



THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



School Newsletter
Spring Term
26th January 2024



I am never in any doubt that The Old School Henstead is a very special place to be. My belief was even further reinforced this week when I received a delightful letter from the parents of a young man that attended this school more years ago than I care to remember! The letter described how, on occasion, they reminisce on their son's time at Henstead, on his journey. They go on to say that without a moment of hesitation, they will tell anyone that his time at Henstead installed the foundations, the values and work ethics that have brought him great success in adulthood.

As educationists, we are so lucky to have an opportunity to build futures and to you as parents, I say thank you for allowing your child to have the best possible start.

- Miss Clifton



Key Dates:

Friday 9th February - EYFS Stay & Play (1.30pm - 3.00pm)

Friday 16th February - Finborough Cross Country

Monday 19th Feb - Friday 23rd Feb - Half Term

Friday 1st March - PTFA Parents Social 7.30pm

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Friday 15th March - PTFA Family Easter Bingo

Thursday 21st March - Easter Service - St Mary's Henstead

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



sensory play - story time - crafts - characters

Celebrating the work of

JULIA DONALDSON STAY & PLAY

For children aged 3-5



THE OLD SCHOOL
HENSTEAD
FRIDAY 9TH FEB
1:30-3:00pm

MEET
THE
CHARACTERS!



SCAN TO BOOK!
OR CALL 01502 741150

We are excited to announce our **'EYFS Stay and Play'**.

Please could we ask you to share this invite with friends and family who have children aged 3-5 years. Children who attend Nursery, but not normally here on a Friday, please come along and join in too.

[Book your space here!](#)



Reception

A busy week in reception, mastering a range of number skills. Our mini-mathematicians have been working so hard to deepen their understanding of a number of different concepts to do with counting and finding totals of groups. These concepts will help support their calculation skills for the rest of their lives, amazing!

- Miss Doughty





Year Two

This week we have been working hard to learn our times tables. We played a rocket game, trying to land on the answers to fly off to the moon in our rocket. We are getting quicker and quicker with these!

- Mrs Solomon





Year Four and Five

Year Four and Five were set the challenge this week of building a bridge made from straws. The criteria for the build was it had to be structurally strong enough to hold up a weight, and be pleasing on the eye.

The children were given a time limit and free range to come up with ideas.

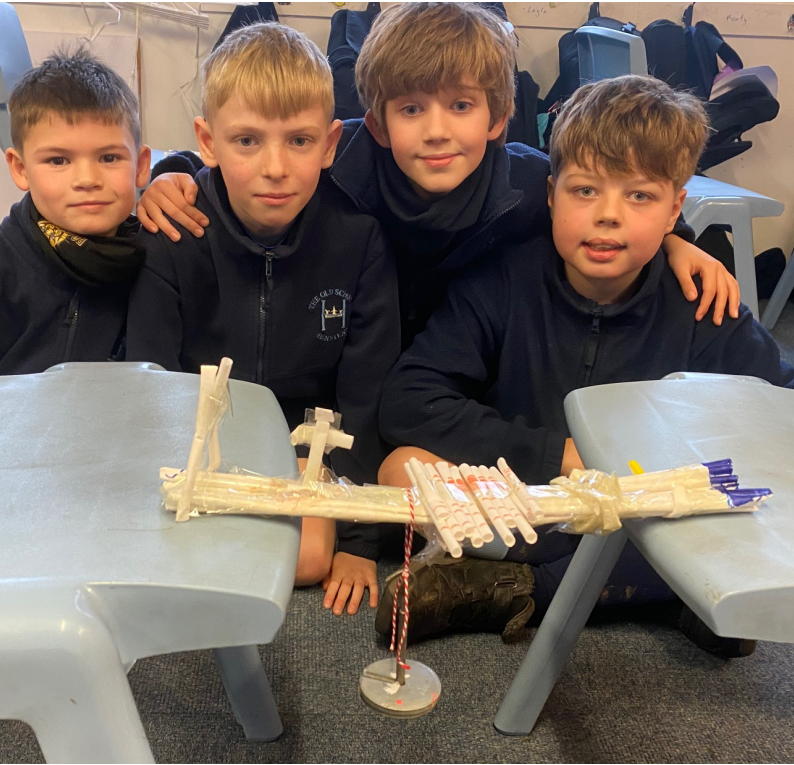
Much fun was had during the competition with Betsie and Minty eventually coming out victorious. Well done, everyone.

- Mr Hunter





Year Four and Five





Learning a Musical Instrument

We are proud of the progress being made by all the pupils having instrumental lessons here at Henstead. The skills developed by learning an instrument open up lots of opportunities for music making, which are both fun and sociable. Learning any instrument can be hard at first and requires patience and perseverance but we are lucky to have specialist teachers to help us with this. The benefits of the skills learnt are there for life. We are looking to continue to develop and extend the range of instruments on offer.

We are looking forward to celebrating what pupils have learnt in mini performances by the guitars next week on 1st Feb, and the violins on 15th Feb during assembly.

If you are interested in exploring these opportunities please email Mrs Pakenham (n.pakenham@theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk).





PTFA Notices

We are pleased to announce our first PTFA event of 2024 - **Parents Social!** We thought this would be a great opportunity for parents to meet outside of school. We would love to see you there.

Another date for the diary is our **Family Easter Bingo** on Friday 15th March - *More details to come nearer the time.*

PTFA

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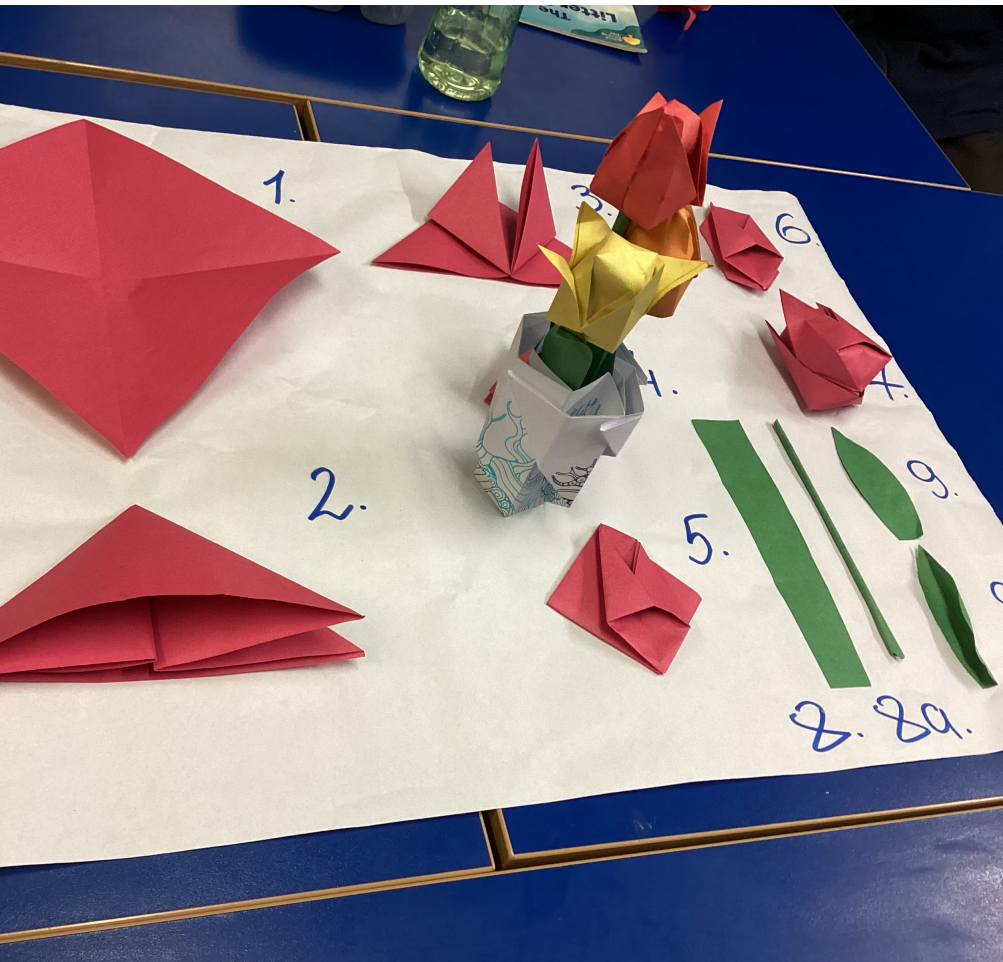
FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2024

7.30PM

**THE PLOUGH INN
WANGFORD, NR34 8AZ**



After School Clubs - Origami





School Mascots

Mascots were awarded this week to the pupils best demonstrating our school values for this half term: Empathy and Experimenting.

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

Reception - Nellie

Year One - Ottilie

Year Two - Orlando

Year Three - Edie

Year Four - Eddie

Year Five - Louis





Lunch Menu - w/c 29th January

MONDAY	Spaghetti Bolognese 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^(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)



Parents Forum Survey

We are very grateful to all the parents who have kindly offered their help in a variety of different ways over the past few months.

We have put together a very quick survey to help find out what resources we have available. There is no obligation to take part, but if you are interested in helping, in any capacity, please take a few minutes to complete this survey:

[Complete Survey Here](#)

Thank you, The Parents Forum





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