



THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



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FROM THE HEADMASTER

Academic achievement is operating at full stride and it is a delight to see our children bringing good work to my study for commendation and an A1. Our focus this week has also been on the celebration of the Harvest Festival in word and song and you will have heard both choirs and readers in good voice at St. Mary's. Many thanks indeed to all members of the Henstead community who have given so generously - it is action that is making a difference.

WJ McKinney MA Hons PgDip MA



In our Harvest Festival the Junior Choir performed their rousing *Harvest Samba* which contrasted with the Senior Choir's wistful *Harvest Moon*. The congregation joined them for *For the Fruits of His Creation*, sung to the wonderful Welsh hymn-tune *All Through the Night*, and the glorious *All Creatures of Our God and King*. The melodies and lyrics were fully in tune with the message delivered by Sam from Soul Foundation (ably assisted by our Sam!) Mr Spencer & Mr McKinney



Today the School Council visited Soul Foundation to deliver the produce and funds donated by pupils at yesterday's Harvest Festival service. We stopped by the social supermarket where people who need support can shop, and where our food contributions will be taken. We also visited the church auditorium where one pupil performed an impressive drum solo on stage, much to the delight of his fellow councillors. Thank you to everyone at Soul Foundation for making us feel so welcome.

Mr McKinney and Mrs Sonn



An afternoon of mixed weather was handled well by our pupils. The first game against St Felix was won 4:3 with two tries each from Sam and Adam and a cohesive, committed effort from back and forwards. The second game, against Worlingham, ended as a draw with one try apiece - in spite of our superior handling skills, we were unable to break the deadlock. This paid dividends in our final game against Phoenix St. Peter where we were again victorious with two tries from Sam and one from Adam again. Everyone showed great enthusiasm, respect and sportsmanship throughout. - Mr Hunter & Mrs McCarthy



The pupils in Year Three were introduced to sketchbooks this year! They were excited to explore and experiment with the different techniques to which they were being introduced. Through the exploration of flowers, the pupils explored line, texture and pattern. They were encouraged to look closely at the flower pictures and pick out the finer details that they could see. Each pupil showed individuality when completing his or her sketchbook pages. - Miss Bennie



We have been exploring all things autumn in Nursery this week. The children have been inspired by the natural world around them and really shown their creative flair. All week we have been getting stuck in with the craft activities such as making “pumpkin prints” using apple halves and orange paint or making “stained glass” leaves for us to decorate the classroom windows.

- Mrs Braidwood



Our Literacy lessons have been focused around two stories, *Owl Babies* and *The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark*. This prompted ideas that all owls think a lot and that a mummy owl has a lot of work to do to look after her owlets! Plop the baby barn owl is afraid of the dark, the children came up with their own names of what Plop should be called to best suit this clumsy and scared character, ideas such as Wobble and Sun Owl were thoughtfully suggested.

- Mrs Dakin





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Christmas Fayre

Saturday 3 December



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