



THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



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As the rain fell a week ago, a multitude of tired but victorious pupils returned wearily to school having risen to a mammoth challenge, completing the Henstead Hike, with a smile. Without exception I congratulate them all, each having given their very best to conquer. Be proud boys and girls – you demonstrated every one of our school values – confidence, resilience, empathy, adventure, teamwork and excellence.

A massive thank you to all who so generously sponsored the boys and girls, thus enabling Elsa and Anna to climb the mountain and reach the clouds. Our final total, an amazing £961! Well done and thank you.

- Miss Clifton



Key Dates:

Wednesday 17th May - Nursery visit to the Sealife Centre

Thursday 18th May - Grandparents Day

Friday 19th May - Non-Uniform Day

Friday 19th May - PTFA Quiz Night

Sunday 21st - 26th May - Year 6 Trip to Wales

Monday 29th to Friday 2nd June - Half-term Holiday

Saturday 10th June - School Open Morning

Thursday 15th June - Year 3 and 4 trip to Go Ape and Thetford Forest

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

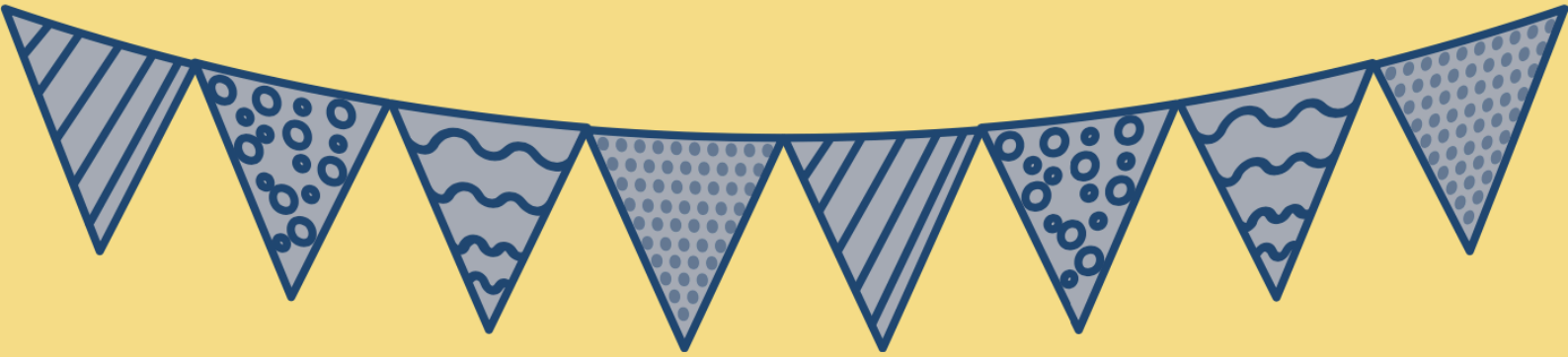
Tuesday 27th June - Concert by pupils of Miss Bullen
(Violin and Guitar)

Friday 23rd June - Sports Day and Summer Fete

Monday 3rd July - EYFS Concert

Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th July - Summer Show

Friday 7th July - Speech Day



WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO
JOIN US FOR

GRANDPARENTS DAY

THURSDAY 18TH MAY
8:45 - 10:50AM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ASSEMBLY, A
TEA PARTY, SOME STORIES AND A
PORTRAIT SESSION.



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Last week, Reception went coronation crazy, learning lots about King Charles and the importance of his coronation day. The children were busy making crowns, putting their fine-motor skills to the test and discussing all things Coronation as we explore! We even learnt about the special 'jewels' our new king would have with him on the day of the coronation. Great learning, Reception!

- Miss Doughty

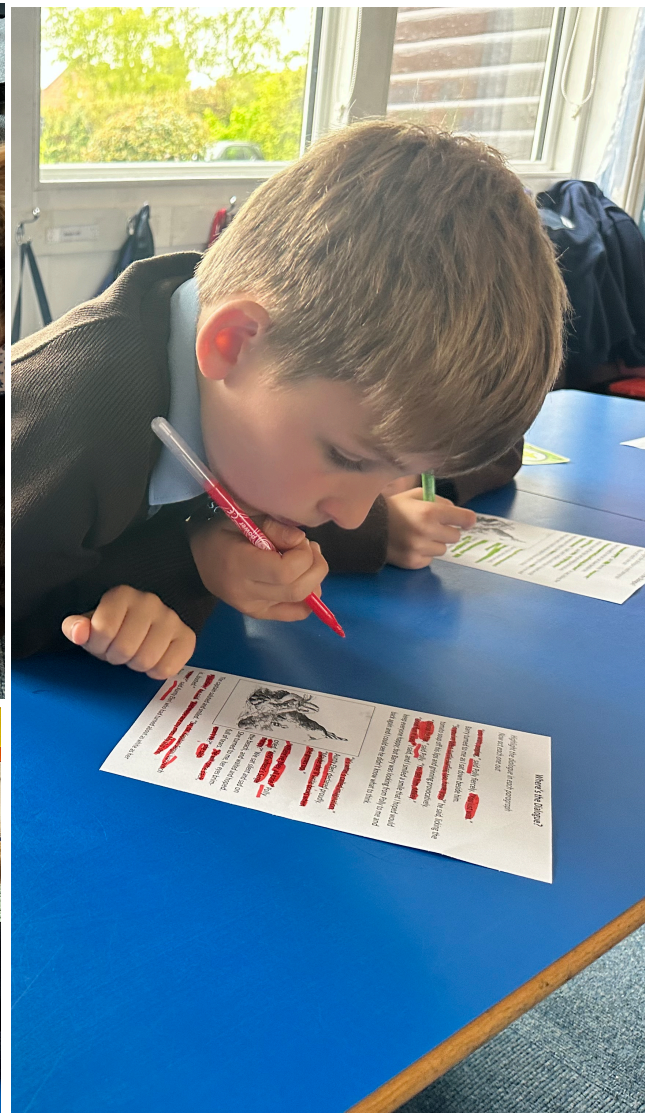
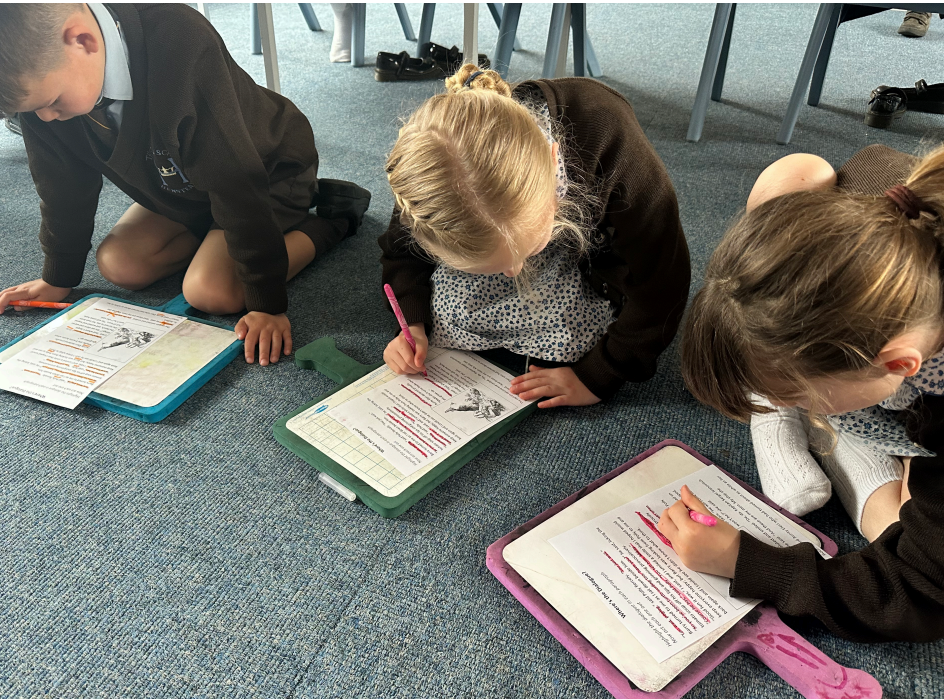




Year Two have thoroughly enjoyed looking at flowers, identifying the various parts of the plant. We looked closely at daffodils to find the stamen and stigma, as well as looking at the colour of the petals and why they have such bright colours. We found out some amazing facts too, like: bees like purple flowers best as they have more nectar in them than other coloured flowers. Bees also leave a smell behind after visiting the flower to let other bees know that the nectar is all gone!

- Mrs Solomon





This week Year Three have been exploring ‘The Sandman and the Turtles’ by Michael Morpurgo. The pupils were particularly hooked by the fantasy of the story – Who was the Sandman and why was he made of sand? Using speech marks, the pupils created their own conversation with the Sandman. They weren’t allowed to use ‘said’ in their reporting clause so we had some really creative verbs such as queried, signed and exclaimed.

- Miss Bennie



Roarr Dinosaur Park

In a secluded corner of Norfolk, tucked away behind tall trees lies a land that time forgot.

Our trepid explorers from Years One and Six were excited and ready for anything! They unearthed Dino bones, escaped Jurassic World and were fearless in the Dinomite play area. Although we didn't manage to soak up any sunshine, that didn't stop our enthusiastic and adventurous bunch getting even wetter in the Splash Zone!

A roarsome time was had by all.

- Mrs Dakin and Mrs Sonn





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Pony Club





School Mascots

Well done to all of our mascot winners this week!

Reception: Arthur

Year One: Anna

Year Two: Edie

Year Three: Olivia

Year Four: Emily

Year Six: Isabella

Achievements



Congratulations to Lexi for winning 3rd place in a baking completion for the King's Coronation!

Another wonderful creation from Cody - 'Froggy', made from air drying clay! Well done, Cody.





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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#/>





School Notices

Non Uniform Day

Friday 19th May will be a non-uniform day for Mental Health Awareness Week, so pupils may come into school in their home clothes.

Please could the children each bring a pound to contribute towards the local mental health and wellbeing charity, Ormiston Families.



Open Morning

Our next Open Morning will be on Saturday 10th June. Children will need to arrive at school for 9.45am.

Open Morning will finish at 12pm.

We welcome you all to come and join us.



Nursery Expansion

Some exciting news, our Early Years department is expanding! Due to increasing pupil numbers, we will be expanding our Early Years learning space over the course of the summer holidays. The plan is to include a new walkway and garden entrance to the current Year 2 classroom, expanding our learning spaces for our Early Years children. The new Reception cohort will use this as their classroom for phonics, maths and other more formal carpet sessions, providing the nursery children with 2 learning spaces for their own taught sessions.

We are pleased to report our continuous provision set-up has been kindly celebrated by a number of visiting experts and professionals, providing children with an excellent, child-led approach to independent exploration and learning through play. All Early Years children will have access to this space to continue reinforcing and developing all areas of learning within the Early Years curriculum, with the added bonus of now being able to provide three spaces for taught sessions.

The Year Two classroom will be moving into the next block, currently used as our learning support classroom.

We look forward to sharing our new space with you in September. - Miss Doughty

The Great Book Exchange

Take, Read, Love, Leave!



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.

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!



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