



THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



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What a busy week! We began with Years Two to Six pupils visiting The White House Care Home in Beccles. Visiting different places helps our children to feel more confident when they are challenged with unfamiliar environments. Pupils shared a mixture of uplifting hymns and some songs from World War 2 which our Year Two have been studying as their topic. This was followed by an opportunity to spend time mingling with residents and chatting to them, a valuable life experience as they interacted with people from a different generation.

On Wednesday, we were delighted to share 'a day in the life of a Henstead pupil' with our parents, grandparents, friends and visitors. I thank you for your support and look forward to inviting you all to further Open School days during the Summer Term.

On Friday, the youngest members of the school hosted a Reading Café. Stories were shared, building confidence in the perfect environment to improve listening skills and expand vocabularies with unfamiliar words. Time to breathe and get ready for the next chapter of the Henstead journey.

- Miss M J Clifton





Key Dates:

Friday 17th March - Red Nose Day (Non-Uniform 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



Easter Holiday Club

Our Easter Holiday Club will be running from **Monday 27th to Friday 31st March** for all children in Reception to Year Six. We also open our invitation to friends and family members in those same year groups to book and come along too.

Cost - £35 per day / £140 for the week (receive one day FOC)

Our daily activities are as follows:

Monday	Easter Cookery
Tuesday	Easter Arts & Crafts
Wednesday	Sports and Games
Thursday	Outdoor Education
Friday	Easter Party, Activities and Movie Day

9.00am to 3.30pm daily

To book, please use the following link:

www.theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk/easterholidayclub



This week in Early Years we held our first 'Reading cafe' so that parents could come in and spend time with us in the classroom. We all got comfortable and read a story together before exploring the whole classroom to try a range of activities to help us with our reading comprehension and encourage a lifelong love of reading!

- Mrs Braidwood



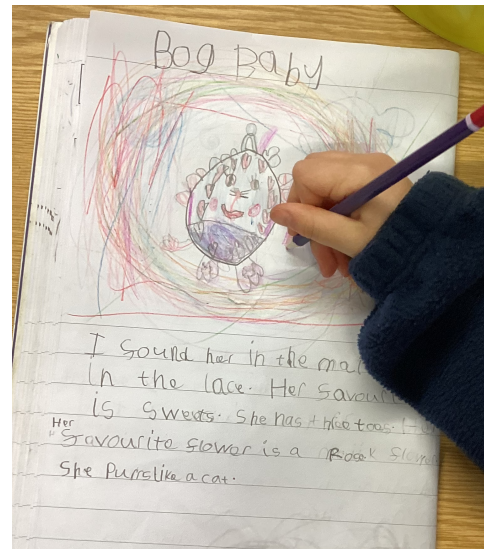
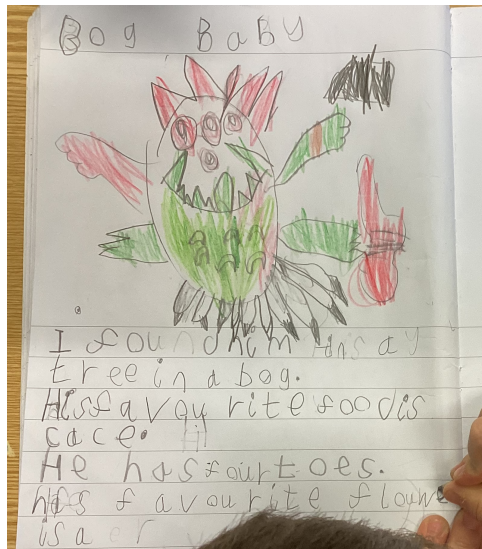
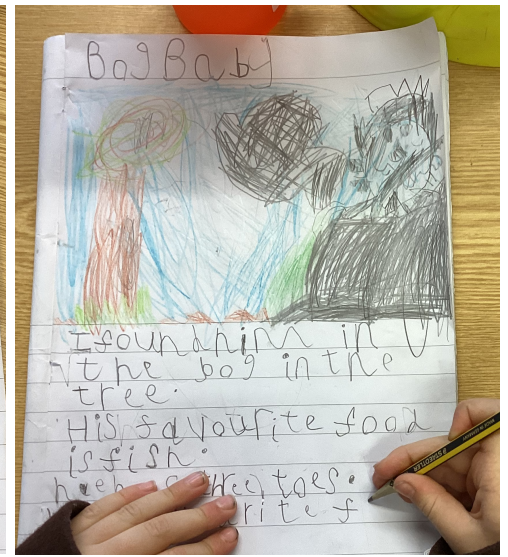
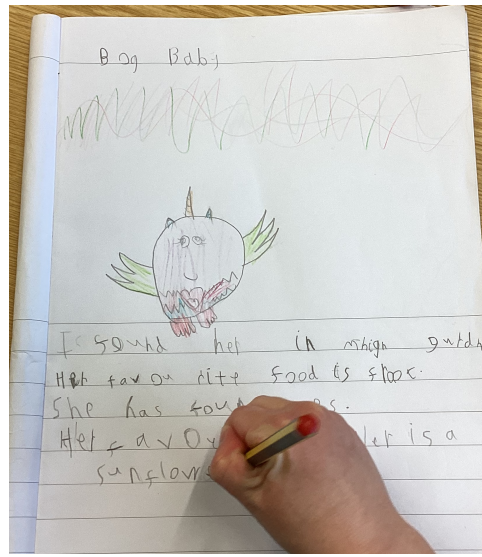
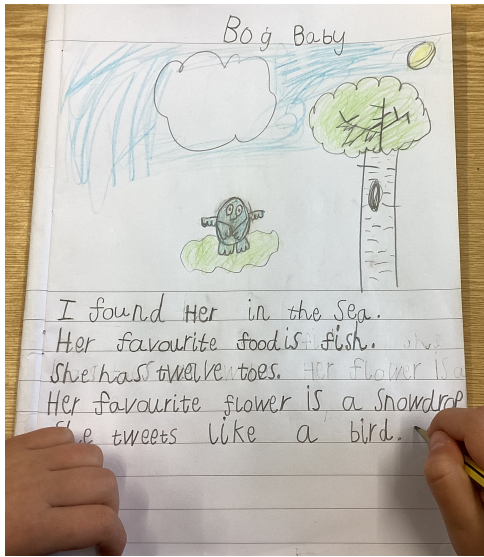


Year One delighted us with their wonderful assembly performance on Ancient Egypt.

We were entertained by a Pharaoh, pyramid builders, archaeologists, Howard Carter and even a caveman!

A1's all round. Very well done!

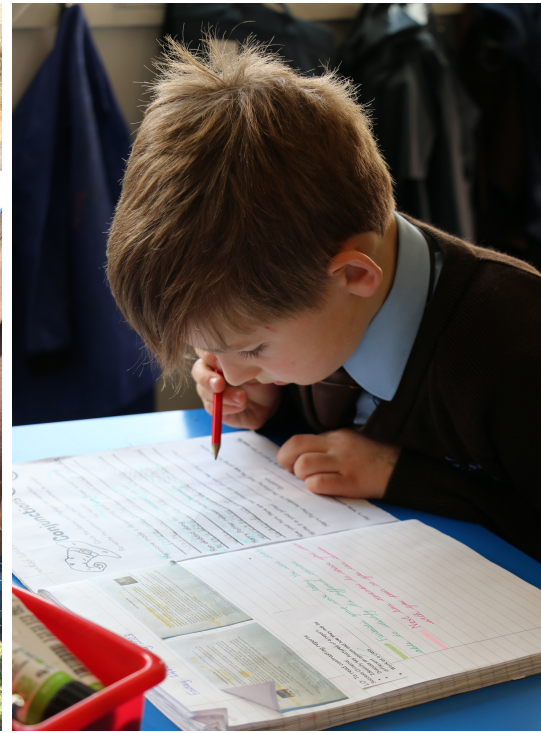
- Mrs Dakin



Do you believe in Bog Babies?

Year One do! Bog Babies are very rare. Very little is known about them. If you are lucky enough to find one, make a quick sketch and write down anything you can find out about them. Year One imagined where they might find a Bog Baby and also thought about what they might like to eat, how many toes it has or what their favourite flower is. Some lovely ideas and creations from everyone.

- Mrs Dakin



This week, Year Three pupils have continued their exploration of all things Harry Potter. We have been analysing Hogwarts school reports for different pupils, and they even had a go at writing their own for the very famous Harry Potter.

However, the most exciting activity this week has to be the making of their own wands. The pupils were able to change the shape of their wands and add different bits of detail to their creations. A great week, Year Three.

- 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: Florence

Year Three: Araminta

Year One: Rose

Year Four: Louis

Year Two: Darcie

Year Six: Elliot

Achievements

Well done to all of our Bronze and Silver certificate winners this week!

Eddie - Bronze

Lexi - Bronze

Bethany - Silver

Orlando - Silver

Margot - Silver

Aurora - Silver

Anna - Silver

Mrs Dakin - Silver





Prefect

Congratulations to Christabel 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.



Show and Tell



Another wonderful creation from Cody, here is Henry the tortoise made using a 3-d pen. Well done, Cody.



On Monday, Years Two to Six made a visit to The White House, a care home for the elderly in Beccles. They sang a variety of hymns and songs for the residents, and afterwards took some time to interact with them. Some of the comments we received from The White House were as follows;

"Our residents enjoyed the children's singing and the interaction afterwards made their day! The children were all so very well behaved and polite, a great credit to your school. You were all the talk of the home for the next day as well! Could you please send my thanks and appreciation to every single pupil who attended, and we hope to see you all again very soon."

Well done to all the pupils who represented the school so well. We hope this will be the first of many visits. - Mr Spencer





Over the next four weeks, Year six pupils will be taking part in some Jewellery workshops. The pupils are going to get hands on with the tools and carry out the different processes. Ending their workshop with their own piece of silver jewellery to take home. The pupils were introduced to sawing, filing, soldering and polishing. They are looking forward to showing you their creations over the next couple of weeks.

- Miss Bennie

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I was inspired by the shape and patterns from a Rocket League Ball, I enjoyed using the blow torch the most, watching the silver solder melt, joining my pieces together.

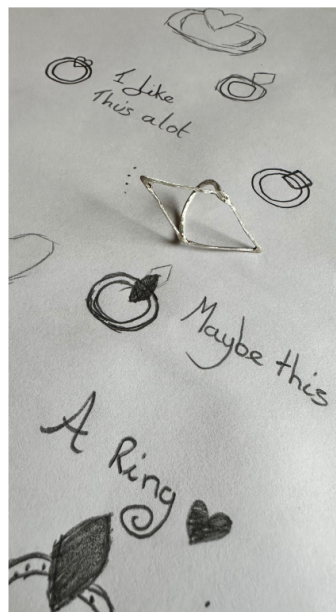
YEAR 6 PUPIL



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My favourite part of making the ring was using the blow torch to solder my pieces of silver together. I created this ring because I like the shape of a diamond, and I thought it would look elegant as a ring.

YEAR 6 PUPIL





≡ International Women's Day ≡



The school marked International Women's Day with an assembly led by Year Six. The class explained why it's an important date: it provides an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of women, as well as raising awareness about the inequalities which still exist in other parts of the world.

Some of the pupils wrote their own thoughts about IWD which they shared with the school community. Here are two of them:

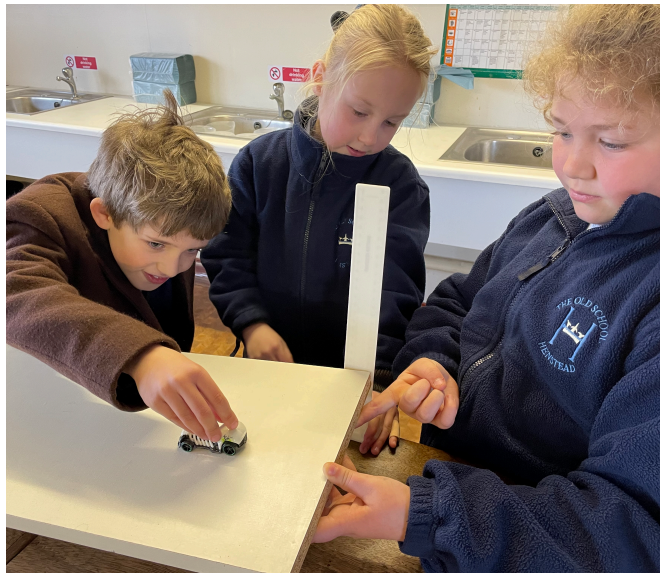
This overdue Equality is not universal throughout the world so on women's day is extremely important to draw attention to this inequality and speed up change.

This day is on March 8th and celebrates women's accomplishments, while raising awareness for women's rights against unfair treatment.



We have been talking all things forces in our Year Three science lessons this half term. Last week, we explored push and pull, and this week our thoughts turned to friction which ties in nicely with our humanities topic when learning about the movement of tectonic plates. We tested the effects of friction on varying surfaces but not before we predicted which would have the most friction. Well done, Year Three. Great understanding today!

- Mrs McCarthy





School Notices

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.



The Great Book Exchange

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.



PTFA

PTFA Quiz Night

The PTFA will be hosting a Quiz Night on Friday 21st April. The quiz will be held in the school hall (for the adults only), but for those who wish to bring children along, we will be hosting a PJs and movie night to entertain the children.

Tickets on sale soon.

Uniform Swap Shop

It was great to see some of you at our Uniform Swap Shop / Pre-loved Uniform Shop on Thursday.

We have lots of pre-loved uniform looking for a new home. We will be running another Swap Shop at the start of next term.





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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