



# THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



School Newsletter  
Autumn Term  
10th November 2023



A warm welcome back to every member of the The Old School Henstead family. What a delight it was on Monday morning to greet an array of smiling faces and to hear the children as they busily caught up with their classmates after the break. New to the school, we welcome Mrs Pakenham and Miss Coote as they begin their own Henstead journey.

Thank you to all those who attended our Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church and well done to all our boys and girls who sang so beautifully, read confidently and observed the one minute silence impeccably. An exciting half term ahead awaits us!

- Miss Clifton





## Key Dates:

**Monday 13th - Friday 17th November - Book Fair**

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

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

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**Wednesday 22nd November - Year 4&5 Trip to Time and Tide Museum**

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**Thursday 7th December - Christmas Disco**

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**Friday 8th December - Christmas Fair 3.30pm - 5.00pm**

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**Tuesday 12th December - EYFS Nativity (N&R)**

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**Wednesday 13th December - School Nativity (Y1,2,3)**

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**Thursday 14th December - Carol Service**

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

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**Monday 8th January - Spring Term Starts**

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**Monday 22nd January - School Photographs**

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





Reception enjoying their art lesson today, exploring dinosaurs and painting their own Triceratops.







## Year Three

This week in Year Three the pupils have been exploring Viking jewellery as part of our humanities topic. We learnt that the Vikings preferred to use silver for their jewellery because they would also be able to use it as money. They often wore Norse symbols on their pieces to provide protection and blessings from the Gods. Here we have made some tortoise brooches.

- Miss Bennie







Our Nursery children had great fun helping the dinosaurs escape the ice!







## Children in Need

Next Friday, 17th November, children may come to school in **non-uniform** for a donation to Children In Need.

Next Thursday, 16th November, our Senior Choir (Years 3,4 & 5) will be singing in Beccles Market Square from 10am - 11am, raising money for Children In Need. Please feel free to come along and support us!

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**CHILDREN**  
**IN NEED**



## Uniform Shop



Our Uniform Shop has now moved home, and is situated beside the science and art room. It will be open on Thursdays from 3.30pm. If you require uniform more urgently, please contact the office.

Sports tracksuits, swimming costumes and coats can be purchased online at Screens.

[Screens Online Shop](#)



## U9s and U11s Cross Country

The boys and girls who took part in a boggy cross country on Thursday excelled themselves. The under 9 teams ran 900m in a figure of eight around two fields, with muddy corners and fierce competition.

Up first were the girls. Setting a fast pace throughout the race they found themselves near the front. Betsie finished 3rd, Saffie 4th, Aurora 5th and Olivia 20th, giving them a 1st place finish in the team event.

The boys were up next. Max ran a super race, timing his speed to perfection to take the lead at the second to last corner and winning the race, followed by Jonah in 6th and Izaak in 18th place. Even with a non runner the boys finished a fantastic 3rd in the team event.







The under 11s found themselves running the same course as the under 9s but twice round. Layla and Lexi did not disappoint, managing to maintain a constant speed and not stopping for the entire race. Layla came home in 3rd place and Lexi 10th - the girls managed to finish 5th overall.

Last up after a long wait were the under 11 boys, raring to go. Louis managed to finish 4th, Jayden, 6th and James 17th, giving them an overall finish of 3rd.

As a school overall the boys and girls finished 3rd out of 10 teams., They were a credit to the school both in their racing, showing resilience and determination and their support of team mates. Most runners were running in an older age group and finished high up in these races. Well done team Henstead!







# Solar System

The Year 4 and 5 pupils have made these incredible solar system models to complement this half-term's science topic of Earth and space. I am amazed at the creativity and work which has gone into each and every one of them and congratulate the boys and girls on their marvellous astronomical constructions. Well done!

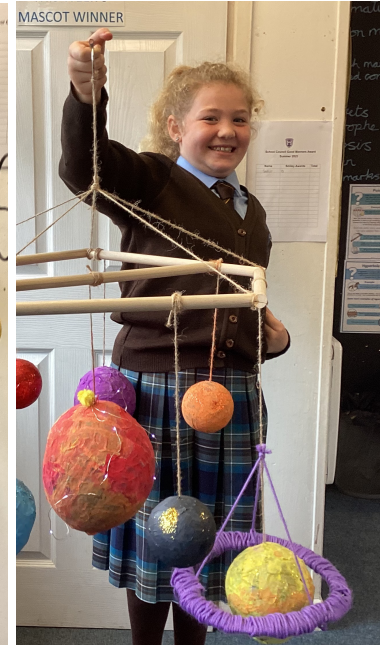
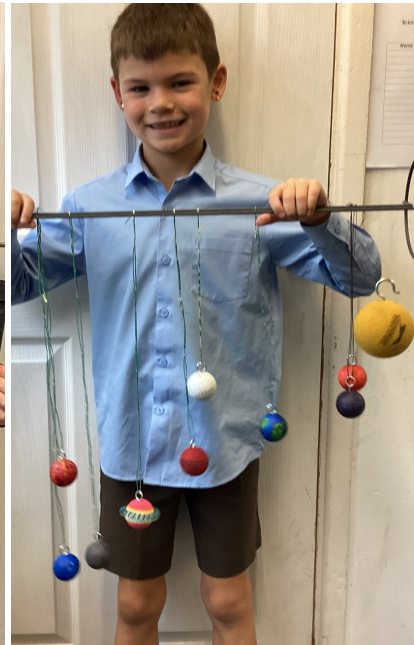
- Mrs Sonn







# Solar System







# The Hub

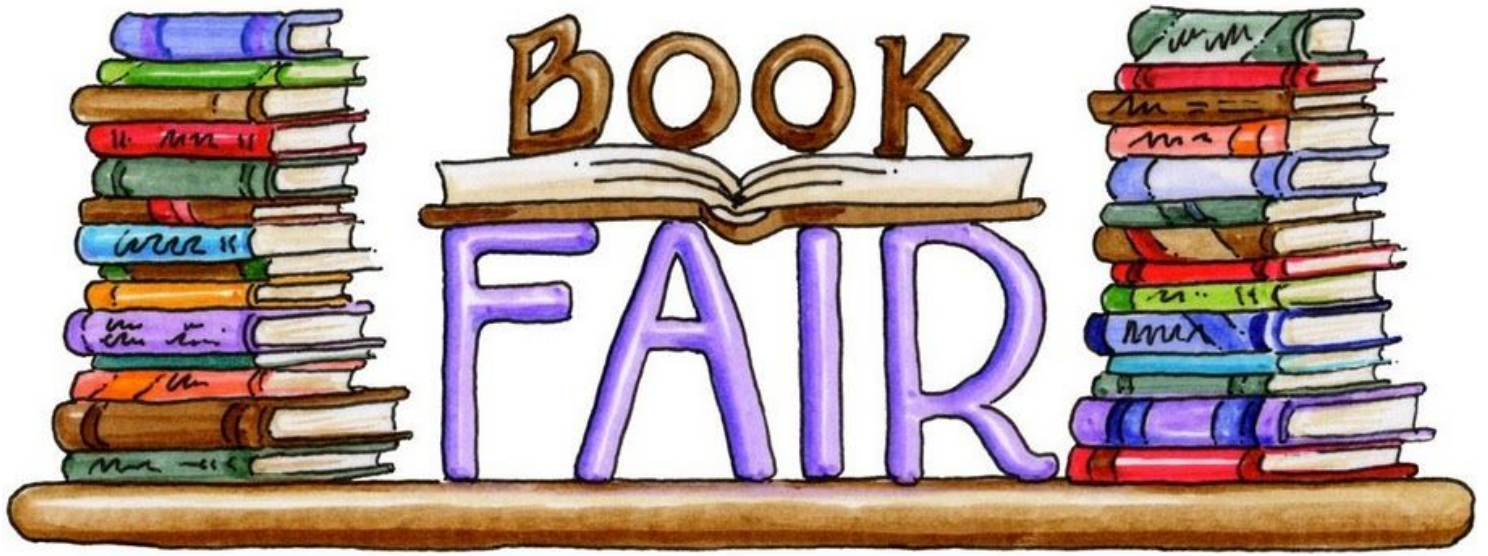
Thank you to the PTFA for donating £500 towards “**The Hub**” - Our new library, which will also be home to our Breakfast Club, Prep and Homework Club.

The money has been used to purchase a TV for the room, beanbags, some new reading books and other resources.

Thank you to the PTFA for the donation, and to you all for supporting the PTFA events.







The book fair is back next week for its annual visit. The children are excited about the wonderful stories they will be able to get their hands on and this year, the more money we spend, the more free books the school will receive!

The fair will run from Monday 13th-Friday 17th November and pupils will be able to browse and buy during the school day. If they come to school with money, form tutors will look after it until spending time. The fair will also be open for parents and grandparents to come along after school from Monday to Thursday, between 3.40pm - 5pm.

We look forward to seeing you there.







## Achievements

A1s are awarded from Miss Clifton throughout the year for outstanding achievements.

Bronze certificates are awarded for 5 A1s, Silver for 10 A1s and Gold for 15 A1s.



The first bronze certificates of the term have been awarded this week to the following pupils, Well Done!

Layla - Year 5

Monty - Year 5

Jayden - Year 5

## Christmas Holiday Club

Our Christmas Holiday Club will be Monday 18th to Friday 22nd December, for Children in Reception onwards.

Full details and booking information will be sent next week.







# School Mascots

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

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

Reception - Ella

Year One - Grace

Year Two - Margot

Year Three - Carter

Year Four - Lexi

Year Five - Jayden







## Lunch Menu - w/c 13th November

MONDAY	Spaghetti Bolognaise with Garlic Bread and Salad Bar (A,b,d,g,i)
TUESDAY	Hot Dog with Curly Fries and Salad Bar (A,b,d,g,i,m,n)
WEDNESDAY	Chilli Con Carne, served with Rice and Salad Bar (a,b,d,g,i)
THURSDAY	Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding, Stuffing and Roast Potatoes served with Seasonal Vegetables (a,b,d,g,i)
FRIDAY	Jumbo Fish Fingers 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<sup>(g,b)</sup>

*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)





Thank you,  
Year One for  
some fantastic  
show and tell  
items this  
week!



Emma took part in the ballet  
segment of the dance show 'Who  
We Are', a production from  
Funky Feet Dance School which  
took place at Langley School in  
October. Well Done, Emma.







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