



# THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



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We are three weeks into our Spring term learning journey and together we have travelled far. It was a pleasure to recently welcome Mr Paul Smith (Governor) to the school who visited lessons and very much enjoyed engaging with the children across the school. Delightfully, some of the pupils mistook Mr Smith for the King. Fantastic - a royal visitor!

Miss M J Clifton





## Key Dates and Notices:

**Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd February - School Open Days**

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**Monday 6th February - The Great Henstead Bake Off**

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**Friday 10th February - U9/11s Boys and Girls, ISA  
Regional Cross Country at Great Finborough School**

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**Saturday 11th February - Sunday 19th February - Half-  
Term Break**

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**Thursday 23 March - Easter Service at St Mary's Church**

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**Friday 24th March - End of Spring Term**

### Easter Holiday Club

We will be running an Easter  
Holiday Club from **Monday 27th -  
Friday 31st March.**

More details along with booking  
forms will be sent home after  
half-term.





The children in Reception have been learning all about 2D shapes. We've been shape hunting, feeding shape monsters and singing shape songs all while learning lots about the properties of different 2D shapes. The children have worked so hard counting sides, corners and learning the names of each shape.

Well done,  
Reception!

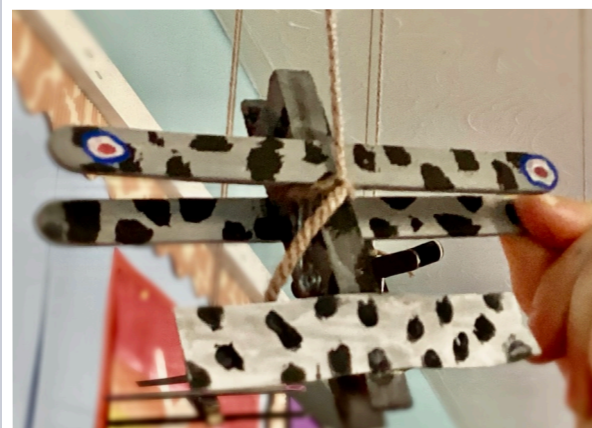
- Miss Doughty





In Year Two, we have been working hard on our history topic about World War 2. We have learned when World War 2 began and how this affected the children. This week we found out that many children were evacuated away from the cities to move to the countryside, away from the places that were being bombed. We also found out why they needed a gas mask. We made our own gas mask box to put our gas masks in! We created some beautiful 'blitz' pictures, with search lights looking for aeroplanes. Along with this, we made some spitfire aeroplanes from lolly sticks and pegs! We are looking forward to trying out some recipes from World War 2 times, such as 'bubble and squeak' and 'eggless chocolate cake'!

- Miss Solomon







Year Four were roaming the grounds searching for invertebrates. Using a classification tool and investigating observable characteristics, the pupils were thorough in their exploration.



- Mr Hunt







As part of their topic on persuasive writing, Year Six have been making video adverts for products and places they'd like to use or visit. Perhaps you'd like to buy the Home Robot, the Automatic Dog Biscuit Blaster Gun, or maybe visit the Super Scrumptious Sweetie Factory, where you can swim in a pool of chocolate and win a five-minute trolley dash! The pupils have been very creative and persuasive, and dressing up was definitely a highlight of the project!



- Mrs Sonn





This week we have been celebrating Chinese New Year during our art lessons.







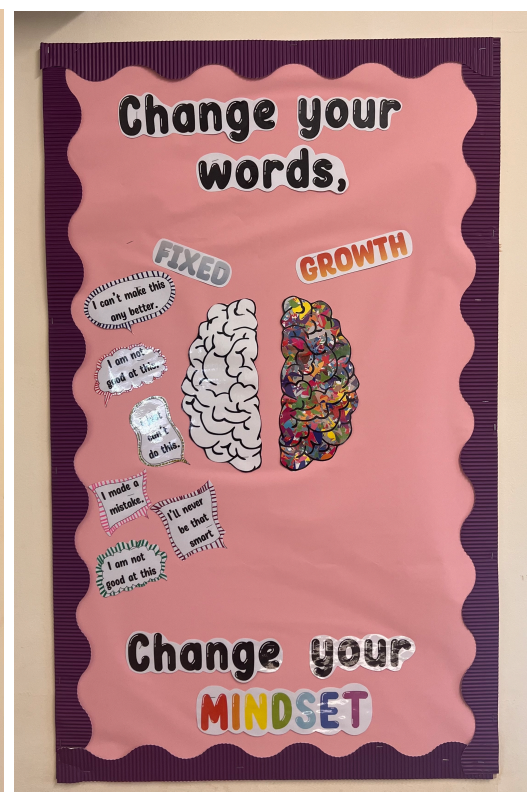
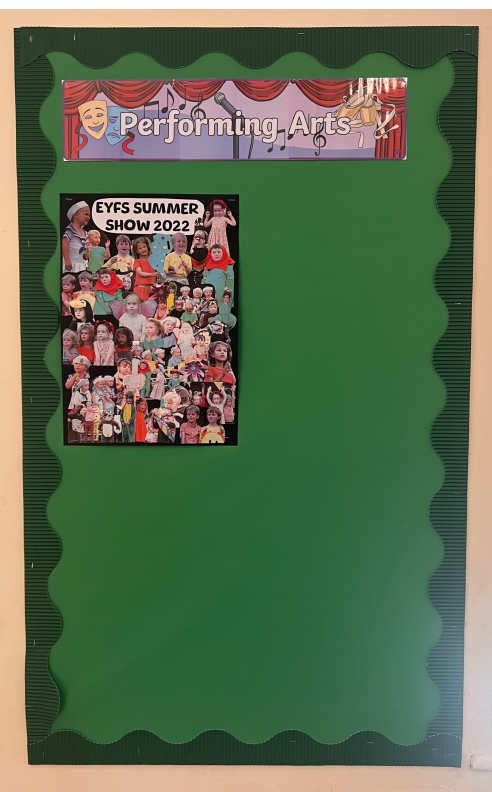
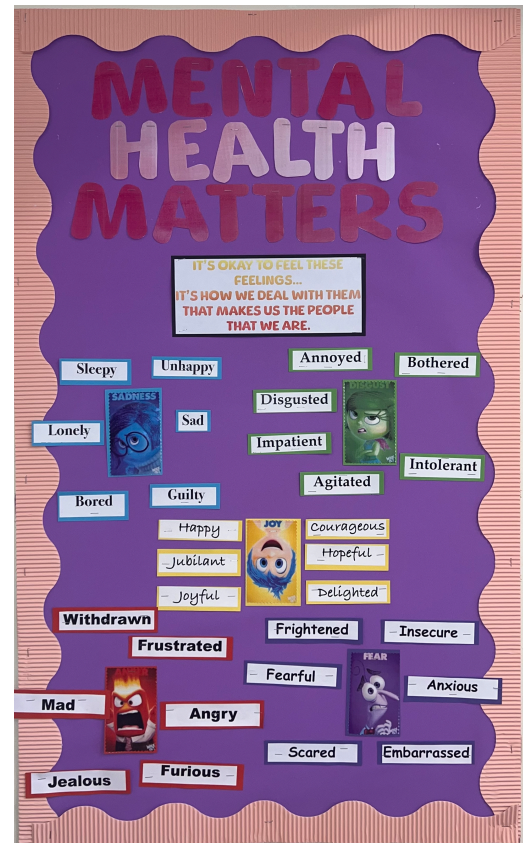
Each Year group experimented with different mediums.







We are excited to share with you all our new display boards in the school hall.







## After School Clubs

“FUN WITH PERCUSSION!” is a Junior club running this term, which is a chance for the children to come and experience a range of classroom musical 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





At Model Gliders Club this week, pupils began cutting out and sanding the parts of their gliders, ready to assemble them in the coming sessions.







# School Mascots



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

Well done to our mascot winners this week!

Reception: Otilie P

Year One: Bethany

Year Two: Jonah

Year Three: Betsie & Saffie

Year Four: Louis

Year Six: Adam





## Achievements

Congratulations to Ruby who has been awarded a prefect tie. She has proved to be a mature, responsible and great role model for her fellow pupils. We wish her well in her new role.



After the half-term holiday, we look forward to discussing potential new prefects through our pupil voice system. This is a chance for boys and girls to nominate those who they think are worthy of the prefect tie, and to explain reasons for their choices. Good luck to all.



**Do you have any recent achievements in a club or activity outside of school? We would love to hear about them and share with the school community.**

Please email them to:  
[office@theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk](mailto:office@theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk)





# Achievements



Well Done, Sophia!  
A well-deserved A1 was awarded for her Charlie and the Chocolate Factory creation, made at home, complete with Wonka Bars to share with her class.

Well Done, Cody!

A well-deserved A1 was awarded for his “Mr Professor” character, made at home from modelling clay.







# 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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