



# THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



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It has been wonderful to see so many smiles on faces as the pupils arrive each morning ready for a new day of learning and the enjoyable, challenging experiences ahead. Every day is a learning journey, so please remember to encourage your children to share their daily school adventure with you. Fasten your seatbelts and let the journey begin!

- Miss M J Clifton



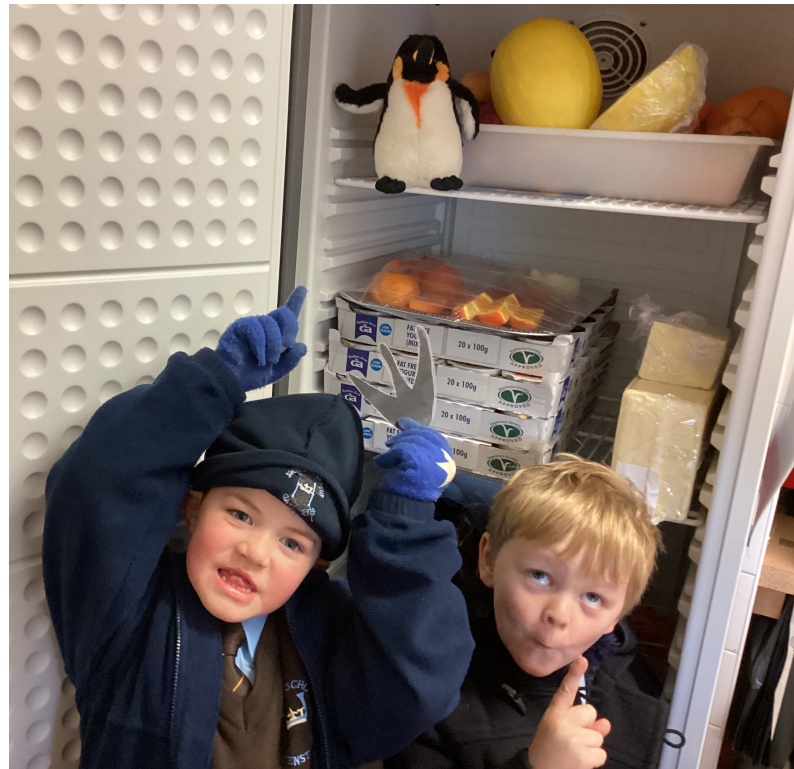
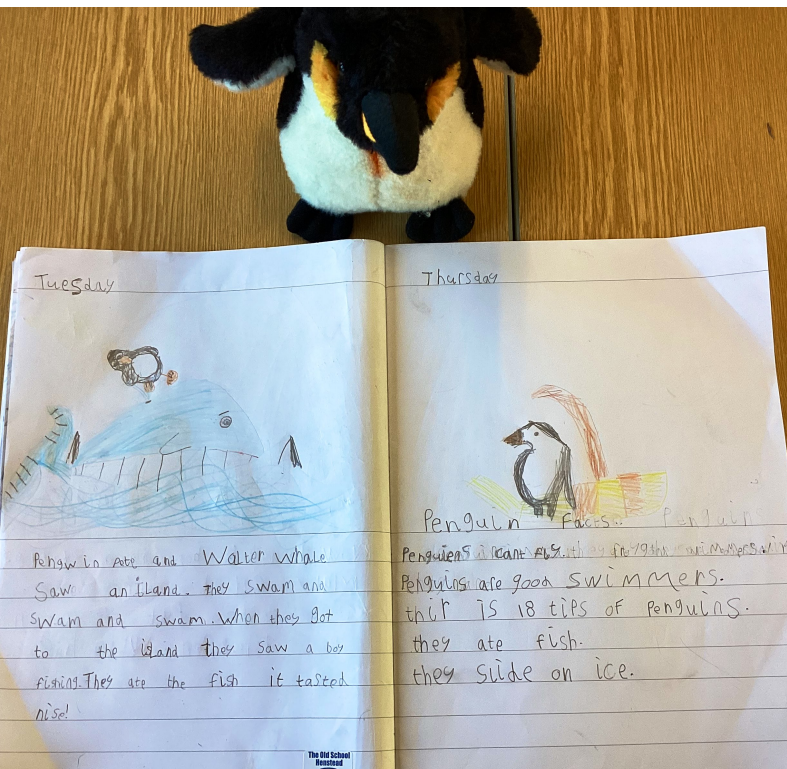


Year Three have been getting stuck into Roald Dahl's 'Fantastic Mr Fox'.

In the past week, we have had a sit down meeting as Bunce, Boggis, Bean and Mr Fox. In these meetings, it was debated as to who was in the right.

Some very thoughtful opinions were discussed and a 'mediation session' was suggested between all involved. The pupils have shown some real imagination and acting skills.

- Miss Bennie



Year One have been on the hunt for a mystery animal who left footprints in their classroom! The children followed the footprints which led to finding some clues as to who the footprints belonged to and where they lived. The children deduced they belonged to a penguin - he was found in the fridge! The children wrote their ideas on what adventures Penguin Pete and Walter Whale get up to and the facts they researched on penguins.

- Mrs Dakin





This week in nursery we have been making the most of exploring the natural world around us. Every morning we go outside and investigate to find out what the weather is doing for our weather chart. We have been really enjoying the beautiful patterns and shapes that we could find in the frosty field each morning and wondering why some areas stay frosty whilst others melt by the end of the day!

- Mrs Braidwood





Year Two have been busy this week making cabbage soup as part of their English work on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory!







Nursery, Reception and Year One pupils have enjoyed their first swimming lessons of the term!







Fun with papier-mâché for Year One this week as they start work on their Tutankhamen masks!







## School Council

Pupils came to cast their votes in this term's **school council elections**.

It's wonderful to see the members of our school exercising their democratic right to vote, in preparation for the day when they will be choosing our country's leaders. Head and Deputy Head of School Council, Ted and Elliot, did an excellent job of organising and running the elections. **Congratulations** to our new councillors:



Reception:

Ayla and Reuben

Year One:

Cody and Aurora

Year Two:

Darcie and Izaak

Year Three:

Saffie and Toby

Year Four:

Emily and Margot

Well done to all. We look forward to hearing your ideas about the school! - Mrs Sonn



## School Mascots

Mascots were awarded this week and last to the pupils best demonstrating our school values for this half term; empathy and experimenting. Well done!

### Last Week:

Reception:	Arthur
Year One:	Hugo
Year Two:	Carter
Year Three:	Toby
Year Four:	Violette
Year Six:	Edward

### This Week:

Reception:	Reuben
Year One:	Cody
Year Two:	Darcie
Year Three:	Sonny
Year Four:	Emily
Year Six:	Isabella





## Inter-house Drama Competition

Our weekly house meetings are a lovely way to see our Year Six children taking on a leadership role.

Drama is the theme for our inter-house competition this half term, and stories from around the world is the basis for our drama performances. The house captains chose an envelope at random that revealed which part of the world their story should come from. The results and chosen performances are:



**Waveney**

PART OF THE  
WORLD:  
**Europe**

PERFORMANCE:

**Elves and The Shoemaker**



**Deben**

PART OF THE  
WORLD:  
**The Americas**

PERFORMANCE:

**The Tale of El Capitan**

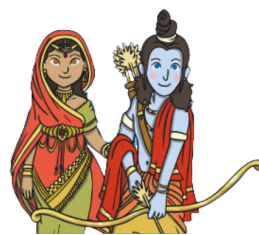


**Yare**

PART OF THE  
WORLD:  
**Africa**

PERFORMANCE:

**How Anansi got his Stories**



**Orwell**

PART OF THE  
WORLD:  
**Asia**

PERFORMANCE:

**Rama and Sita**

We look forward to the performances at the end of term, may the best house win! - Mrs Dakin





## Certificates

A1's are awarded from the Head throughout the year for outstanding achievements.

Bronze certificates are awarded for 5 A1's, Silver for 10 A1's and Gold for 15 A1's.

Bronze Certificates have been awarded to the following pupils since the start of term. Well Done!

Margot - Year 4

Louis - Year 4

Violette - Year 4

Betsie - Year 3

Jayden - Year 4

Saffie - Year 3







# OPEN SCHOOL DAYS

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd February

We are very proud of our school and are delighted to invite you, family and friends to our Open School Days.

We understand that everyone has busy schedules and demands so there is no need to book. Please drop in at anytime over the two days during the times below. Explore the school and spend time with your children on their learning journey.

**8.45am to 11.30am**  
**1.30pm to 3.30pm**



When you arrive at the school, please report to the school office to register.

We look forward to welcoming you to this very special place and sharing our school day with you!





# THE GREAT HENSTEAD BAKE-OFF

**Monday 6th February**

Boys and girls, the school council invites you to bake a cake for the inaugural **Henstead Bake-off competition!**

It can be anything you like. Perhaps a gorgeous gooey chocolate cake, cute cup cakes, a luscious lemon drizzle or why not a dairy-free treat to mark Veganuary?

**If you would like to enter**, please bake a cake (or two or three) and bring it into school on the morning of Monday 6th February. The council members will then judge your creations and choose winners in three categories: EYFS, junior school and senior school.

Mums, dads and grandparents, please bring your pennies to school at the end of the day as we will be selling the cakes to raise money for break time play equipment.

**Good luck everybody**

We can't wait to see what you make!

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