



THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



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Welcome back to school everyone - boys, girls, parents, grandparents and friends. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back into school this week, with bright eyes and bushy tails!

The Summer Term promises to be a busy one with a multitude of events, trips and learning opportunities for all.

Please remember to check emails and newsletters for details and updates.

- Miss M J Clifton



Key Dates:

Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th April - Illustration workshops with Polly Dunbar

Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday (school will be closed)

Friday 5th May - The Henstead Hike

Monday 8th May - Bank Holiday (school will be closed)

Tuesday 20th June - Concert by pupils of Mrs Lincoln
(Singing and Piano)

Tuesday 27th June - Concert by pupils of Miss Bullen
(Violin and Guitar)

Friday 23rd June - Sports Day

Monday 3rd July - EYFS Concert

Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th July - Summer Show

Friday 7th July - Speech Day



The children in Reception have been busy learning about natural art. They set off around the school grounds to collect their 'nature treasures' before heading back inside to create mandala-esque natural designs and patterns with sticks, stones, leaves and flowers! Excellent art and creative thinking!

- Miss Doughty





In Year Two, we started a new science topic on plants. We looked at different seeds and how they are dispersed. Some fall from the plant into the ground nearby, whilst others are carried or blown away by the wind. We had great fun looking for dandelions around the school field, both those in flower and those that had turned to seed. We used the iPads to take some close up photos of them, before examining them more closely. We also pretended to be a dandelion seed blowing about in the wind! We then made our own dandelion plants (that had turned to seed) from clay, straws and ear buds!

- Mrs Solomon



Creativity and exploration were omnipresent in Year Four's art lesson this week. Studying the pattern, texture and colouring of seashells, the children used a variety of artistic options to highlight and recreate their observations.

- Mr Hunt





Junior Photography Club

The Junior Photography Club has got off to a great start this week with the children taking photos of the areas of the school that make them feel happiest! I was impressed with how they thought about composition and angles and captured the school in a fantastic new light. We celebrated by taking our first ever 'club selfie'!





Pony Club

We were very excited for our first session at Pony Club! This week, children each had a riding lesson, along with working towards a Pony Club badge.

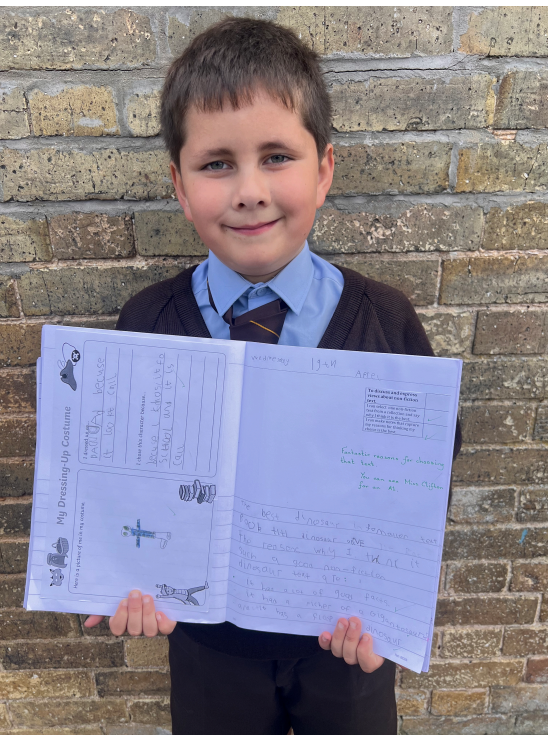




Achievements



Well done to Betsie, Olivia, Eddie, Sonny and Saffie who were awarded their Bronze and Silver certificates this week.



Well done, Carter, a well deserved A1.

Show & Tell



Thank you Cody and Margot for sharing with us your wonderful creations - Mr Alien and some pretty pressed flowers.



School Mascots



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

Reception: Grayson

Year One: Teddy

Year Two: Izaak

Year Three: Sonny

Year Four: Louis

Year Six: Edward



School Notices



The Great Book Exchange

We are organising a book swap. 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.

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.





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QUIZ NIGHT



Friday 19th May

6.30pm, for 7.00pm start

Teams of 6 people (fill a table, or let us make up a team for you!)

£5.50 per ticket (adults)

Children are welcome to come along (Reception to Year Six) for a PJ party, with a movie and board games!

Book your tickets online:

<https://ticketlab.co.uk/event/id/15925#/>





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