



THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



School Newsletter
Spring Term
9th February 2024



Two wonderful Fridays! How lucky are we? Last week a very special surprise visit from a fire engine - an opportunity to sit in the cab, operate the extending floodlights and even give the minibus a quick hose down! Quite a shock for the birthday pupil when she realised one of the firemen was her dad! May I extend our sincere thanks to the wonderful dad who planned and organised a once in a lifetime opportunity for us all to enjoy and in the words of a stunned pupil, “the best day ever”.

This week a Julia Donaldson themed ‘Stay and Play’. What a fantastic way to share a love of reading and a VIP guest - the Gruffalo! I’m not sure who invited the Gruffalo! Did he have a visitors’ badge on? If not, why not?!

- Miss Clifton



Key Dates:

Thursday 15th February - Violin Performance

Friday 16th February - Finborough Cross Country

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

Wednesday 28th February - Year Four Trip - WW2 Evacuee Experience

Thursday 29th February - Year One Assembly

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.



EYFS Stay & Play

What a wonderful afternoon we had at our EYFS Stay and Play on Friday, with a special visit from the Gruffalo. Thank you to everyone who came along!





EYFS Stay & Play

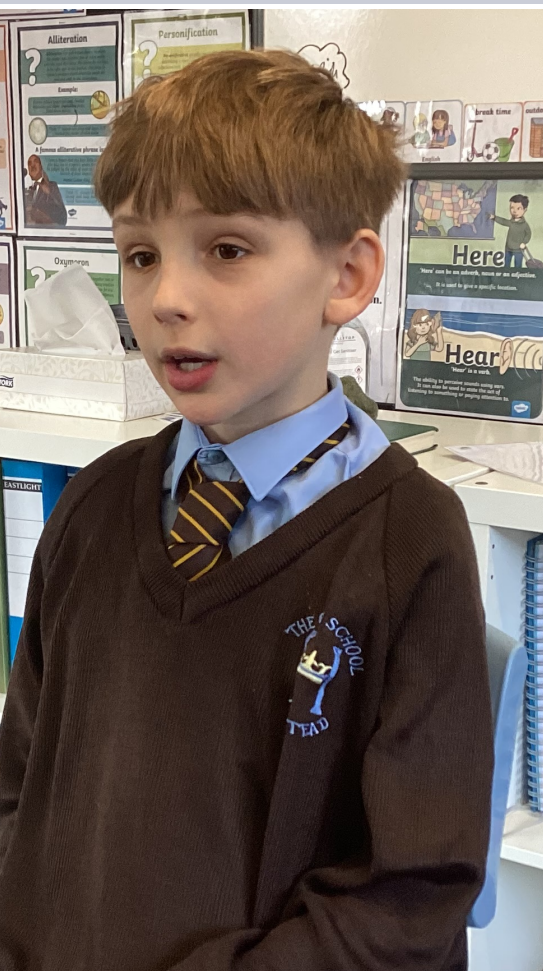




Year Four

This week, Year Four has been exploring what it would have been like to be a child evacuee during World War Two. As part of their studies they have been hot-seating to deepen their understanding of how these children would have felt. It has been quite a revelatory experience and has prepared them well for their diary-writing task next week. Well done on your superb improvisation skills, Year 4.

- Mrs Sonn





Safer Internet Day 2024

This half term, pupils from Years One onwards have been learning all about keeping safe on the internet.

We have spoken about the many different devices and ways we can access the internet, and what we all like to use it for. We then discussed how we could find ourselves in situations that aren't safe for us and worked out ways in which we can SMART to solve the problem.

S is for Safe

M is for Meet

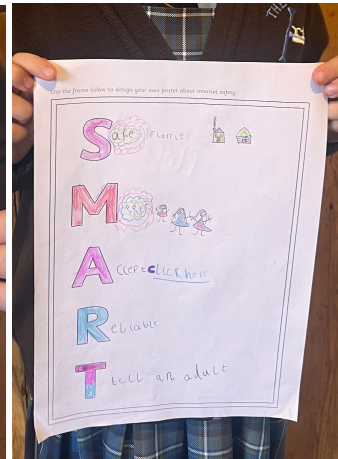
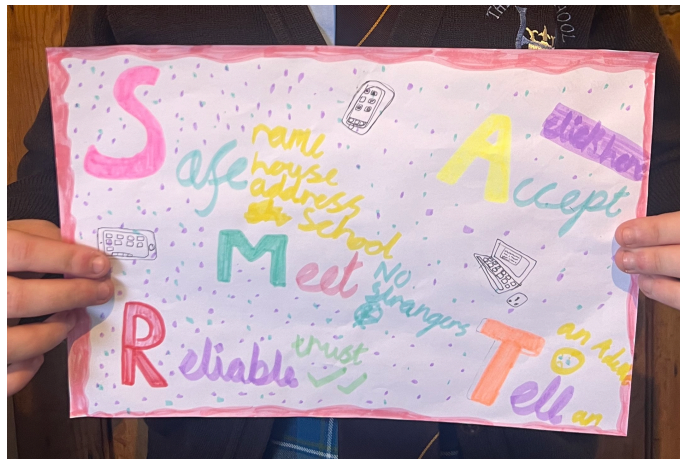
A is for Accept

R is for Reliable

T is for Tell

The boys and girls have really shown an understanding of how to keep safe online, and each designed a poster guiding others how to stay safe online too.

- Mr Hunter





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 - Ella
Year One - Ottilie
Year Two - Rose

Year Three - Izaak
Year Four - Hazel
Year Five - Monty





We have enjoyed meeting our new woolly neighbours this week!





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 12th February

MONDAY	Chicken Kebabs in Flatbread and Salad Bar (A,b,d,g,i)
TUESDAY	Spaghetti and Meatballs served with Mozzarella Focaccia and Salad Bar (A,b,d,g,i,n)
WEDNESDAY	Pork and Apple Burger, served with Herby Diced Potatoes & Salad Bar (A,b,d,g,i)
THURSDAY	Chicken Casserole, 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)



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FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2024

7.30PM

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