



THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



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FROM THE HEADMASTER

Creativity is also a focus value for this opening half of term and we have seen ample evidence thereof. Our entries for the ISA (Independent School Association) East regional Art competitions will be judged this coming Saturday. The Headmaster has had a discreet peek at the Inter-House Art competition entries, which are coming along very nicely, whilst kept out of sight of the competition! We look forward to seeing these before half term.

WJ McKinney MA Hons PgDip MA



Year Four has been learning all about the wondrous world of human digestion and created their own digestion system experiment. They placed bananas and crackers into a sandwich bag (to represent the stomach) and added water and a little orange juice to represent stomach acid. This mixture then passed through muslin to demonstrate the journey through the intestines before the waste product was expelled. - Mrs McCarthy



Our New Year Six Librarians

Introducing our school librarians - Adam, Christabel and Ruby. They have been busy tidying the reading room this week and have done a marvellous job. They are planning events throughout the school year are currently organising a weekly reading club and a book swap at the beginning of the Spring Term. We wish the librarians every success in their new posts.

- Mrs Sonn



"FUN WITH PERCUSSION!" is a new Junior club running this term; it is a chance to come and experience a range of classroom instruments in a fun and informal way. The children have opportunities to create their own music and to use some of the instruments we may not have had the chance to use yet in class music, such as the drum-kit, the binasara and the afuche-cabasa!

- Mr Spencer



Today's hockey drills.





This week Year Four studied written methods for addition and subtraction. Where earlier in the week we worked to consolidate our mental addition and subtraction, we progressed towards utilising the columnar method. The pupils were able to apply their understanding towards problem solving and mastery, including multi-step problems. Next week, our focus on further problem solving and real-world application, specifically money.

- Mr Hunt



In our junior Craft After School Club the children carefully coloured their lion faces. They applied an autumnal colourful mane using natural items gathered from the school grounds, creating a Lion Leaf Mask. Roarrrrr!

- Mrs Dakin and Mrs Webster



Reception pupils have been exploring colour, shape and pattern. After studying Lizzie the Leopard - Reception's mascot for the year - they were encouraged to explore the patterns that make up her coat. The pupils explored using their fingers and hands as their paint brushes. Creating some very colourful and individual pieces which included trees, branches and Lizzie herself.

- Miss Bennie



We have been very busy in our phonics lessons this week. Over the week, we have learned how to add the 'es' suffix to words that end in a 'y'. We found out that you have to change the y to an i before adding the 'es'. We became spies (note the 'es' word!) and tried to spot 'es' words around the room. We even found one on the ceiling! Some of us have tried to use these words in our writing too.

- Mrs Solomon



The Reception children have been foraging in the school grounds for herbs, flowers and other exciting items. They have been mixing, stirring, combining and exploring these scented goodies to create perfumes and nature concoctions. The children have created some wonderful scents, I wonder if we have future chefs or perfume creators amongst our Reception class!

- Miss Doughty



Our junior Recorder Club has proved to be a hit. The children have been having a lot of fun learning to play the recorder. So far they have learned the notes B, A and G. With these we have been able to learn to play the song *Hot Cross Buns*. It is beginning to sound wonderful!

- Mrs Solomon





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Christmas Fayre

Saturday 3 December



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