



THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



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Gosh, I can't believe it, here we are already at half term. I would like to thank you all for supporting us as we work together to ensure that your children, our pupils, have the very best opportunities to thrive and fulfil their potential.

It has been my privilege to greet so many delighted faces as they arrive in my office to share their work with me of which they are so rightly proud.

One of our Year Six pupils used the phrase 'You have to believe to achieve' – how right they are!

- Miss M J Clifton



Key Dates:

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

Wednesday 22nd February - School & Nursery Photographs

Thursday 23rd February - Year Three and Four trip to RSPB Minsmere Nature Reserve

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day

Monday 6th March - School Choir sings at The White House Care Home, Beccles

Wednesday 8th March - Open Day

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

**Friday 24th March - Easter Bonnet Parade at 8.50am
End of Spring Term**

Monday 27th - Friday 31st March - Easter Holiday Club



This week, the children in reception took part in a mindful maths session for Children's Mental Health Week. They were working on their number formation to twenty and got cosy on the number mat to practise forming their numbers accurately, complete with relaxing maths music! What a great way to improve number writing and recognition. Excellent maths and mindfulness reception!

- Miss Doughty



In Year Two, we have been thoroughly enjoying reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We have looked at the different characters and their 'quirks' and even created our own 'quirky' character. We then imagined we were Mr Willy Wonka himself and wrote a diary entry, saying what happened on the day he opened up the factory to the five lucky ticket winners. We managed to write these in the





caring rude
ugly sly
handsome kind
gentle pretty
grumpy horrible
polite wise
scary smart
cruel charming
brave calm



friendly angry
evil clever
honest nasty
wicked cross
mean noble
bold helpful
cunning unkind
happy shy
beautiful

Can you write a paragraph about this character?

Charlie is kind and happy.

Charlie is polite, friendly and smart.

Charlie is wise and calm. His blue eyes shine in the golden ticket.

first person and even included some coordinating conjunctions in this and some expanded noun phrases. As a reward for our hard work, we then made some 'lickable wallpaper'! This involved making icing as the 'wallpaper' and then putting on various kinds of decorations to make patterns on the wallpaper. We thought our wallpaper was delicious!

- Mrs Solomon

Dear diary,
Today I opened up my factory at ten o'clock sharp! The lucky Golden ticket winners arrived and they went into the chocolate room. Augustus Gloop was greedy and he fell into the chocolate river. I wasn't happy because he made it dirty.





Can you hear that? The soft chanting in the background? Well, to the untrained ear these are but meaningless chants. But, as it happens, not to Year Four. That soft and caring chanting is from Kamanya, the shaman of a small but thriving village in the amazon rainforest. This week, the children finished writing their first-person recounts imagining what Kamanya's life would have involved. Healing villagers, dealing with threats and appointing their replacement. It has been an excellent opportunity for them to empathise and exercise their wonderful imaginations. Come and see their superb efforts which presently adorn classroom displays.

Mr Hunt



Monday saw a huge consignment of creative cakes being delivered to the hall, and the School Council was charged with the not-too-onerous task of judging them. After much deliberating, winners were chosen. They are:

Nursery/Reception: Halle

Years 1-3: Hugo

Years 4-6: Bella

Teachers Vote: School Councillor Toby

Best tasting cake: Minty



A huge thank you to all of our bakers and to those who bought cakes at home-time. The few slices which were not sold made tasty treats for all pupils at break on Wednesday!

I am delighted to report that, thanks to your generosity and support, we have raised £166 which will buy lots of lovely equipment for pupils to play with at break times.

- Mrs Sonn and the School Council









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 all of this weeks mascot winners!

Reception: Grace

Year Three: Eddie

Year One: Anna

Year Four: James

Year Two: Edie

Year Six: Ruby



Well done to all of our pupils who took part in the U9/11s
ISA East Anglia Cross Country Championships today.





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Cody's creation - Dumbo the Elephant, made from modelling clay. Well done Cody!



Notices

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
2 MARCH 2023

World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd March we will celebrate World Book Day. Pupils may dress up to represent their favourite book character (we would prefer no football kits please).

Uniform Shop

We are seeking two parent helpers to take on the school uniform shop. If you are interested, please speak with Donna and Tess in the Uniform Shop or the Office. Thank you.



School Traffic

We respectfully remind parents to drive with care on the narrow Toad Row and be mindful of the speed limit. Thank you.



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR:

Easter Bonnet Parade

FRIDAY 24TH MARCH
8:50AM
THE ORCHARD

THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD IS
DELIGHTED TO INVITE ALL PUPILS
TO TAKE PART IN THIS EASTER
TRADITION! PLEASE CREATE AN
EASTER BONNET TO WEAR IN A
PARADE AT THE END OF TERM.

PRIZES FOR:
MOST COLOURFUL
MOST CREATIVE
THE LARGEST



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