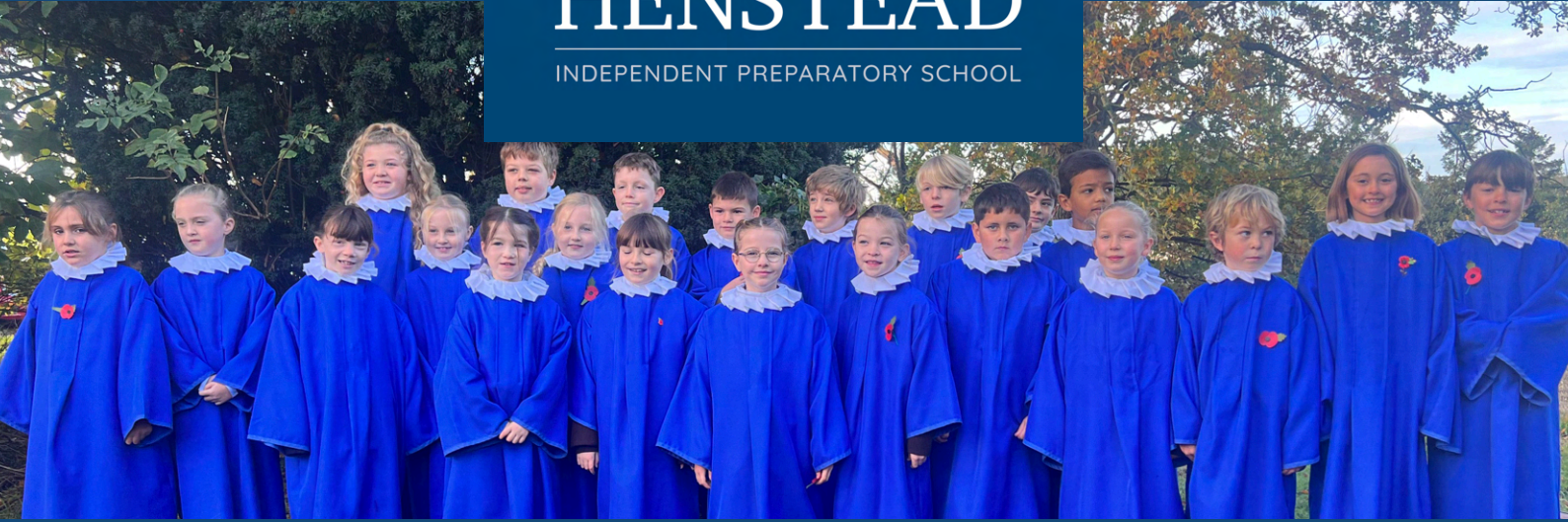




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HENSTEAD
INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



School Newsletter
Summer Term
6th May 2024



The sun has shone, and the children have enjoyed the introduction of lunchtime tennis lessons, their enthusiasm and focus a delight.

Not far from my office I can hear drummers eagerly participating under the expertise of our newly appointed drum teacher. Pony Club is back and remains a Friday afternoon highlight.

Wonderful additions to the many activities our boys and girls enjoy.

- Miss Clifton



Key Dates:

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday (School Closed)

Friday 17th May - PTFA Quiz Night (4.15pm - 6.00pm)

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

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.



Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been making the most of the sunshine and the new water play equipment that arrived. Sensory play is a firm favourite with this cohort so the new bubble machine has been nothing but pure joy for everyone - teachers included!

- Mrs Braidwood



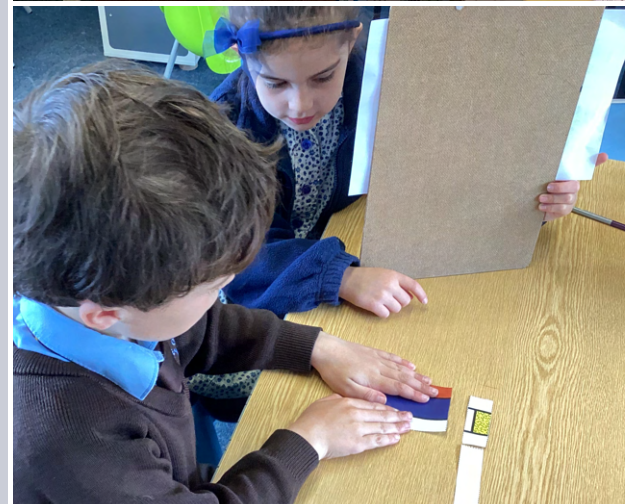


Year One

Year One are enjoying their daily phonics lessons which not only aids reading and writing, but our weekly spelling patterns too! Did you know there are seven different ways of writing and making the 'ee' sound?

In Numeracy we have been learning about directions and the use of mathematical language, clock wise and anti clockwise, quarter turns and half turns. The children were put into pairs, with one partner describing a copy of a piece of artwork or classroom item. Using colour, shape and directional language, their partner had to choose the correct jigsaw type piece of paper they were describing and put it in the right place to recreate their partners picture. The children all really enjoying these tasks. Bravo!

- Mrs Dakin





Year Three

This week in Topic Year Three have been investigating the phases of the moon and of course the only way to explore this was by using OREOS! The children had to explain the difference between waxing and waning. They expertly removed the sections from their moons using their spoons or tongues to match up to the different points in the cycle. A great lesson. Well done Year Three. - Miss Bennie





Year Five

Year 5 spent last Friday at the Time and Tide Museum, adding to their not inconsiderable knowledge about the Titanic and the stories behind some of the individuals onboard the ill-fated ship. They met a first-class passenger, Lady Strauss, who was travelling with her maid. She taught the children to waltz and showed them how to promenade on the top deck.

They looked through suitcases, searching for clues about who they belonged to, and also tried their hands at being crew-members, cleaning the ship and using morse code to send a message that the ship was in distress. Continued...





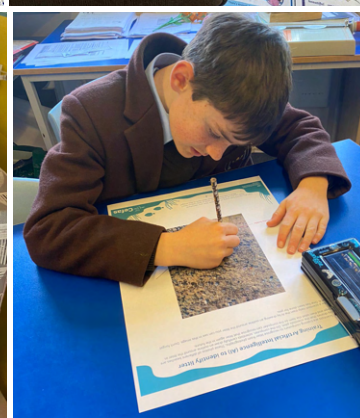
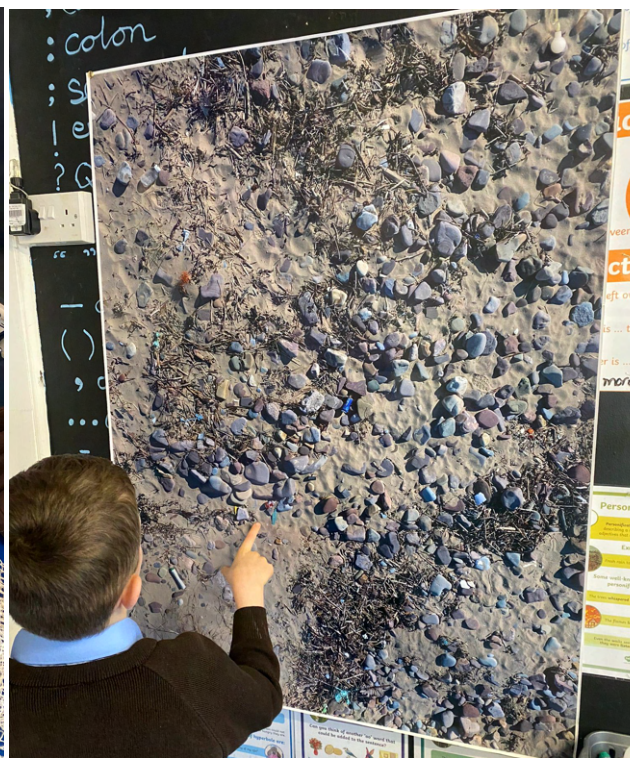
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Although it was a lot of fun, the seriousness of the event was brought home to the boys and girls with the sobering reminder that in total two thirds of the passengers were lost on the night that HMS Titanic hit an iceberg and the 'unsinkable' ship met its tragic end.

The pupils had an excellent day learning about a maritime disaster that still fascinates us over one hundred years later.

- Mrs Sonn





At the end of last term Years 4 and 5 were visited by Mrs Leech, a Henstead parent who works as head of strategy and Transformation at Cefas. She talked to the pupils about what Cefas does to help protect our oceans and seas. They learnt how to remotely spot litter on beaches as well as how to identify plastic in the water. All agreed that it was of huge importance that we take responsibility for looking after our wonderful coastlines, seas and marine life. Thank you, Mrs Leech, for your very informative session.



High Jump! - Junior Athletics Club





Grandparents Morning





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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 - Nellie

Year One - Grace

Year Two - Bethany

Year Three - Izaak

Year Four - Betsie & Saffie

Year Five - Monty





Lunch Menu - w/c 6th May

TUESDAY

Tomato and Roasted Vegetable Pasta
Bake with Garlic Bread and Salad Bar
(a,b,d,g,i)

WEDNESDAY

Sausage Roll with Chips, Beans and
Salad Bar
(a,b,d,g,i)

THURSDAY

Toad in the Hole served with Seasonal
Vegetables
(a,b,d,e,g,i,m,n)

FRIDAY

Breaded Cod served with Chips,
Garden Peas or Baked Beans and Salad
Bar
(a,b,d,e,g,i)

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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