



THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



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Welcome back to school, everyone! Your children have dived straight back into the curriculum and the kindness and generosity of spirit that embraces our school community. During a recent assembly, one of our youngest members boldly reminded us that ‘caring is sharing’. All agreed that cooperative play, taking turns, negotiating, compromise and fairness are core to our togetherness.

To all of our wonderful parents, grandparents and friends who are part of our school (or would like to be part of our school), you are warmly invited to attend the upcoming Open School on 8 March. We would love for you to see our school in action.

- Miss M J Clifton



Key Dates:

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day

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

Wednesday 8th March - Open Day

Friday 17th March - Red Nose 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

Monday 17th April - Summer Term Commences

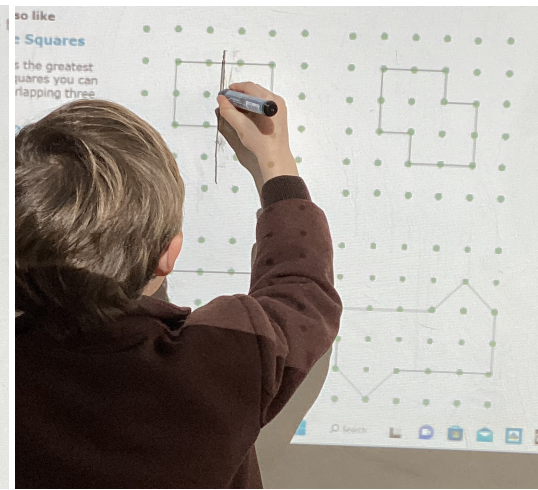
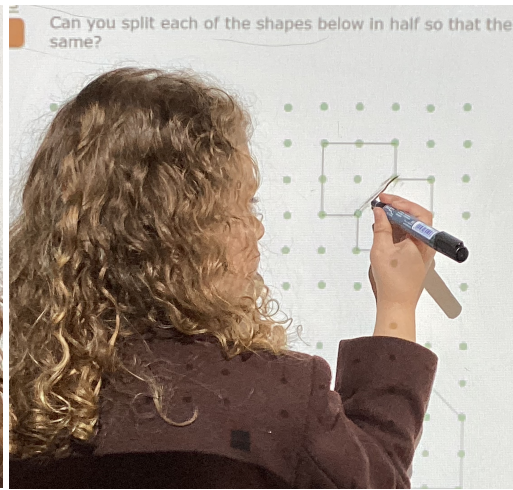
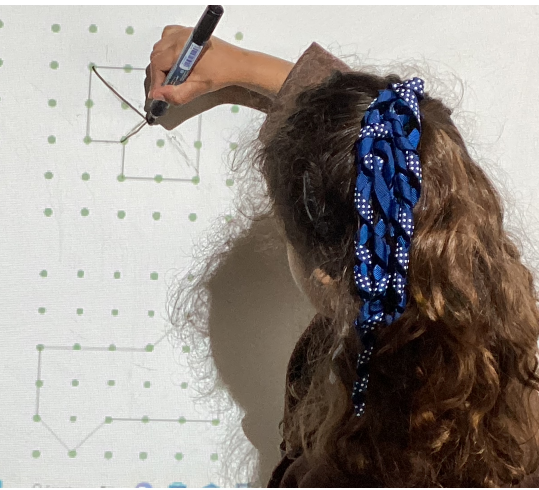
Friday 21st April - PTFA Quiz Night



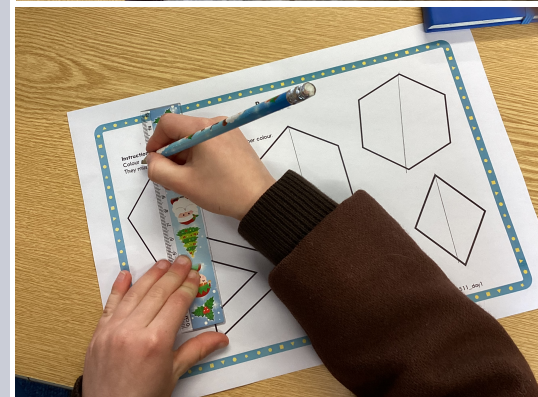
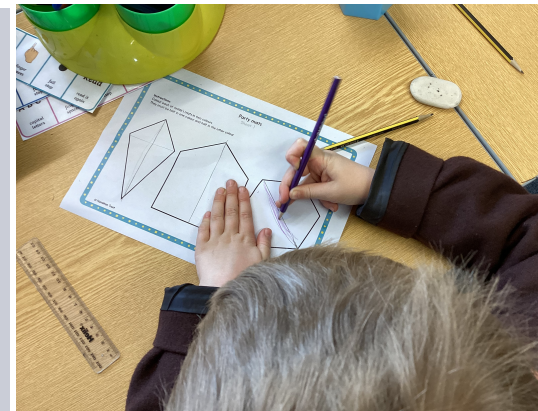
This week, we have had an exciting new addition to our Nursery classroom! We have a lovely large new grass rug that we are using for our circle times and we have named it 'The Lawn'. We love this new area of the classroom so much that we have been incorporating it into all sorts of our play and quite often just come here to chill out and chat with our friends.

- Mrs Braidwood



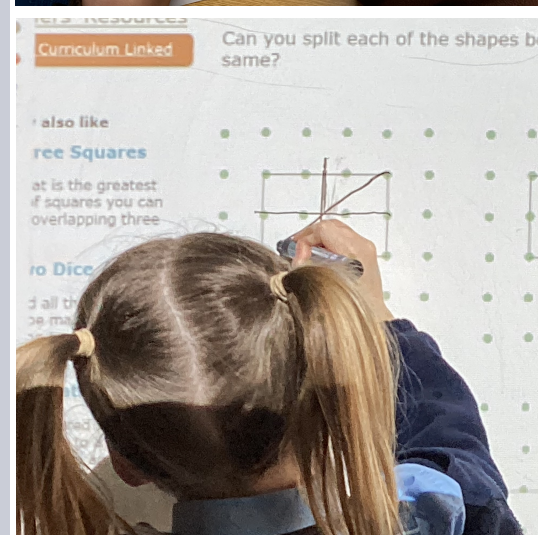


Year One have been analysing different shapes in maths this week. We used the big whiteboard to analyse some unusual and irregular shapes, then thought carefully about where we would need to draw a straight line to show each one exactly in half or quarters. In our written work, we used rulers to draw lines on shapes on to show equal parts of fractions $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$. We look forward to pizza cutting next week!



We are also looking forward to performing our assembly for you on March 8th with rehearsals are in full swing!

- Mrs Dakin





Year Three have taken the leap into the magical world of Hogwarts! The pupils have been exploring non-chronological reports all about the Harry Potter studios in London. They explored the language and features of a report - highlighting how topic specific words such as wizard, wand and potion all draw the reader in even further to the experience!

- Miss Bennie





School Mascots



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

Well done to all of this week's mascot winners!

Reception: Holly

Year One: Freddie

Year Two: Sophia

Year Three: Max

Year Four: Violet

Year Six: Sam



Achievements



Well done to Alex, Sophia and Rose who were awarded Silver A1 certificates this week.

Show and Tell Highlights

Thank you Cody for sharing with us the wonderful Bill the Bunny, Sophia with her impressive marble run and Margot with a bird nest she found in her garden! Well done indeed.





Year Three and Four visited RSPB's Minsmere this Thursday. Look carefully, you might just spot an anas crecca or, if you're lucky, an egrets garzetta traipsing around. Using fancy binoculars, the children thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of observing these marvellous and, in some instances, ostentatious birds in their habitats. We also pond dipped and found lots of interesting pond life. As ever, the children were excellent ambassadors for the school.

- Mr Hunt and Mrs McCarthy





This week in their swimming lesson, Year Four were training for their gold certificates, practising swimming 50 metres without putting their feet down or touching the side of the pool. Well Done, Year Four!





We all enjoyed pancakes this week to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Thank you to Mrs Webster and Mrs Sonn.

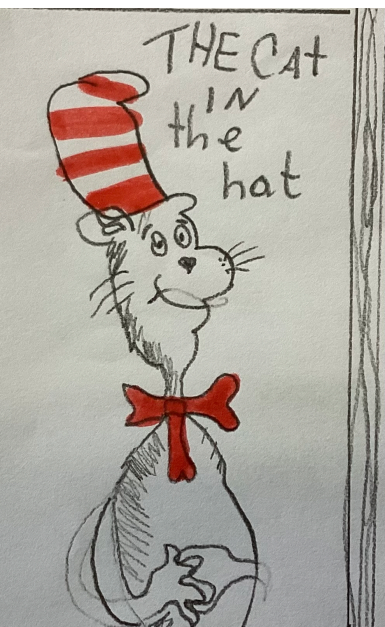




The Great Book Exchange

Take, Read, Love, Leave!

We are organising a book swap later this half-term. Please could you have a rummage around at home and bring any books you no longer read into school, so that they can be read and loved by someone new.



How it works:

For every book you bring in, you will be given one token.

On book swap day, you can trade your tokens for other books. Who knows what reading adventures you will have!

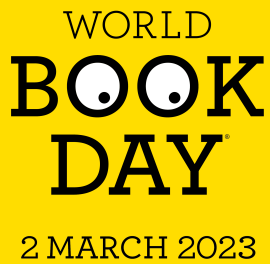
Librarians – Adam, Christabel and Ruby



Notices

World Book Day

Next 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).



Red Nose Day

On Friday 17th March, we are fundraising for Red Nose Day! Pupils may come to school in non-uniform and will have a red nose painted for a £1 donation.



Easter Bonnet Parade

You are invited to our Easter Bonnet Parade on Friday 24th March at 8.50am. All pupils are invited to take part and to bring into school their bonnet creations for the parade!





School Advertising

May we kindly ask if any parents, family or friends have some roadside space, maybe an advertising board or some counter space for a banner, poster or leaflets to help us advertise the school.

If you can help in anyway, please could you drop into the school office or send an email to office@theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk.

We would be very grateful. Thank You!





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