



THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



School Newsletter
Autumn Term
17th November 2023



How lovely it has been to see busy children and happy faces, as well as to witness how all of our children look after the younger ones, reinforcing the sense of family within the school community.

This is a very special term as the children look forward to Christmas, with the preparations for Christmas Nativities and the Carol Service well underway.

Thank you to all the children who joined us for the singing in Beccles to raise money for Children in Need. Thank you also to those parents who came along to support this. It was lovely to hear the children singing so beautifully and enthusiastically!

- Miss Clifton



Key Dates:

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

Thursday 7th December - Christmas Disco

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

Tuesday 12th December - EYFS Nativity (Nursery & Reception), 9am at St Mary's Church, Henstead

Wednesday 13th December - School Nativity (Y 1,2 & 3), 9am at St Mary's Church, Henstead

Thursday 14th December - Carol Service (Y 1-5), 6.30pm at St Mary's Church, Henstead

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

Monday 8th January - Spring Term Starts

Monday 22nd January - School Photographs

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



This week we have been busy raising money for Children in Need.

We raised
£241.30



Well done to our Senior Choir for singing so beautifully in Beccles on Thursday.



Well Done to everyone who came
to school in non-uniform and
crazy hairstyles!



Thank you to everyone for your kind donations.





PTFA

Christmas Competition

category one

Make a Christmas card

category two

**Make a Christmas
decoration**

category three

Write a Christmas poem

Bring your entry (you can enter more than one category) to school on Friday 8th December.

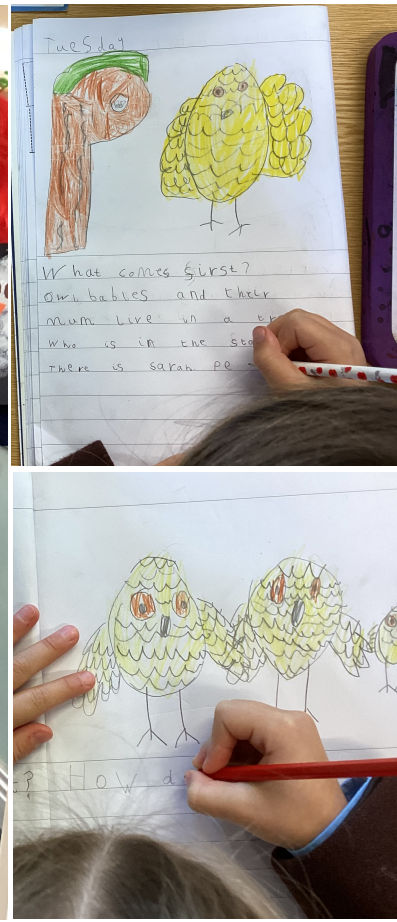
A winner from each category will be announced at the Christmas Fair.

£1.00 per entry





Year One



We have all enjoyed our literacy and art work this week. We used Owl Babies as our basis, thought like an owl, all owls think a lot! The children have completed comprehension work, re-telling the start of the story, stating the main characters and surmising how the story ends.

Sarah, Percy and Bill were recreated using paint and sponges, are the Owl Babies still waiting for their mum I wonder?

Great work everyone.

- Mrs Dakin



Year Two

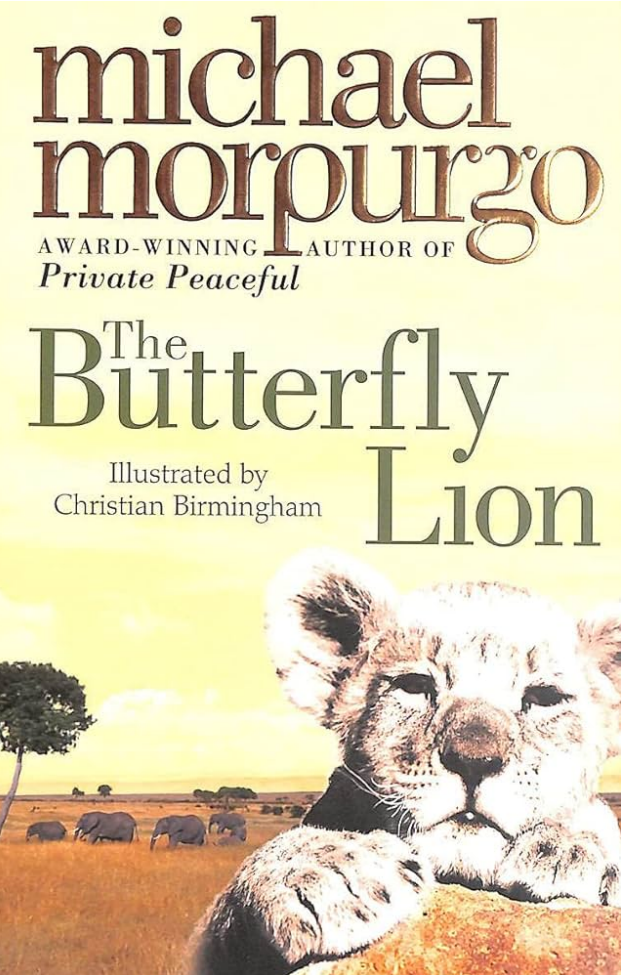


In Humanities we looked at the Maasai Mara in Kenya. We tried a special dance called 'The jumping dance', which is usually only danced by the boys. We also looked at the mud huts that the Maasai people would live in. Using red clay, we tried making our own. Along with this, we looked at the colours and patterns they use on their clothes and jewellery and then created some of our own patterns.

- Mrs Solomon



Year Four



Year 4's current class reading book is *The Butterfly Lion* by Michael Morpurgo. The boys and girls are enjoying hearing about what life was like growing up on the African savannah for the antagonist of this story, Bertie. They are also looking forward to learning about his adventures with a rare and beautiful white lion, which he saves, and how the two become the closest of friends.

Reading books is a great way to practise comprehension skills, as well as being a jumping off point for writing our own adventure stories, as they take us into new, unfamiliar and exciting worlds. As the author Neil Gaiman says, 'A book is a dream that you hold in your hand.'

- Mrs Sonn



Diwali



Ayla celebrated the Hindu festival of Diwali with her family at the weekend.

Year One have coloured in Rangoli patterns and looked at how Hindu families celebrate the Festival of Light.





Our Nursery children have had lots of fun this week, playing and exploring.





Book Fair

There was great delight this week as the travelling book fair opened its doors. Excited pupils were keen to browse the shelves for literary goodies, and it was wonderful to see them chattering happily about their purchases. The pointy sticks also went down well, as they always do!

A big thank you to parents and grandparents for their support. A percentage of the money spent will earn free books for the school and we'll put photos of our new acquisitions in a future newsletter.





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 - Vincent

Year One - Grayson

Year Two - Bethany

Year Three - Sophia

Year Four - Saffie

Year Five - Layla





PTFA Christmas Fair

Our annual PTFA Christmas Fair will be Friday 8th December at 3.30pm. Full details coming soon.

Christmas Hampers

Every year, each class fill a hamper with items of a chosen colour for that year group, to be raffled at the Christmas Fair. The colours this year are as follows. Could you please bring your contribution to the hamper into school by Friday 1st December. Many Thanks, The PTFA.

Nursery - Green
Reception - Silver
Year One - Purple
Year Two - Gold

Year Three - Pink
Year Four - Blue
Year Five - Red

Christmas Disco

Our Christmas Disco will take place after school on Thursday 7th December.

Tickets on sale soon!

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 coming soon.





Lunch Menu - w/c 20th November

MONDAY

Deep Pan Pizza and Salad Bar
(A,b,d,g,i,n)

TUESDAY

Traditional Lasagne and Salad Bar
(A,b,d,g,i)

WEDNESDAY

Chicken Fajitas, served with Vegetable
Rice and Tortilla Chips
(A,b,d,g,i,n)

THURSDAY

Steak Pie served with Roast Potatoes
and Seasonal Vegetables
(a,b,d,g,i)

FRIDAY

Breaded Cod 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)



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