



THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



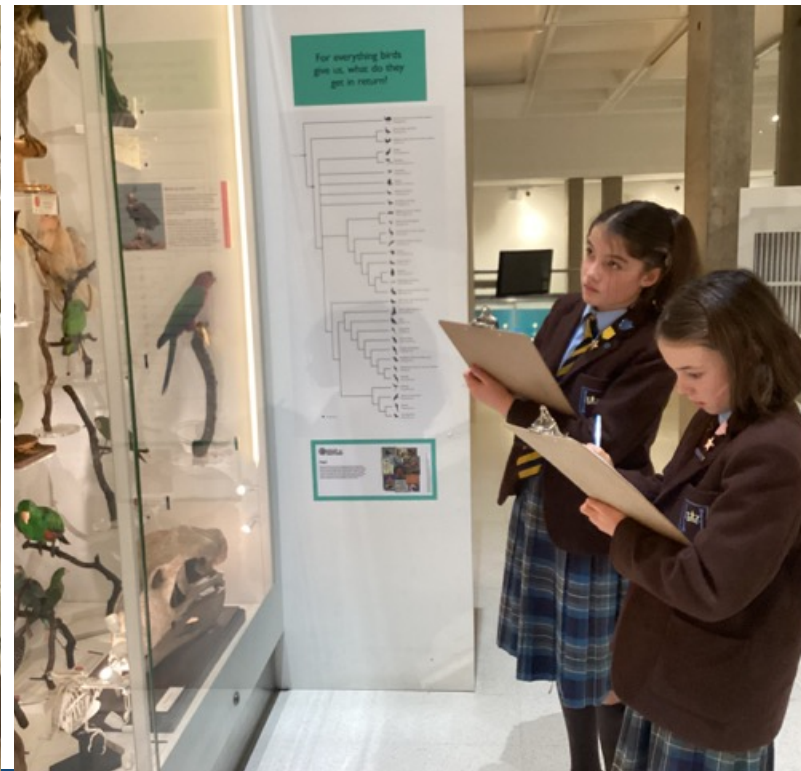
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FROM THE HEADMASTER

The academic focus grows ever sharper as this term progresses. Year Six led the way this week with an inspiring workshop at the Cambridge University Zoology Department - they continue to prepare for senior school entrance interviews and assessments as well! The level of work brought to me for the award of an A1 is exemplary and, with end of term academic reports under preparation, we look forward to welcoming parents to meet with form teachers this week.

WJ McKinney MA Hons PgDip MA



On Wednesday, Year Six travelled to the wonderful city of Cambridge to visit the University Museum of Zoology. During the visit, the children took part in a workshop where they studied specimens and learned about looking for the signs of feeding adaptations in skeletons of various mammals. A particular highlight was seeing a range of specimens which were bought back from Charles Darwin's voyage on HMS Beagle.

- Mrs McCarthy & Mrs Sonn



This week the pupils in Year Three have been demonstrating this term's value of research. In English we have been exploring non-chronological reports and discussing the key features of a report writing. Each pupil selected an animal they wanted to research and used the iPads to work independently finding out some different facts. The pupils worked very hard and should be proud of the reports they have written. - Miss Bennie



The children thoroughly enjoy their weekly French lessons. This term Year One has been learning colour names and numbers through songs and memory games. To help us think in French we put on some berets and French music, used our best French accents saying and matching different parts of the body. How many can you remember? We have followed this up with drawing ourselves and labelling our body parts in French. Très bien!

- Madame Dakin



This week, the Nursery children have been learning all about countries around the world thanks to their interest in the World Cup! They've counted goals, added footballs and even put their fine-motor skills to the test playing finger football! They have especially loved learning about the flags from around the world in our sensory activity tray. We have discussed the colours, shapes and even what countries we have visited. Some have even put their phonics skills to the test spotting sounds in each country's name. - Mrs Braidwood



Year 4 pupils were practising front crawl and Year 6 training for their gold certificates.





Christmas Fair

Saturday 3rd December | 11am - 2pm



*Come and visit
Father Christmas
in his Grotto*

Includes a small age appropriate present.

Year Group Activities

Rec/Nur

Glitter transfers,
Reindeer food
and lollipop dip.

Year 1

Cake stall with
Mrs Dakine's
famous class cakes.

Year 2

Biscuit decorating,
fun for all the
family.

Year 3

Create your own
light up paper
house.

Year 4

Name the
Snowman or
Reindeer.

Christmas Fair Delights

Class Hamper Raffle

**Children's
Author**

PTFA Tombola

**Christmas
Wreaths**

Designer Jacket Raffle

**School Uniform
Swap Shop**

**Non-Alcoholic Mulled Wine,
Teas & Coffee's,
Children's drinks & cakes**



**Turkey and Cranberry Rolls,
Brie & Cranberry Rolls,
Sausage Rolls & Mince Pies**



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