



THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



School Newsletter
Summer Term
17th May 2024



During the last few weeks I have undertaken a number of learning walks - short informal visits to each class. In every room I discovered happy learners all giving of their best. How lovely to spend time in classrooms with the children and for them to so confidently invite me to share their learning experiences.

As one grandparent said to me recently: 'School is so different from when I went. We used to sit in rows, in silence'. How times have changed!

- Miss Clifton



Key Dates:

Friday 24th May - Henstead Hike

Monday 27th – 31st May - Half Term

Saturday 8th June - Henstead Half (Adults Hike)

Monday 10th – Wednesday 12th June – Year 5 Residential

Wednesday 19th June - Sports Day & Summer Fair

Thursday 27th June – Year 3 & 4 Trip to Whitlingham

Thursday 27th June – Year 4 & 5 Camp Out

Tuesday 2nd July - EYFS Show & Graduation - 8.50am

Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th July - Summer Show

Friday 5th July - Speech Day and End of Summer Term

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

Our annual **Henstead Hike** will take place next **Friday 24th May**. This year we will be raising funds for our summer show - The Henstead Royal Variety Show.

We will be walking from Oulton Broad, back to The Old School Henstead – a total distance of approximately 10 miles.

As in previous years, children from each year group will join the walk at different meeting points along the way. Full details including where each year group will join have been emailed to all today.

We appreciate your generous support in helping the children reach our fundraising target of £750.

You can sponsor here:



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PRESENTS

**THE HENSTEAD
ROYAL VARIETY**

SHOW

**FEATURING
OUR STARS, THE OLD
SCHOOL HENSTEAD
CHILDREN**

**WEDNESDAY 3RD &
THURSDAY 4TH JULY**

**DOORS OPEN 6PM
SHOW STARTS 6.30PM**



**TICKETS ON
SALE SOON**



**SINGING,
DANCING, DRAMA
PERFORMANCES,
MUSICAL
PERFORMANCES &
MORE!**



Nursery

This week in Nursery we had the opportunity to go and visit the chicks which have hatched! The children looked at the unhatched eggs still waiting in the incubator and could see some of the chicks in the process of hatching. They then had the opportunity to hold and stroke the slightly older chicks. All the children were extremely excited but tried hard to be quiet so they didn't scare the chicks and used their most gentle hands to pet them. It was wonderful to see the children demonstrating such sensitivity.

- Mrs Braidwood





Year One

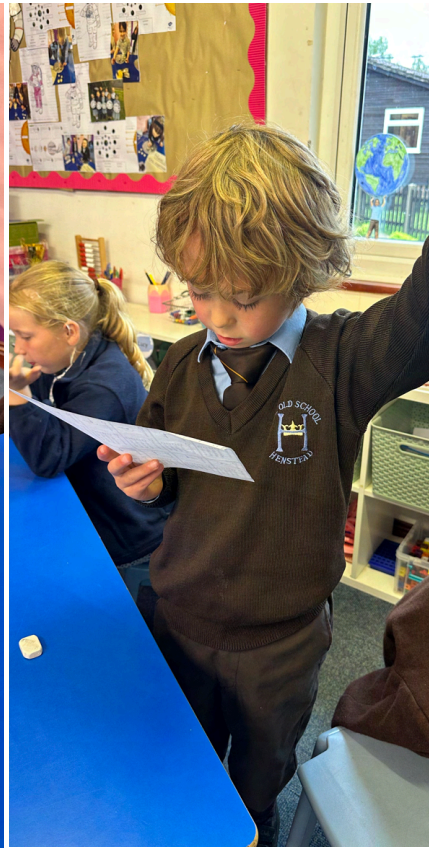
With assessments in full swing the children enjoyed some more creative work to end the week. Based on our castle topic the class created their own castles complete with flags, windows and turrets. In RE with Mrs Solomon year 1 have learnt about the Hindu Creation Story. The Lotus flower has Brahma the creator of the world sitting inside it.

- Mrs Dakin





Year Three



Year Three have been learning all about angles and shapes this week. We have been exploring right angles, acute angles and obtuse angles. The pupils enjoyed collaborating to discuss and identify which angle is which!

- Miss Bennie





Year Five

The Year 5 pupils wrote and performed a short play for their assembly this week, showcasing all that they have learned about the Titanic over the last half-term. They told the stories of some of the passengers on board the ill-fated liner, hailed by her owners to be unsinkable. They wanted to focus on the individuals involved, as their stories are often forgotten in comparison to the magnitude of the disaster as a whole. Their performances were excellent and really brought this tragic event to life.

Reviews are just coming in and I'm delighted to report that The Times theatre correspondent has given the play 5 stars and called it "a tour-de-force." Well done, Year 5! - Mrs Sonn





School Mascots

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

Well done to all of our mascot winners:

Reception - Ella

Year One - Hollie

Year Two - Freddie

Year Three - Lucy

Year Four - Minty

Year Five - Layla





Chick Update

It has been a very exciting end to the week as the first of our baby chicks have hatched! Our new chicken coop and run is ready for when they are big enough for their new home!





Lunch Menu - w/c 20th May

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

Hot and Cold Buffet Lunch and Salad
Bar (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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