



# THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



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In today's rapidly changing society, there is one constant - children's individual needs. The unique characteristics of our boys and girls and their interests, abilities and learning needs drive us all forward. During the week, I had multiple 'A1' knocks on my door where pupils came to chat and excitedly share reasons for their award. Every child is confident and delighted to visit me, sharing stories of excellent work, lovely manners and kindness towards others. It delights me to know that our children celebrate their strengths and continue to make progress. This was also evident in their enthusiasm to participate in World Book Day and their excitement with the drama for the house competition. There was lots to celebrate this week!

- Miss M J Clifton





## Key Dates:

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

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**Wednesday 8th March** - Open Day

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**Thursday 9th March** - PTFA Uniform Swap Shop

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**Friday 17th March** - Red Nose Day

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

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

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

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**Monday 17th April** - Summer Term Commences

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**Friday 21st April** - PTFA Quiz Night

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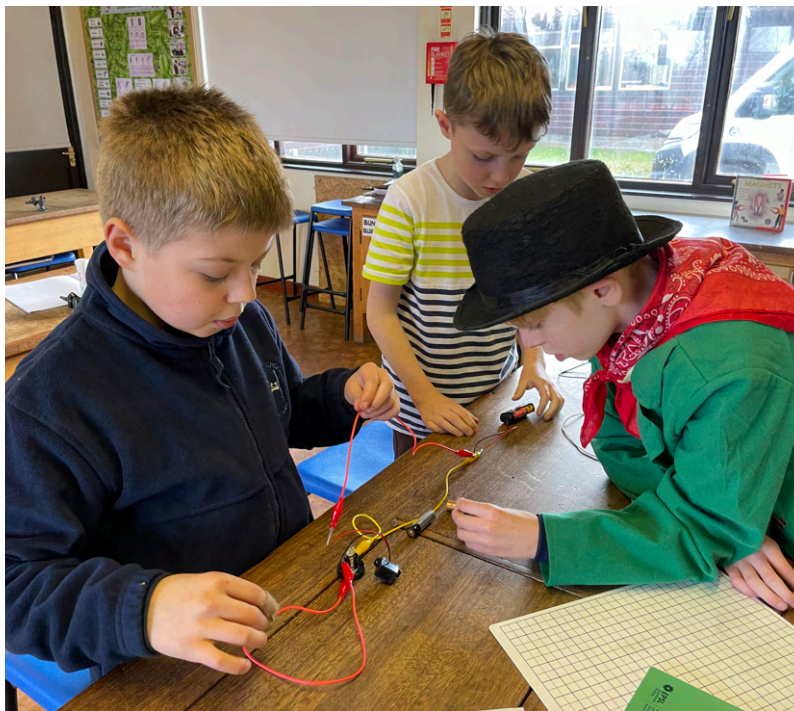


In science this week, our two dragons were arguing over which ball was the bounciest! We tried to help them by testing the balls to see which bounced the highest.

We discovered that the tennis ball was the bounciest and the hockey ball was the least bouncy.

- Mrs Solomon





Year Four began an exploration into the world of electricity this week. They discovered that scientists use a range of symbols to represent the components of a circuit and once they had deciphered these, they were able to build their own circuits from diagrams that were presented to them. There was great excitement as each circuit was completed and the lightbulb shone or the buzzer buzzed. Well done, Year Four.

- Mrs McCarthy







This week, the Reception children joined Year Six for story time to celebrate World Book Day. They had so much fun exploring lots of books together!

- Mrs Sonn and Miss Doughty











# House Drama Competition - Results



## Orwell

### Rama and Sita

Congratulations to our winners, Orwell, for their captivating production which included an exciting battle scene.

## Waveney

### The Elves and the Shoemaker

Waveney entertained us with some wonderful singing, acting and narration in their performance inspired by the Grimm brothers.



## Yare

### How Anansi got his Stories

Yare's visual feast with some splendid costumes and articulate narration excited our audience.

## Deben

### The Tale of El Capitan

Deben's well-rehearsed performance of their tale included some superb acting with plenty of action, much to the delight of our audience.







# 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: Ayla  
Year One: Cody  
Year Two: Izaak

Year Three: Lexi  
Year Four: Jayden  
Year Six: Adam





WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

2 MARCH 2023



Scrooge



Georgia O'Keefe



Wizard from Hogwarts



Ninja Cat



Dragon



Gruffalo





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Captain Underpants



Thing 1 and Thing 2



Heidi



Fantastic Mr Fox



Elsa



Snow White





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Edie and the Box of  
Flits



Alice and Dorothy



Artful Dodger



Zoe - Zoe's Rescue Zoo



Biff



The Gruffalo





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Elsa



Veruca Salt, Willy Wonka  
and Oompa Loompa



Ash - Pokemon



Zero - Holes



Fairytale Hairdresser



Highway Rat



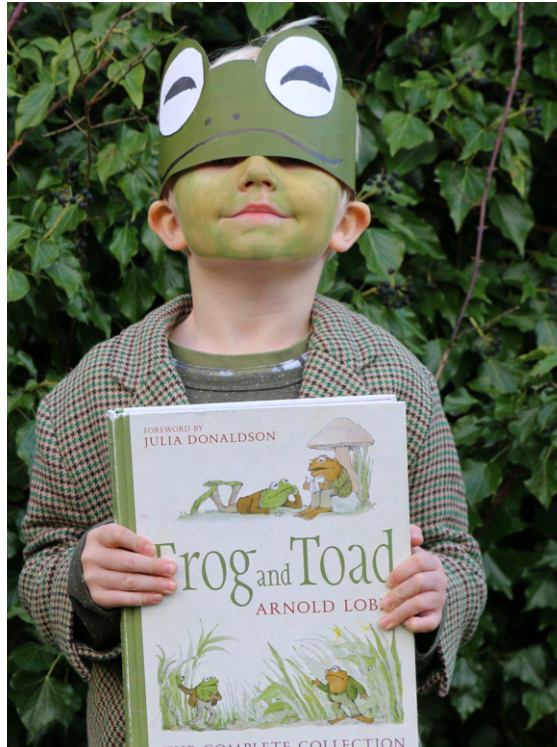


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Wednesday Addams



Frog - Frog and Toad



Fireman Sam



Peter Rabbit



Annie



Singing Beautiful





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Dinosaur



Rainbow Fairy



Hermione



Huckleberry Finn



Janet and Bill -  
The Smets and the Smoos



Pirate - Peter Pan





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Cruella de Vil



Matilda



Minecraft Man



Wednesday Addams



Fireman Sam



Freddie's Impossible  
Dream





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Alice in Wonderland



Bad Dad



Gigantosaurus



The Tiger Who Came  
to Tea



Anna



The Boy at the Back of  
the Class





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DAY**

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Mary Poppins



Room on the Broom



Harry and His Bucket  
Full of Dinosaurs



Dorothy



Jeremy Clarkson



Snow White





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Mr Spencer as Lee Scoresby, a hot-air balloon aeronaut with his 'daemon' Hester, from 'His Dark Materials' trilogy, by Philip Pullman.

## Achievements



Well done to Cody who was awarded his bronze A1 certificate this week!

A well deserved A1 for Betsie who has been researching facts on Coco Chanel for her French project. Bravo!

- Madame Dakin







## School Notices



### Singing in Beccles

On Monday afternoon, Year Two to Year Six will be singing for the residents at The White House Care Home in Beccles.

### 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!

### 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

## Uniform Swap Shop

We will be holding a 'Uniform Swap Shop' in the school hall, next **Thursday 9th March from 3.30pm**. Please bring along any used uniform which you would like to swap for other second hand uniform, or donate to the 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.

Further details coming soon!





# Henstead Open School

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Parents and Family are invited to join us  
to experience the magic of a school day  
at Henstead.

Between the times of:

9:30am - 11:30am & 1:30pm - 3:30pm

NO BOOKING NECESSARY





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