



THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



School Newsletter
Autumn Term
13th October 2023



THE BIG MOVE

Development news – we are extending our library and learning support provision.

I will be moving from my room to the Uniform Shop and the Uniform Shop will move to a former music practice room. The library will move to my old office and be developed as a learning space for all to access.

The chalet will become a dedicated Learning Support, Nurture and Sensory space. Exciting times ahead as we plan and action our vision for the school.

- Miss Clifton



Key Dates:

Monday 16th October - Year 2 & 3 Trip to Africa Alive

Thursday 19th October - Bonfire & Firework Night

Friday 20th October - Open Morning

Monday 23rd October to Friday 3rd November - Half Term

Thursday 9th November - Remembrance Service at St Mary's, Henstead

Monday 13th - Friday 17th November - Book Fair

Thursday 16th November - Senior Choir singing in Beccles for Children in Need

Friday 17th November - Non-uniform for Children in Need

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd December - Christmas Holiday Club

Full details regarding each of these events will be provided nearer the time and more dates will be added weekly.



Nursery

We have had a very exciting update in the Nursery garden - a new and improved mud kitchen, which has been extremely popular with the children in Nursery and Reception all week. They have been developing sensory, emotional and imaginative play as well as maths, science and speaking skills, while working in this area. I can't wait to see what delicious treats are prepared in the future! Thank you, Mr Hunter for building this wonderful new space.

- Mrs Braidwood





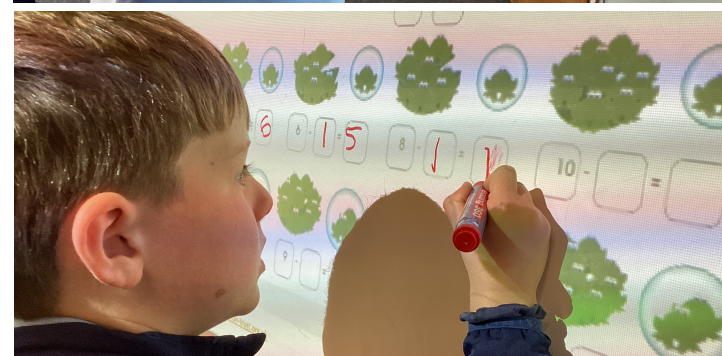
Year One

Year One have been practising their spellings each day on the classroom whiteboard. They have thought carefully about the sounds they can hear in each word and how many letters that equates to. Daily practise has really paid off as all the children have had full marks so far!

We have moved onto subtraction in maths. We started this topic by counting frogs on a lily pad, next counted how many jumped into the pond and finally counted how many were left. We used our fingers to help. We have also counted towers of bricks, taken away a number and written our own subtraction sentence to match.

Super work everyone!

- Mrs Dakin





Year Three

Year Three have been investigating the Vikings in Humanities. This week we explored Viking warriors and how they lived. We were surprised to learn that women were able to fight! We created these shields similar to how they may have been made back in time!

- Miss Bennie





Year Five



We have been inspired by our class reading book, *The Iron Man*, to create our very own iron giant. He is made from lots of recycled materials, is covered in foil and stands at 6ft tall. If you glance at him out of the corner of your eye, you might just think he's the real thing!

- Mrs Sonn



Lunch Menu - w/c 16th October

MONDAY	Chicken Kebabs in Flatbread and Salad Bar (A,b,d,g,i,n)
TUESDAY	Spaghetti and Meatballs served with Mozzarella Focaccia and Salad Bar (A,b,d,g,i)
WEDNESDAY	Pork and Apple Burger, served with Herby Diced Potatoes & Salad Bar (A,b,d,g,i)
THURSDAY	Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes, Served with Seasonal Vegetables (A,b,d,g,i)
FRIDAY	Fish Cakes served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans and Salad Bar (A,b,d,e,g,i,n)

Daily - Selection of Fresh Fruit, Yoghurts, Cheese and
Biscuits with a Sweet Treat on a Friday ^(g,b)

Alternatives for vegetarian, vegans and food intolerances.

(a=celery, b=gluten, c=crustaceans, d=eggs, e=fish, f=lupin, g=milk, h=molluscs,
i=mustard, j=nuts, k=peanuts, l=sesame seeds, m=soya, n=sulphur dioxide)



School Mascots

Mascots were awarded this week and last to the pupils best demonstrating our school values for this half term: confidence and creativity.

Well done to all of our mascot winners from this week:

Reception - Robert

Year One - Ayla

Year Two - Anna

Year Three - Jonah

Year Four - Eddie

Year Five - Louis





Here is Year Three with their Viking Longships, after receiving well deserved A1 awards.

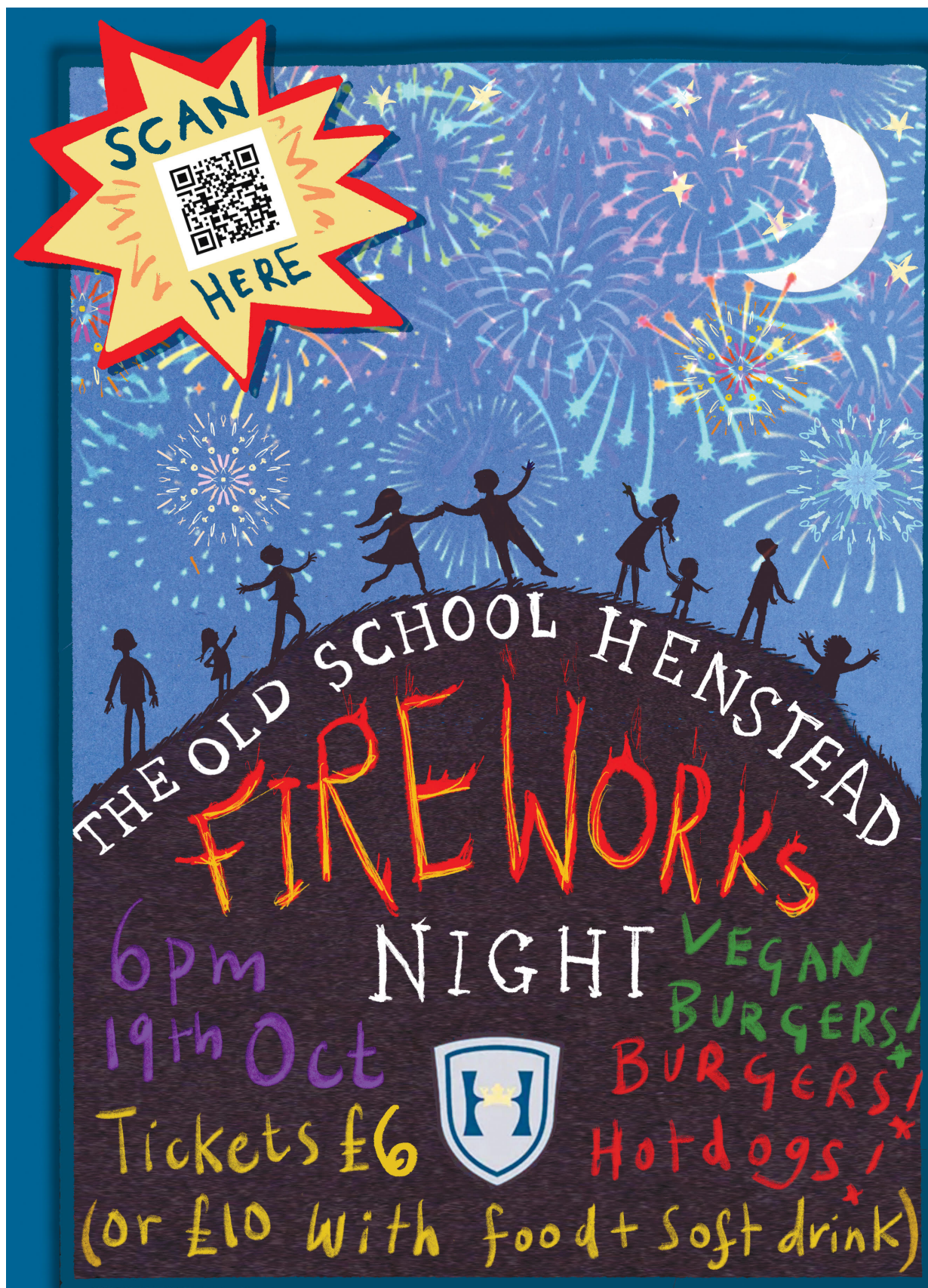
The pupils are looking forward to showing everybody these in their upcoming class assembly.



Reminder to book your tickets ready for
Firework Night, next Thursday 19th October.

Link to buy tickets -

<https://ticketlab.co.uk/series/id/1091#/>



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School Notices

PIANO & ORGAN - Looking for a new home!

In order to make room for our 'big move' we are offering the following on a first come, first served basis for a small donation. Please email the office if you are interested.



Christmas Holiday Club

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Our Christmas Holiday Club will be 18th - 22nd December. More details and booking info coming soon.

New Coats & Games Kit

We have samples of sizes in the Uniform Shop, should you wish to try for size before ordering online.

<https://screensschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/primary-schools/primary-schools-the-old-school-henstead/>





Join us for our

Open Morning

Friday 20th October
9am - 12pm



Achievements

Well Done, Olivia for completing her first Children's Park Run on Sunday.

Olivia came 4th in the girls, and 2nd in her age group with a time of 11:54. What a fantastic achievement!





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