

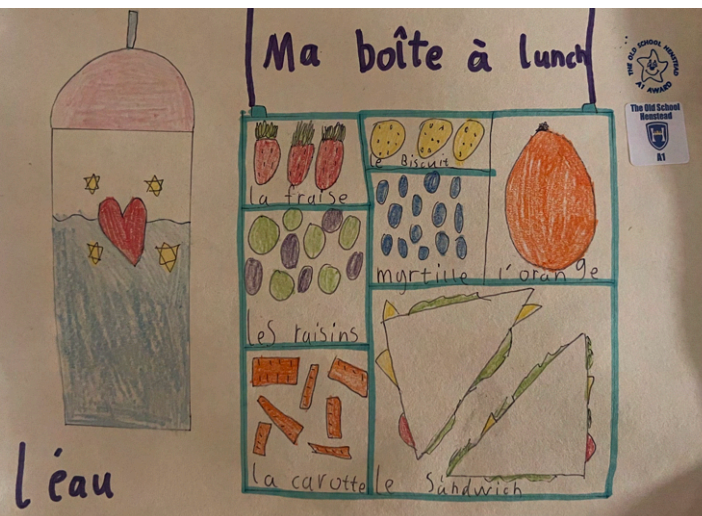


THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



School Newsletter
Spring Term
2nd February 2024



I am always delighted to have visits from highly excited and super proud children to share their outstanding pieces of work and requests for an A1. The excitement level has been raised considerably with the introduction of a brand new A1 metallic sticker - not only a sticker but a special A1 stamper for the children to use too!

Such happiness has been generated from such small change; how important it is for us all to remember that little things can make a massive difference.

- Miss Clifton



Key Dates:

Wednesday 6th February - Y1 Trip to The Elizabethan House

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

Friday 22nd March - Easter Bonnet Parade

Friday 22nd March - Last day of Spring Term

Monday 25th - Thursday 28th March - Easter Holiday Club

Monday 15th April - Summer Term Commences

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

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!](#)



Nursery

Last week we received a generous donation from the University of East Anglia sports department, who have gifted us a range of sports equipment for the whole school. In Early Years, we have been particularly enjoying the sensory balance balls and rollers!

- Mrs Braidwood





Donation from UEA

This week the children have been enjoying the new equipment at break and lunchtimes. Thank you to The UEA Sports Department.





Year One

Our Maths topic of Let's compare length, height and mass started with us comparing our feet sizes. We carefully drew round a friend's foot, cut them out and guessed who would have the biggest feet and who would have the smallest. Would the tallest person have the biggest feet? Would anyone have the same size feet as anyone else?

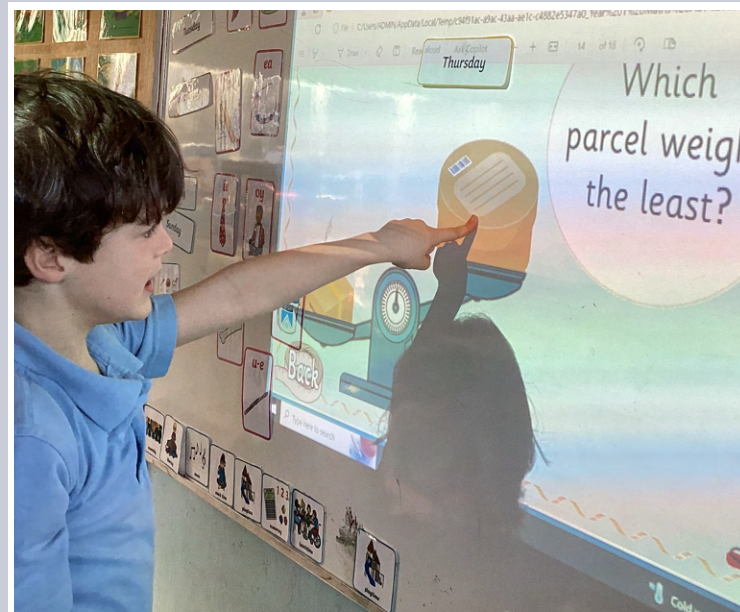




Year One

We also compared our height. Who was the tallest and who was the shortest? Would it all depend on how old you are? Lots of discussion ensued on how height isn't always determined by age. Standing back-to-back helped us to see and confirm our estimations. We used a tape measure to record our individual heights and will see how much we have grown in the summer when we will be measured again. We are also currently exploring weighing. We have used objects in the classroom and balance scales to help us visually see which object is heavier, lighter or weighs the same. Great work everyone!

- Mrs Dakin





Year Three

Year Three have been exploring Lights on Cotton Rock through art this week.

- Miss Bennie

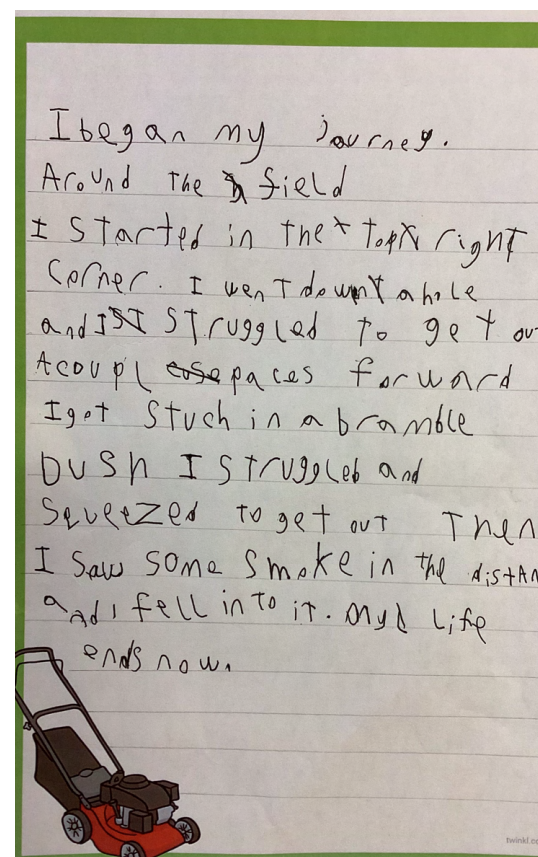
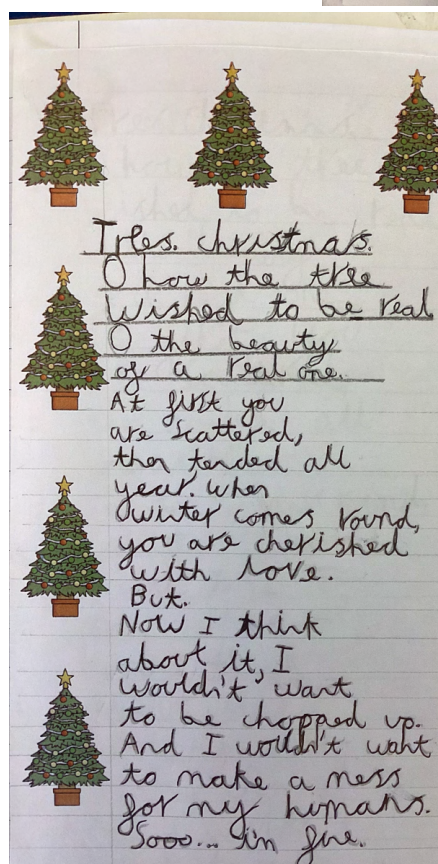
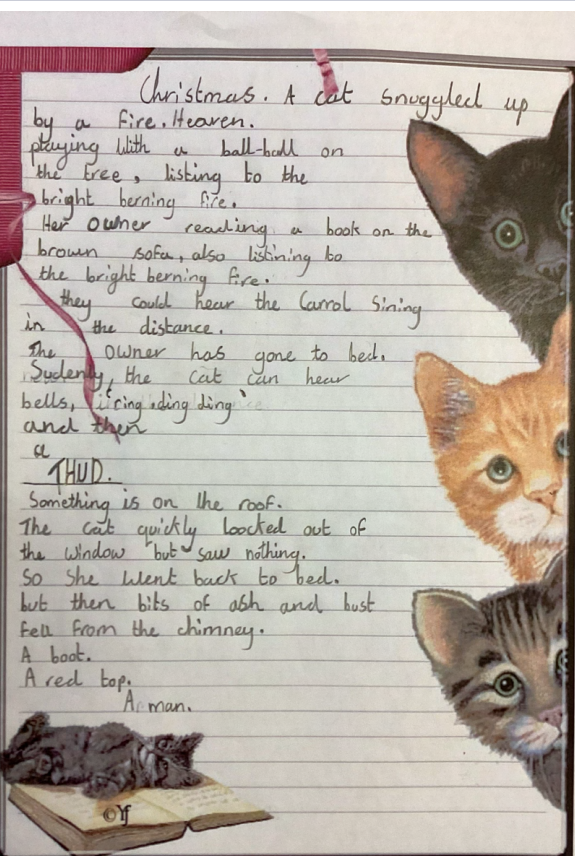
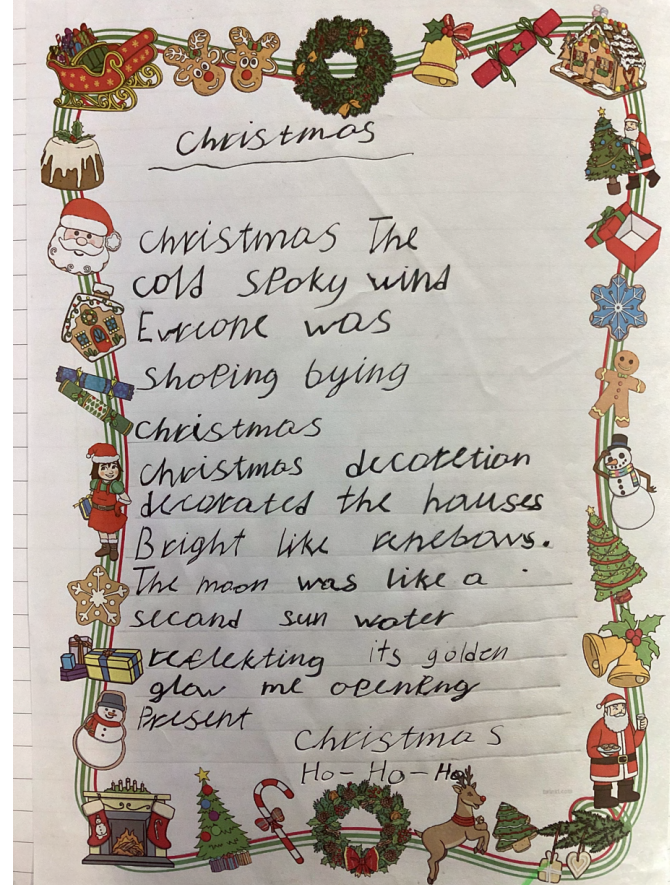




Year Five

As promised before Christmas, here are the excellent narrative poems some Year 5 pupils wrote, based on our class reading book, LOB. They have used carefully chosen vocabulary, rhythm, repetition, rhyme and alliteration to tell some touching and exciting stories.

- Mrs Sonn





Art - Year Four



Year Four have been studying photography in Art this term. This week we were exploring still life photos and thinking about the composition of our images. The class split into two teams to create their still life 'set' with objects from the art room. They then captured unique images using high and low angles before editing in their own personal style!

- Mrs Braidwood





Cookery

This week Years 4 and 5 made jam tarts in cookery class. Did we cheat and buy ready-made pastry? Of course not. The pupils learnt to make their own dough from scratch and it was most impressive to watch them transform flower, butter and water into the bases for their tarts. The verdict on the taste test - a thumbs up from all!

- Mrs Sonn





Year 2 Assembly



On Thursday this week, Year Two led an assembly about The Great Fire of London, and all that they have learnt. Thank you, Year Two.

PTFA

Join us for our first PTFA event of 2024 - **Parents Social!** We thought this would be a great opportunity for parents to meet outside of school!

PTFA

PARENTS SOCIAL

FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2024

7.30PM

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



After School Clubs - First Aid Club



This week in First Aid Club, we had consultant ophthalmologist, Mr Byard visit to help us learn all about eyes and how to look after them. He also showed us what to do if we get something in them! Thank you, Mr Byard.





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 - Albert
Year One - Reuben
Year Two - Bethany

Year Three - Lucy
Year Four - Lexi
Year Five - Alex





Fire Engine Visit

We have had a very exciting afternoon today - Wrentham Fire Station came to visit. We were able to sit in the fire engine, learn about the equipment and shoot water from the hose! Thank you for coming to visit us.





Fire Engine Visit





Photo Frame Request

Do you have any old wooden photo frames at home you no longer use? If so, could we please have them for a school project?

Many Thanks



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
7 MARCH 2024

World Book Day

World Book Day is **Thursday 7th March**.
Children may come to school dressed as their favourite book character!

Easter Bonnet Parade

Our Easter Bonnet Parade will take place on the last day of term, Friday 22nd March. More details coming soon!



Easter Holiday Club

Our Easter Holiday Club this year will be Monday 25th to Thursday 28th March.

More details and booking info coming soon.



Lunch Menu - w/c 5th February

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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