



THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



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FROM THE HEADMASTER

R is for... remembrance, as we gratefully put back together in our minds those who have served and accepted the ultimate liability. R is for... resilience, as we plunge into one of the busiest periods of the school year in our work and play. R is for... research, to look again, perhaps at an aspect of our learning that has previously challenged us, or a topic about which we are hungry to discover more. R is for... reading, on which we focus every day, for perhaps we read to know we are not alone...

WJ McKinney MA Hons PgDip MA



We will remember them.





We began our Remembrance service with a hymn closely associated with this occasion, *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* by Parry, The Senior Choir performed *O Valiant Hearts* to the accompaniment of the harp, as did the Junior Choir with their song *We Will Remember*, which offered an instrumental verse giving a moment for personal reflection. Congregation and choirs all joined together to finish with a heartfelt rendition of *Let There Be Peace on Earth*.

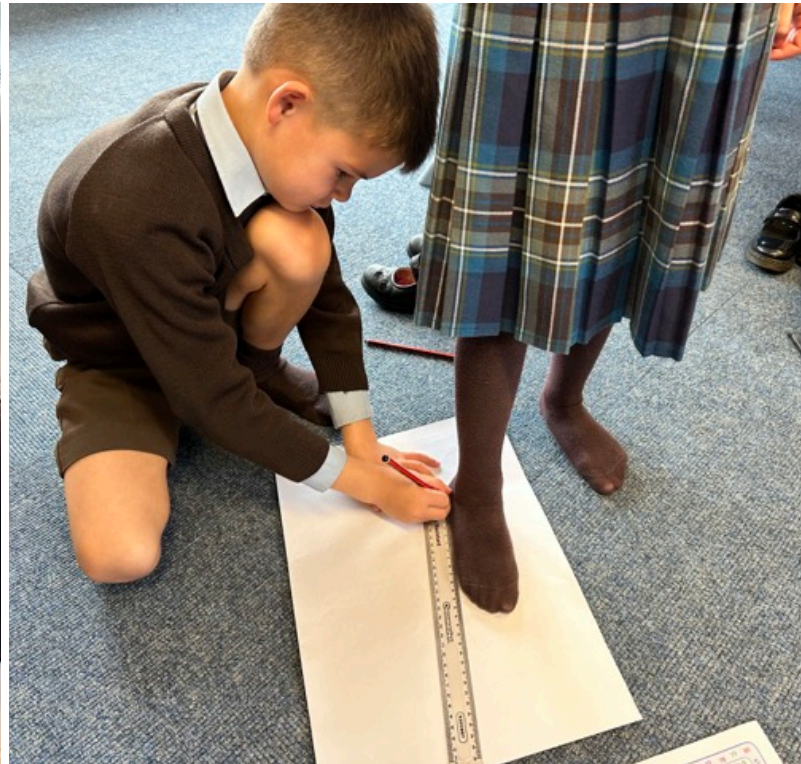
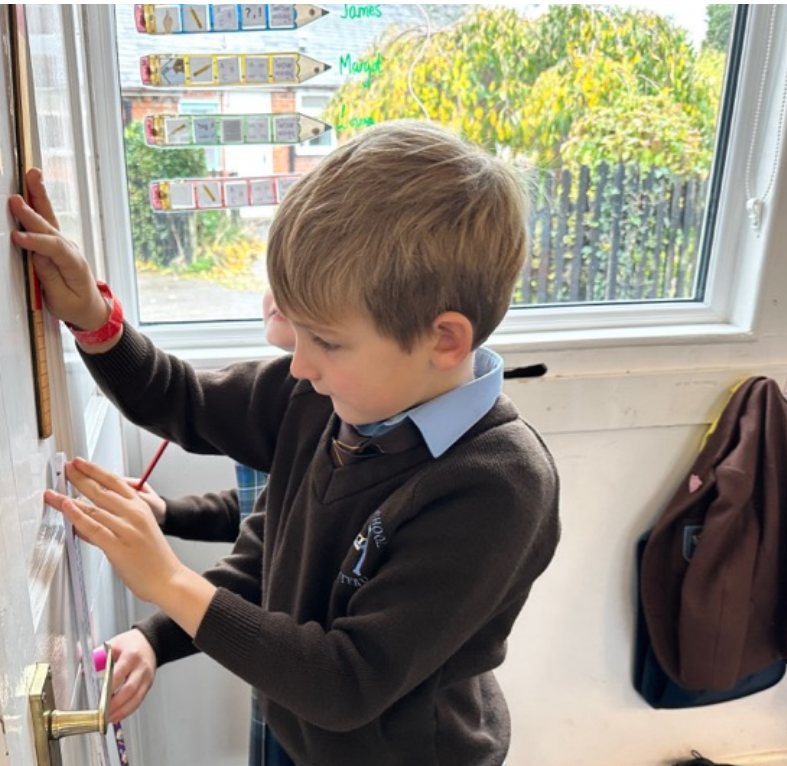
The whole school and congregation recessed to the war memorial garden, where the Roll of Honour was read, the crosses placed, followed by the Act of Remembrance. The Last Post and Reveille were again expertly sounded by Miss Beryl Banester and the service was brought to a fitting close by the choral recital of the Kohima Epitaph by the school. As ever, thanks to Miss Alison Evans for her musical expertise at organ and keyboard.

Mr Spencer and Mr McKinney



Year One pupils were transported back in time to Ancient Egypt during their topic lesson this week. We have a few Egyptology experts who told us Egypt is in Africa and that the river Nile was very important for food, transportation and bathing. The children enjoyed getting into character, dressing up as Pharaohs, imagining what it would be like to rule over this mighty land. They also studied models of pyramids, learning about their complex construction and purpose.

- Mrs Dakin



This week Year Three has been investigating the different units of measure. They have been using language such as bigger, smaller, heavier and lighter in their investigations. The pupils have explored the size of their feet using 30cm rulers and also the size of larger items using a 1m ruler. The pupils have shown resilience when converting all their measurements and understanding the different units and how to use them. - Miss Bennie



The Henstead Reading Challenge!

We are delighted to announce a school-wide reading challenge, which will run until the end of this term. All pupils from Nursery through to Year Six will be encouraged to read as much as they can - at school, home, with family members or in whichever setting they like - with each completed book earning a stamp on their Reading Challenge Charts. Successes will be celebrated with special assemblies, Golds, A1s, certificates and a prize each for the junior and senior school pupil who reads the most. We would very much appreciate your support to help your child find time to read at home or share a reading experience with them.

The rules:

1. Read a fiction or a non-fiction book, a book of short stories or poems, or to listen to an audio book (only 1 of these please!)
2. When finished, take the book to form tutors and explain briefly what it is about. Form tutors stamp a box on their chart.

We are very excited about this initiative and hope that it will cultivate pupils' love of reading and how it can enrich our lives. - Mrs Sonn



As part of our history topic learning about World War One, Year Six created some Remembrance artwork using watercolour paint to create a background of red poppies. Alongside this, the children learned about one of the most famous war poems: Dulce et decorum est and have shown great consideration and empathy towards those who fought under such horrific conditions at the time.

- Mrs McCarthy



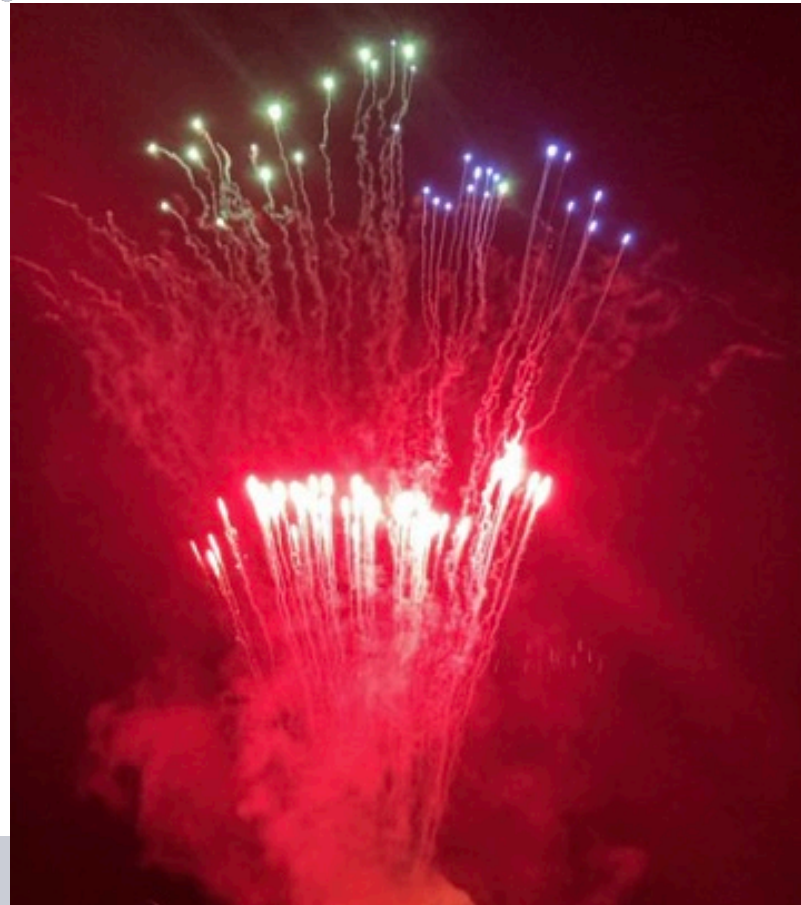
This week, in Nursery we have been having excellent fun exploring all the activities in the classroom. We noticed that since the holidays the children have become keen den builders so, with the addition of some extra blankets and den building equipment they got to work to create their own special space in the classroom working as a team and problem solving together. What fun!

- Mrs Braidwood



Practising their front crawl stroke and learning butterfly stroke.





Bonfire & Fireworks Night.





Christmas Fair

Saturday 3rd December | 11am - 2pm



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