



THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



School Newsletter
Autumn Term
11th October 2024



We are coming to the end of the first half term and it has been a great one!! The sun has been shining and the children have been having lots of fun. The nursery had a lovely trip on Friday, meeting lots of farm animals!! After half term the clocks will have changed so it will get darker earlier and it will be cold. Please make sure your children have winter coats, along with hats, gloves, scarves and wellies (all named).

We are looking forward to meeting up with you all for parent-teacher meetings this week, as well as seeing many of you at the bonfire night on Friday, which is proving to be very popular! There will be lots of visitors coming to this too.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Solomon



Key Dates:

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

Wednesday 16th October - Parent - Teacher Meetings

Wednesday 16th October - Art Competition Exhibition in the hall

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

Friday 18th October - Bonfire Night - **6pm - 8pm**

Monday 21st October - Friday 1st November - Half Term

Thursday 7th November - Remembrance Service - St Mary's Church, Henstead

Monday 18th November - Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 10th December - EYFS Nativity

Wednesday 11th December - School Nativity (Year 1,2,3,4)

Thursday 12th December - Christmas Carol Service

Saturday 14th December - Cocktails and Casino Night

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



HENSTEAD PRESENTS THE

Autumn Baking Competition

Prizes for: EYF5 KS1 & KS2 & Parents/Teachers

Best Decorated
Most Creative Autumn Bake

JUDGING COMMENCES ON
THURSDAY 17TH OF OCTOBER.

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

What will you make?



SAVE THE DATE

CHRISTMAS *Cocktails & Casino*

14TH DECEMBER

7pm - Late

The Henstead Pavillion
The Old Rectory, Henstead,
Beccles NR34 7LA

Reminders:

PTFA BONFIRE NIGHT TICKETS ON SALE

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The Old School Henstead Presents

BONFIRE NIGHT

18th October



Doors Open 6pm
Fireworks start 7pm



Tickets £6
£10 with food!
Hotdog / Burger / Vagon Burger
+ A Soft Drink

OCTOBER HALF TERM 2024

COME AND JOIN US FOR A SPOOKTACULAR TIME!



FANCY DRESS!!

| TIME | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| 08:00 - 09:00 (EXTENDED DAY) | SETTLING IN / TABLE TOP ACTIVITIES | SETTLING IN / TABLE TOP ACTIVITIES | SETTLING IN / TABLE TOP ACTIVITIES | SETTLING IN / TABLE TOP ACTIVITIES | SETTLING IN / TABLE TOP ACTIVITIES |
| 09:00 - 10:00 | TREASURE HUNT | DEN BUILDING | MINE FIELD | ALL HANDS IN | IN THE RIVER |
| 10:30 - 11:30 | PHYSICAL ACTIVITY 1 | PHYSICAL ACTIVITY 1 | PHYSICAL ACTIVITY 1 | PHYSICAL ACTIVITY 1 | PHYSICAL ACTIVITY 1 |
| 11:30 - 12:30 | PHYSICAL ACTIVITY 2 | PHYSICAL ACTIVITY 2 | PHYSICAL ACTIVITY 2 | PHYSICAL ACTIVITY 2 | PHYSICAL ACTIVITY 2 |
| 12:30 - 13:30 | LUNCH & WELLBEING | LUNCH & WELLBEING | LUNCH & WELLBEING | LUNCH & WELLBEING | LUNCH & WELLBEING |
| 13:30 - 14:30 | HANDPRINT SPIDERS | PUMPKIN PLATES | FINGER PUPPETS | SPOOKY LANTERNS | PEG MONSTERS |
| 14:30 - 15:00 | DOODGEBALL TOURNAMENT | HANDBALL TOURNAMENT | FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT | QUIDDITCH TOURNAMENT | ARCHERY TOURNAMENT |
| 15:00 - 15:30 | AWARD CEREMONY | AWARD CEREMONY | AWARD CEREMONY | AWARD CEREMONY | AWARD CEREMONY |
| 15:30 - 17:00 (EXTENDED DAY) | MINDFUL MOMENTS & COOL DOWN | MINDFUL MOMENTS & COOL DOWN | MINDFUL MOMENTS & COOL DOWN | MINDFUL MOMENTS & COOL DOWN | MINDFUL MOMENTS & COOL DOWN |

PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

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| FOOTBALL | DOODGEBALL | GYMNASTICS | FENCING |
| ARCHERY | BASKETBALL | NETBALL | HANDBALL |
| NERF GAMES (SUBJECT TO VENUE) | CAPTURE THE FLAG | HOCKEY | PERFORMING ARTS (SUBJECT TO VENUE) |

PREMIER EDUCATION HOLIDAY CAMP

28th October - 30th October

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Nursery

The nursery children had a fabulous time at the Playbarn on Friday! They met lots of animals and put their climbing skills to the test on the soft play. They all behaved so well on their first school trip, well done nursery!

- Miss Doughty



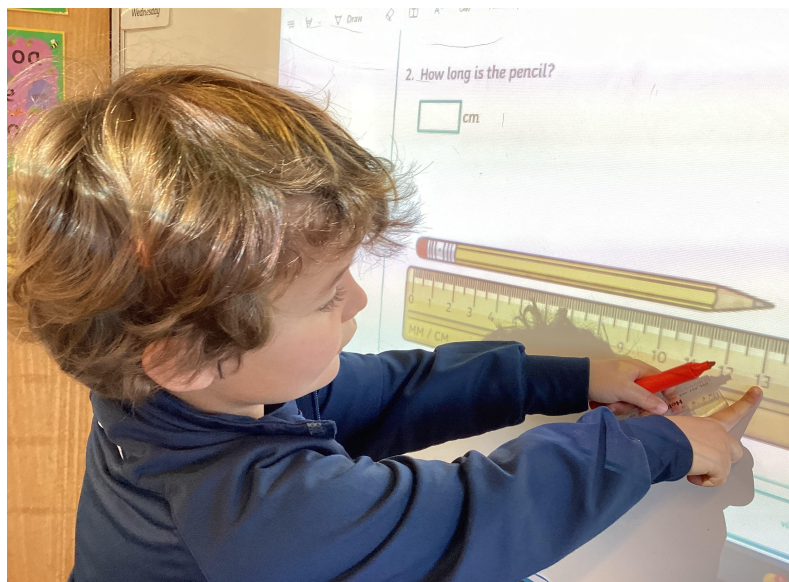
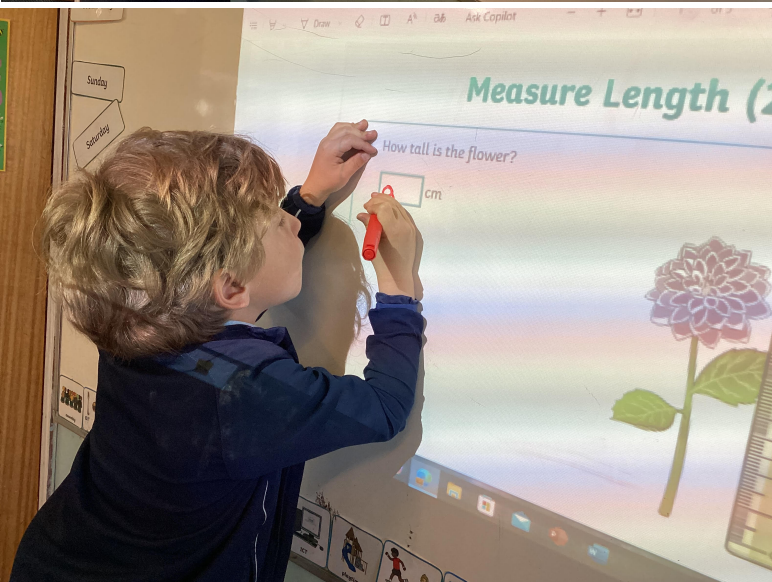
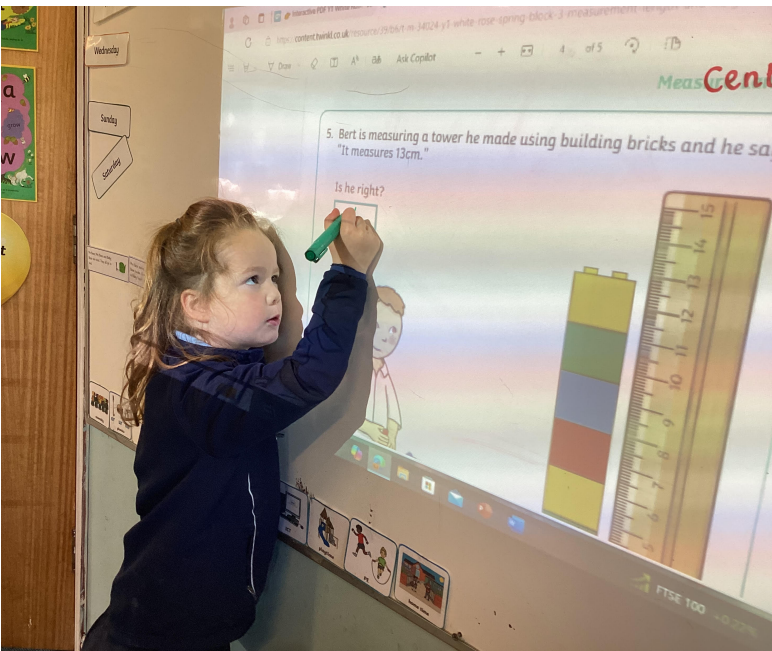




Reception and Year One

Year 1 have been exploring measurement this week in Maths. They have used not only multi link bricks but rulers as well to measure and compare different items around the classroom. We have learnt that smaller items are measured in centimetres and had fun measuring a variety of items using an interactive game on our class whiteboard.

-Mrs Dakin





Year Two

We have been looking at African animals and where they like to live. We learnt that leopards like to live near trees and water and that giraffes like to be near the Acacia trees. We then used pastels to draw some of these animals in their habitat.

- Mrs Solomon







Year Three and Four

This week year 3 & 4 went on a trip to Sutton Hoo! The trip was to support our learning on our Anglo-Saxon topic this term. The children became archeologists for the day studying ancient artefacts, exploring the burial grounds and discussing what their findings told them about the Anglo-Saxons who came before us! We were so impressed with their behaviour and excellent questions throughout the day.

-Mrs Braidwood

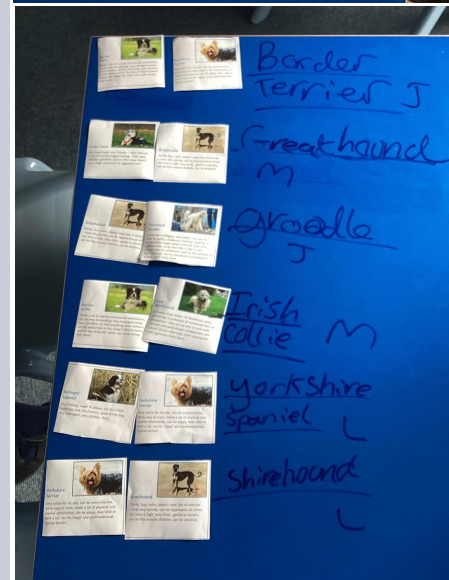






Year Five and Six

As usual it has been a busy and rewarding week and the pupils have worked and played hard. I was particularly impressed by their understanding of the traditional method of long multiplication as it requires confident understanding of place value; their efforts earned them an A1 each. On Tuesday we had our latest exam-prep session, and we are thoroughly enjoying reading and analysing our current English novel, *Holes*. Head of School, Layla, ran the first of her lunchtime craft clubs on Wednesday which was a great success, and on Thursday we explored selective breeding in science. The boys and girls invented their own canine crossbreeds and gave them names like a Groodle (greyhound and poodle) and a Yorkador (Yorkshire terrier and labrador). They may very well have invented the pets of the future!





Year Six

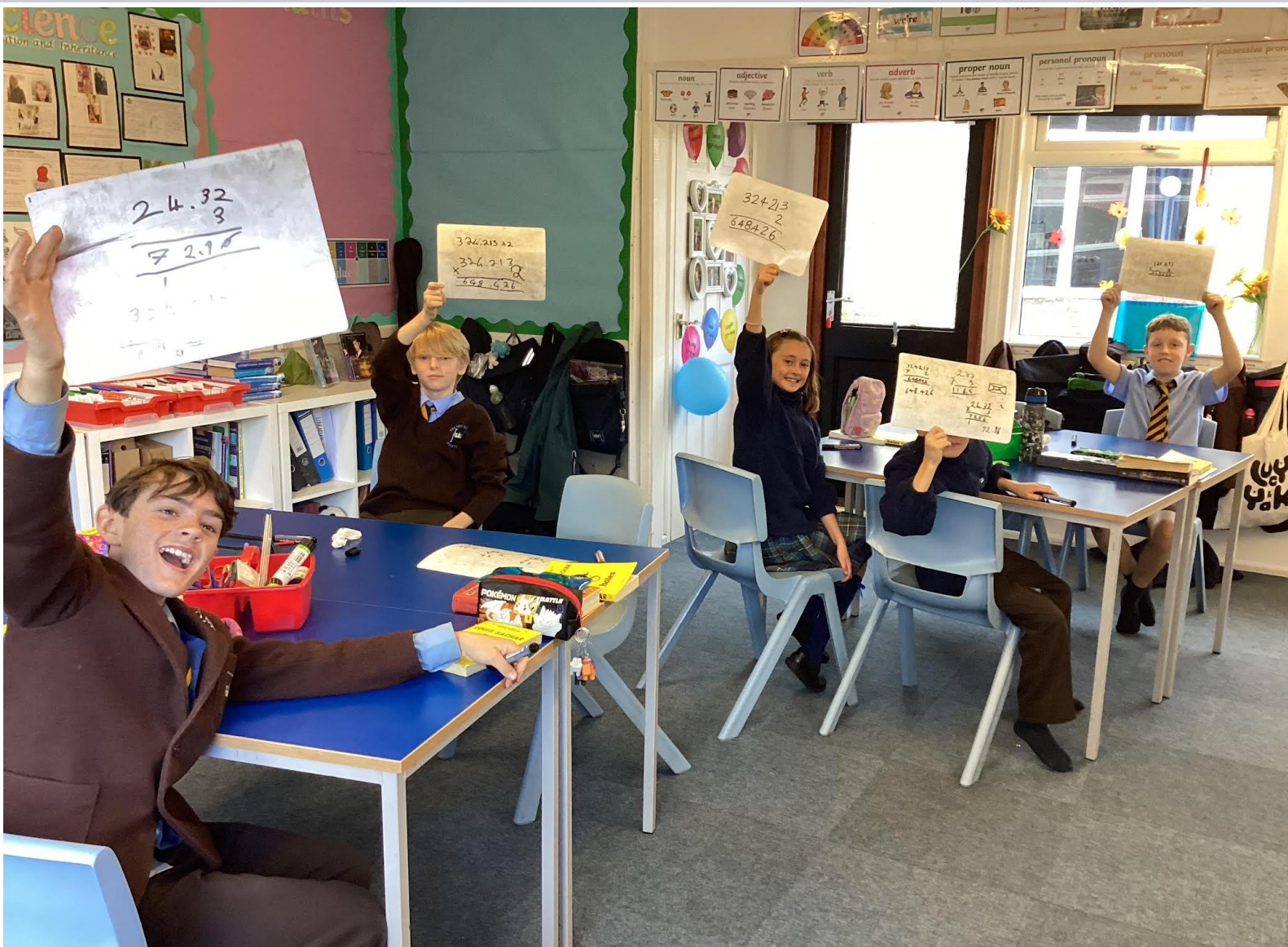
Before you go, the pupils have a challenge for all parents: can you calculate the answers to these questions using long multiplication:

1) 363×24

2) In the Hub, there are three large bookcases, each with 8 shelves. If each shelf can hold 47 books, how many books are there in the Hub?

The class will be marking your work and will award A1s for correct answers. However, we must see your calculations so we know you haven't cheated!

-Mrs Sonn





French - Making Numbers

Years 5 and 6 creatively used their bodies in French this week to form numbers for their classmates to guess! A fun way to help reinforce numbers to 100 that we are currently learning.

-Madame Dakin





School Mascots

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:

Year Two - Hollie

Year Three & Four - Freddie

Year Five and Six - James





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