



THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



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Happy Henstead Half Term!

This half term has flown by and the final very busy half term of the year is peeping over the horizon.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who make every day at Henstead a special day - to our parents, grandparents, children and staff, my sincerest thanks. Working together, we make a great team, striving to ensure the best possible school experience for your children.

I wish you all a restful half term break.

- Miss Clifton



Key Dates:

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

Thursday 8th June - Year Two trip to Thrigby Hall

Saturday 10th June - School Open Morning

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

Thursday 15th June - Year 4 and 6 Camp Night

Friday 16th June - Reception trip to Bewilderwood

**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

Monday 10th July to Friday 14th July - Holiday Club



The children have been learning all about bees this week and how much they do for us! They were lucky enough to investigate a frame of honeycomb from a real bee hive (thank you Mrs Webster!) and even try some of the honeycomb, a very exciting science session! To say thank you to the bees, we've also been taking part in No Mow May and have spotted lots of exciting flowers growing around the nursery garden and school fields!

- Miss Doughty



Year one have been looking at o'clock and half past times in Numeracy this week. The children worked in pairs to show and say either an o'clock time or half past time. They had to think carefully about whether the hour or minute hand should point to the 12 or the 6. Next they had to switch their digital brains on and write the digital times underneath. Quite a tricky concept! We have also recorded different o'clock and half past times in our books putting them in the correct time order.



- Mrs Dakin



In preparation for our assembly next half of term, Year Three have been exploring the oceans and pollution. After reading Dolphin Boy the pupils expressed a real interest in the sea and how we use it. This week we have been learning all about the 5 oceans. The pupils were amazed to hear that over 70% of our planet is covered in water and that we know more about the moon than we do our own oceans! To follow this up the children explored plastic pollution and how we could help. The pupils have written a letter to Ms Clifton expressing their concern about plastic use in the school and how they would like to help.

- Miss Bennie





Year Six has had an incredible residential in Wales, enjoying every moment of the week, and all under clear blue skies and warm spring sunshine.

We began the week gorge scrambling in the Afon Dhu valley.





On day two we made the ascent to the summit of majestic Mount Snowdon, followed by a dip in the cool clear waters of Llyn Padarn.





The next day found us climbing Lion Rock in the morning and messing about on the water on paddle boards in the afternoon. After dinner we visited Caernarfon castle and then tried out hands at geocaching.





On Thursday we descended deep into an old slate mine and discovered that young children would once have worked down there in very dangerous conditions. Food for thought.





As I write, we are on our way home. Looking back on the week, I can see that our boys and girls have embraced the considerable challenges they have faced, demonstrating all of our school values, in particular resilience, self-confidence and the spirit of adventure. They are definitely standing taller, and rightly so. It has also been heartwarming to observe the deepening of friendships between them. We are enormously proud of them all.

Thank you to our superb instructor Sophie, from Arete Outdoor Centre, and thank you Cymru, for being so kind to us. It's been an unforgettable trip.

- Mr Hunter, Mrs Sonn and Year 6





School Mascots

Well done to all of our mascot winners this week!

Achievements

Well Done to Edie, Emily and Lexi who received their silver certificates this week.



Thank you Cody, Aurora, Margot and Rose for sharing with us your wonderful creations!





Photography Clubs

We have been exploring 'Studio Photography' this week in our photography clubs. We learnt how to set up a studio with a backdrop and lights and even had a go using a big camera and tripod to take photos of our friends' modelling. The Senior Photography club also took turns using a DSLR and learning about zoom, focus and framing using the viewfinder.



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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