



# THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



School Newsletter  
Autumn Term  
13th September 2024





Welcome back to a new year at Henstead!

It has been a delight to see all the children's wonderful, smiling faces as they have returned to school. They are all so excited to be in their new classes, learning new things and playing with their friends. It is a joy to see the older children looking out for the younger children, making dens and having fun in the trees! They are also excited about the outdoor craft area that is being developed.

Thank you to all the wonderful parents who helped to make the school look so beautiful for the children. They love it!

- Mrs Solomon



## Key Dates:

**Thursday 19th September - Jeans for Genes Day**

---

**Friday 20th September - Hockey Tournament - Norwich 2pm**

---

**Thursday 26th September - Harvest Festival - 8.50am at Henstead Church**

---

**Friday 27th September - Year 5 and Year 6 Adventure Day**

---

**Monday 30th September - Deadline for ISA Art Competition**

---

**W/C 14th October - Parent Teacher Meetings - Dates to be arranged**

---

**Monday 14th October - Deadline for BBC 500 words story competition**

---

**Thursday 17th October - Autumn themed baking competition and cake sale**

---

**Friday 18th October - Bonfire Night - with face painting and the Tricky Twister! 6pm - 8pm**

---

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





# Fun in our outdoor area!



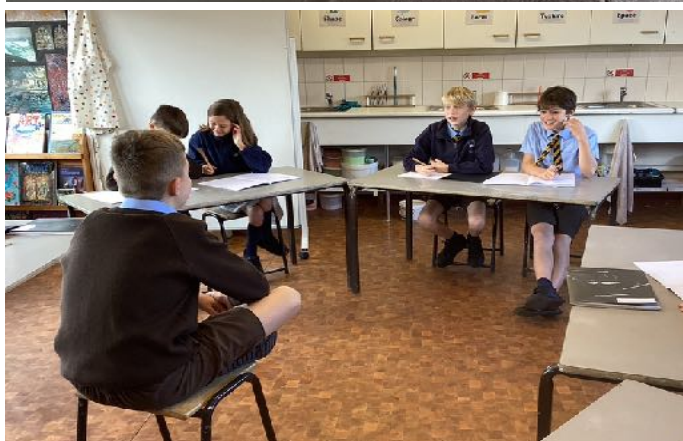




## Year Five & Six

This term in Art, Years Five and Six are exploring the topic of 'Realism'. This week they have been honing their observational drawing skills with life-drawing practice. The children took turns to be models and then used a range of material to capture drawings of their friends. Alex discovered that some poses are much harder to maintain for five minutes than others!

- Mrs Braidwood







## Key Stage 2 Parachute Games

This week the children in Key Stage 2 had the opportunity to play some fantastic parachute games on the field. They had lots of fabulous conversations about wind direction and airflow as they played and it was lovely to see such strong cooperation and communication as they worked together.

- Mrs Braidwood







# Reception, Year One and Year Two Trip

Reception, Year One and Year Two had such a fun day at Africa Alive. They saw lions, cheetahs, rhinos and many more animals. They had a close encounter with a python and saw eggs from a whole variety of egg-laying animals. They found out that a Giant African Land Snail lays 200 eggs at a time!! Well done everyone for a great day!

- Mrs Soloman & Mrs Dakin











# Nursery

This week, the nursery children have been learning all about harvest and farming. They have been enjoying learning about farm animals too and had the most exciting visit to see the school chickens. Mr Hunter put on a mini outdoor education lesson for the children. They learnt all about what chickens eat, how to look after them and even found two freshly laid eggs. What an amazing lesson! - Miss Doughty



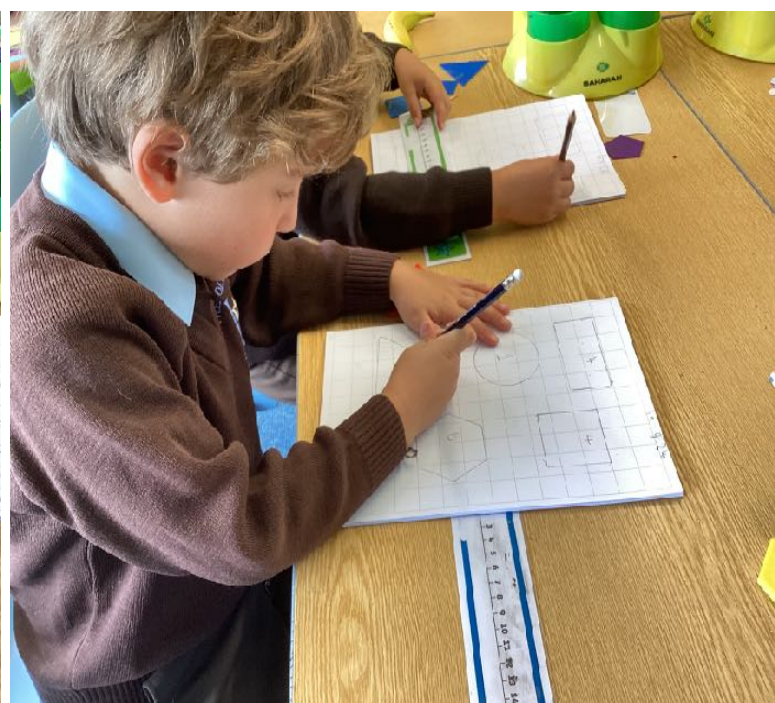
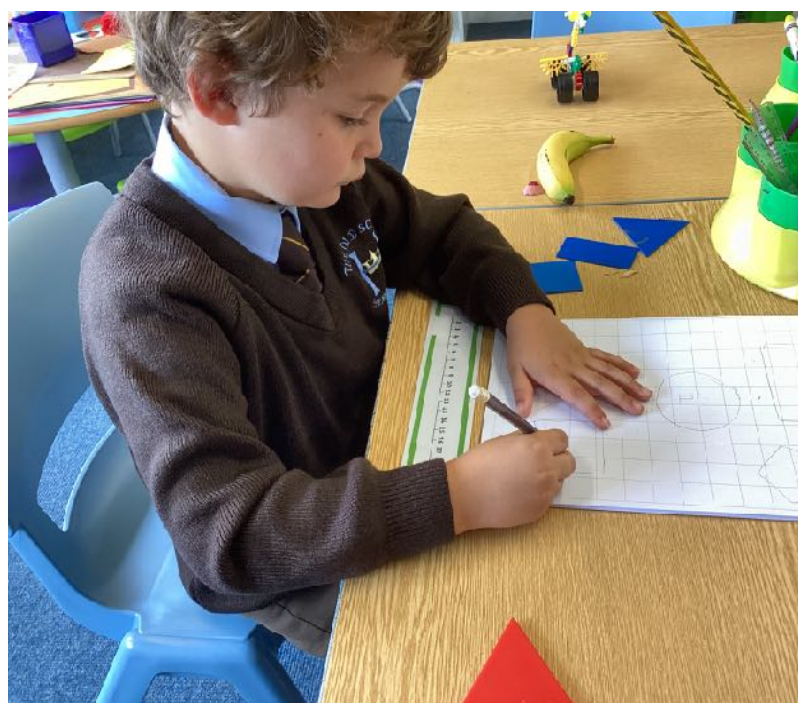




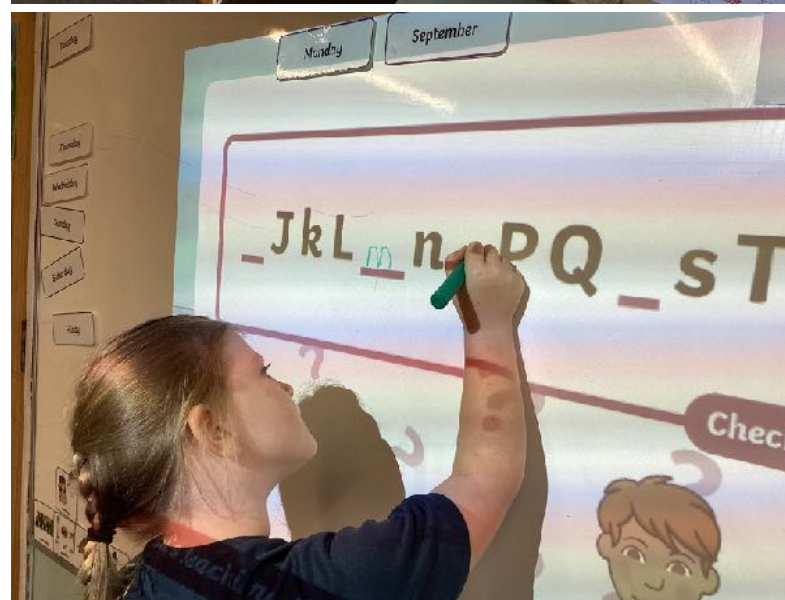
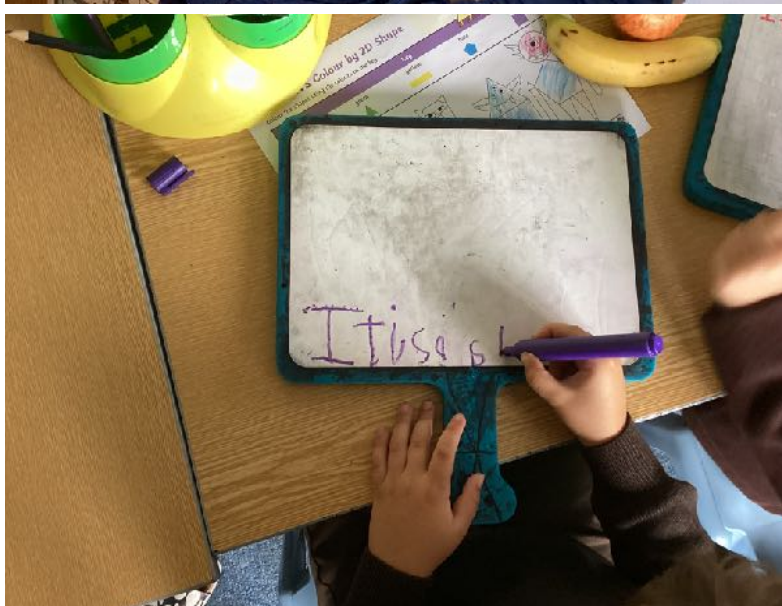
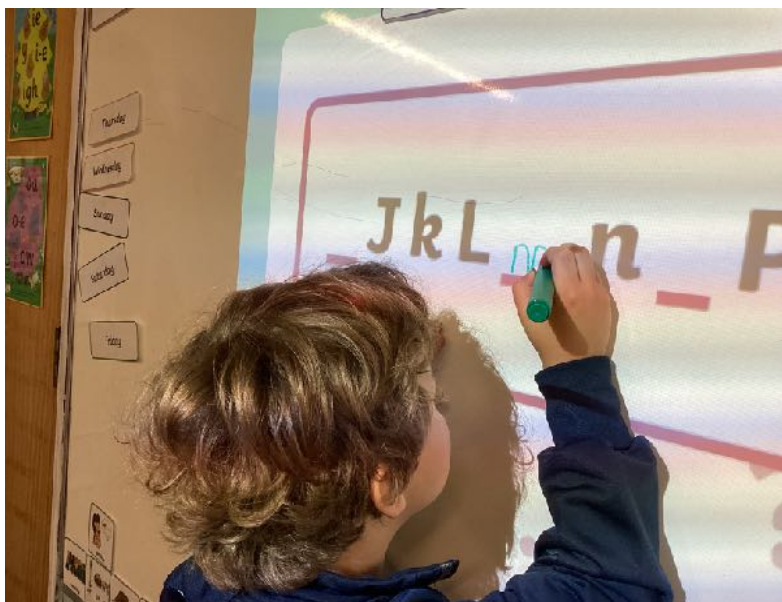
## Year One

The children have all enjoyed settling into Year One. In Literacy we have recited the alphabet sounds and names; then matched lower case letters with upper case letters. The children have created their own Mr Men characters and started writing a story about their adventures. In Maths we have compared 2-d and 3-d shapes and sorted them into two groups, curved edges or straight edges. Also drawn round 2-d shapes, identified their names and carefully counted their edges. The children have painted their favourite animals for our topic on Animals Around the World, this was complimented with a trip to Africa Alive! Great work everyone!

- Mrs Dakin











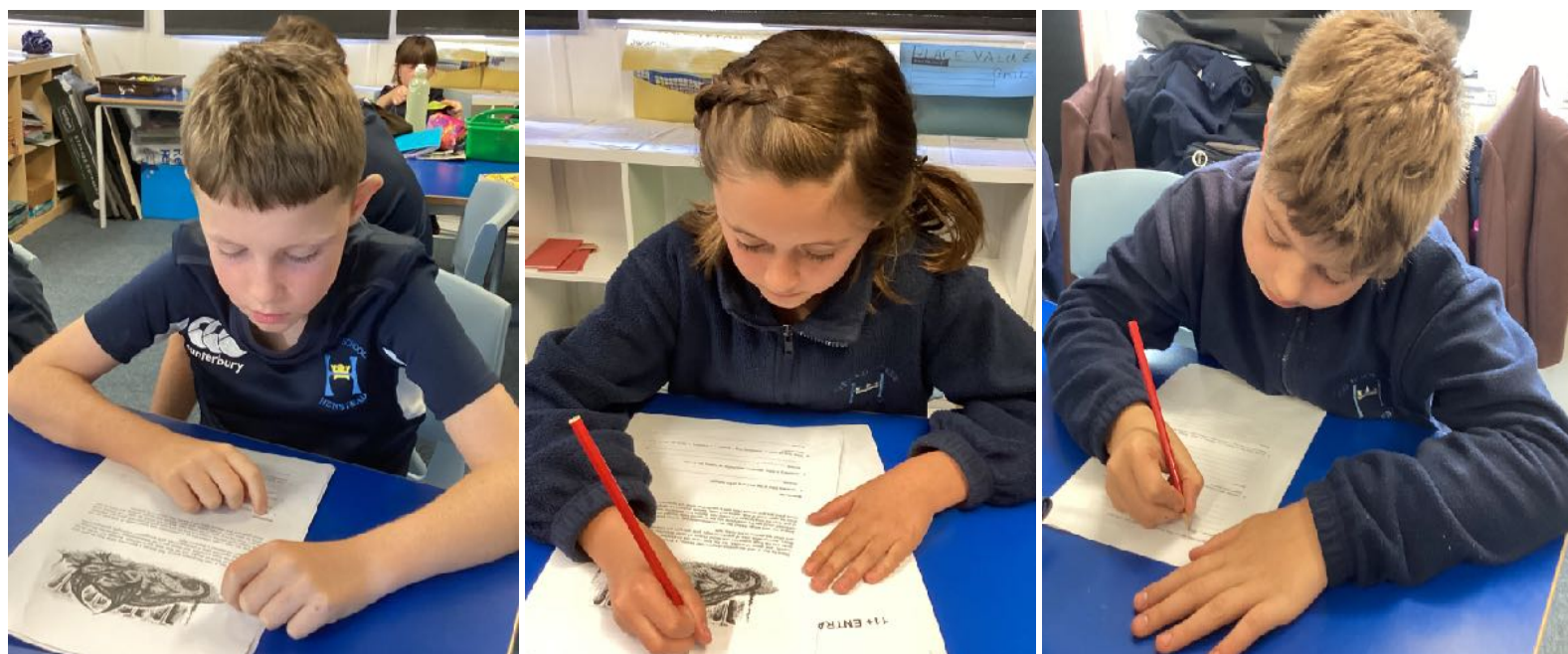
## Year Six

We have been talking this week about developing and maintaining an 'I can' attitude to all that we do. The Year 6 pupils have certainly done that and are off to a flying start with their learning. They have already had their first exam preparation session, in which they acquitted themselves ably, demonstrating positivity and a determination to succeed.

Exam prep sessions are a vital part of education in Year 6 at The Old School Henstead. They take place once a week in addition to timetabled lessons, and are designed to develop the skills required for entrance exams, as well as the assessments which take place at the beginning of Year 7 in all schools.

Well done Year 6!

- Mrs Sonn







Mascots were awarded this week to the pupils demonstrating excellence within our school values for this term: Confidence and Creativity.

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

**Reception & Year 1- Robert Crisp**

**Year Two - Ottilie Panks**

**Year Three & Four - Emma Gulliver**

**Year Five and Six - Layla Bayard**







Tickets available next week!

The Old School Henstead Presents

# BONFIRE NIGHT

18th October



Tickets £6  
£10 with food!

Hotdog / Burger / Vegan Burger  
+ A Soft Drink



Doors Open 6pm  
Fireworks start 7pm





HENSTEAD PRESENTS  
THE

# Autumn Baking Competition

JUDGING COMMENCES ON  
THURSDAY 17TH OF OCTOBER.

ALL CAKES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BUY  
WITH PROCEEDS GOING TO THE SCHOOL!

**What will you make?**





@theoldschoolhenstead



@theoldschoolhenstead



@OldSchoolHstead