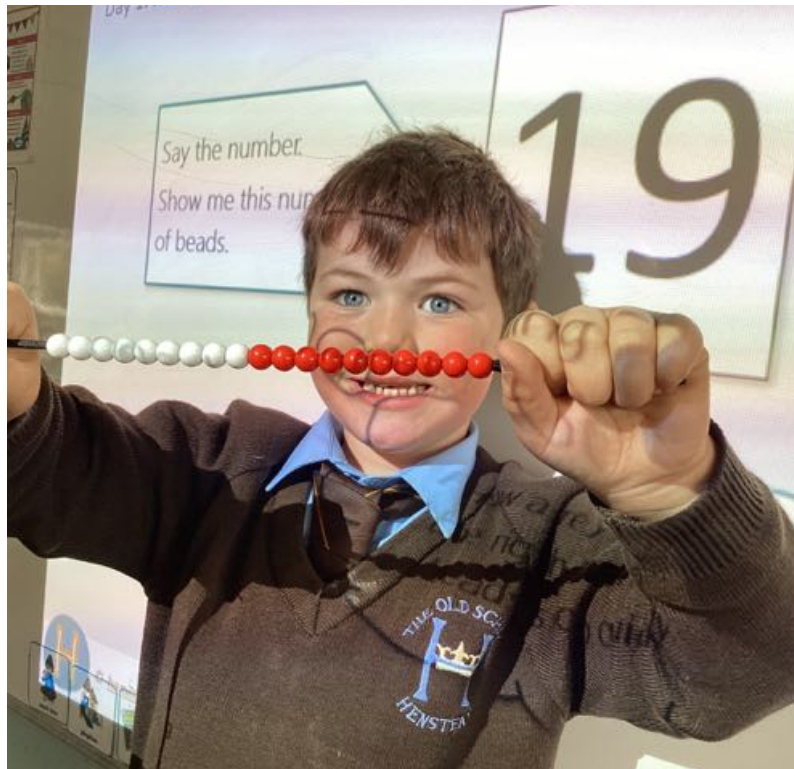
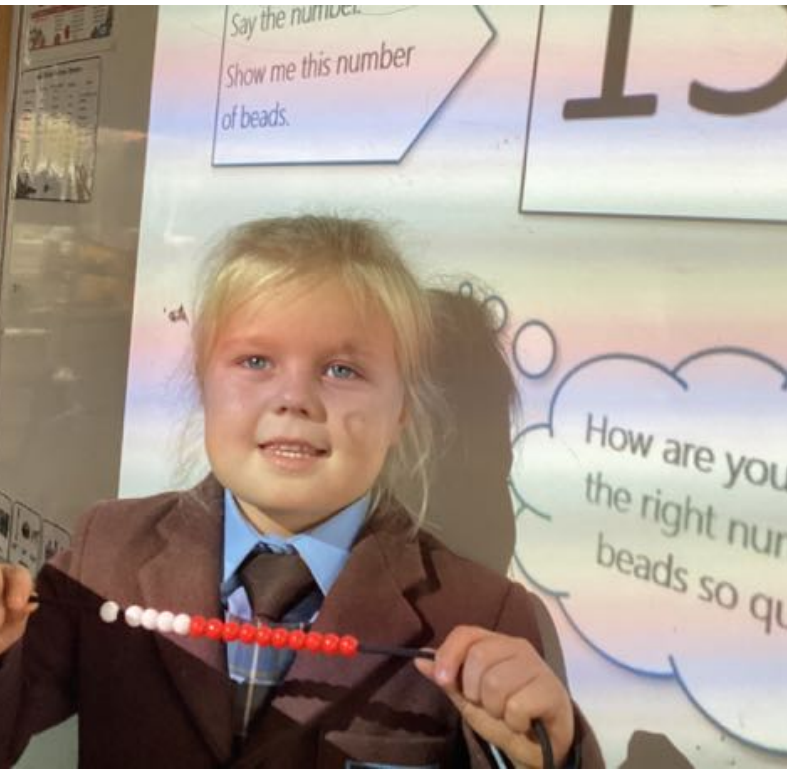
Over the past three weeks the members of the Arts and Crafts club have been working hard on their 'Autumn Gonks'. These beautiful autumnal pieces have been a challenge for the pupils, however they showed resilience and artistic individuality when creating their pieces. From sewing their hats together, to stuffing them and adding their beards the pupils have worked hard and should be commended for their work. - Miss Bennie



Inspired by the tale of a squirrel's autumn search for his acorns, the nursery children have been acting out their own versions of the story with the different woodland animals that he met. It has been a delight to see the children make the most of the sunny spells and explore the nursery garden in the role of their chosen animal.

- Mrs Braidwood





Year One has been using bead strings in Maths to demonstrate how to partition teen numbers. This is a great visual way to see 19 means 1 ten and 9 ones and so on. It is a good strategy for helping with counting on. We have also been estimating amounts of objects up to twenty, thinking carefully about how to form our numbers correctly.

Well done Year One.

- Mrs Dakin



This week Year Three has been working hard on their place value to 1,000. They have been using their understanding of place value to help them calculate sums mentally and quickly. The pupils have shown confidence and resilience when answering questions and making any corrections. To encourage the pupils to continue working mentally they have been playing a few maths games, to allow them to have fun whilst learning.

- Miss Bennie





## Archery Club & Hockey Drills.







A wonderful fixture at Norwich High School, with both Henstead teams giving of their best. In the first game, we were strong in attack and grasped the importance of scoring from inside the D. Strong performances from Margot and Jayden in defence, determined play from Alex and Violette in midfield and the ball would not quite run for our strikers Max and Emily. In the second encounter, the younger players showed promise with Minty and Betsie stopping attacks, Max, Olivia and Eddie dynamic in midfield, feeding strong attackers in Lexi, Saffie and Toby. Well done to all!









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# Christmas Fayre

Saturday 3 December



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