



THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



School Newsletter
Autumn Term
15th November 2024



I want to start by saying a great big THANK YOU to you all for the amazing support for our charity days this week. The children joined in so enthusiastically with coming to school in pyjamas on Thursday and with very crazy hair on Friday. I wonder who had the craziest hair? We will announce the winner on Monday. Also, a very big WELL DONE to all those who took part in the cross-country. Thank you for representing our school so well.

What a fantastic week!

- Mrs Solomon





Key Dates:

Book Fair - Thursday 14th November - Wednesday 19th November

Monday 18th November - Nasal Flu Vaccinations - Years 1 to Year 6

Wednesday 20th November - Year 3 & 4 Assembly on Anglo-Saxons

Friday 22nd November - School Photographs

Wednesday 4th December - Christmas Disco

Friday 6th December - KS2 trip to Sizewell B Visitor Centre

Friday 6th December - PTFA Christmas Fair - 4.10pm

Tuesday 10th December - EYFS Nativity

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

Wednesday 11th December - Christmas Carol Service - St Mary's Church, Henstead at 4.30pm

Thursday 12th December - Years 1 to Year 6 trip to the Marina Theatre to see Beauty and the Beast

Friday 13th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Last day of Term

Saturday 14th December - School Choir to sing at the Henstead Arts and Crafts Christmas Fair at 12pm

Saturday 14th December - Cocktails and Casino Night - 7pm til Late

Monday 23rd December - Premier Education Holiday Camp

Thursday 2nd January/Friday 3rd January - Premier Education Holiday Camp



PTFA Christmas Fair

Our annual PTFA Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 6th December at 4.10pm.

Christmas Hampers

Every year, each class fills a hamper with items of a chosen colour for that year group, to be raffled at the Christmas Fair.

The colours this year are as follows:

Nursery - Silver

Year 1 - Purple

Year 2 - Gold

Year 3 & 4 - Red

Year 5 & 6 - Blue



Please bring your contribution to the hamper into school by Friday 29th November. Pupils can give them to their form tutors.

We really appreciate your generosity.
Many thanks,
The PTFA



Premier Education Holiday Camp

December
23rd/
January 2nd
& 3rd

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Premier Education is back for another 3-day Multi-Activity Holiday Camp which will run on December 23rd & 2nd/3rd January.

These sessions feature a wide selection of fun activities, including sports, performing arts and games. They are perfect for children who like to be active and on the move without playing traditional sports.

Please click on the link below for the booking process:

[Premier Education - Booking Process](#)

To book your space, please click [here](#)



Nursery

The children have had a fantastic week with lots of exciting activities going on. They've loved making their own aliens and exploring the planets. This week in music, we have started looking at our nativity with Mr Spencer which is very exciting. Also, we have had some new friends join nursery this week, which again is super-exciting, and we look forward to seeing what next week brings!

- Mrs Leggett





Year Three and Four

Over the half-term holiday, the children in Year 3 and 4 undertook their own research projects. They had to present their findings when they returned to school in a short presentation to the class. I was pleased with the wide range of topics the children chose to explore including Marie Curie, the history of Rhodes, axolotls and Scotland. Every single child was confident about their subject and spoke for over five minutes. They then answered thoughtful questions from their audience. I was thoroughly impressed with how hard everyone worked - well done team!

- Mrs Braidwood





Year Five and Six

On Friday Year 5/6 started weekly cookery lessons, kindly run by one of our parents. Their first task was to learn the basics of how to use a knife safely and effectively in the kitchen. This done, they got to work preparing the ingredients to make the Greek dish tzatziki. A wonderful smell of garlic, yoghurt and cucumber filled the air as the pupils chopped, stirred and squeezed their way to this delicious, creamy dip. Mmmmmm, yummy!

-Mrs Sonn





Junior & Senior Swimming





CCHS UK Pyjama Day and Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated to CCHS UK and Children in Need.

As you can see, the children had a fun-filled 2 days!







Mascots

This weeks mascot winners are:

Year 1: Robert - For his resilience when learning his 'tricky words'.

Year 2: Ayla - For her great research on the Great Fire of London.



Year 3/4: Izaak - For his detailed research on Rhodes and amazing presentation.

Year 5/6: Hazel - For her resilience at her first inter-school cross-country competition.

Certificates

Congratulations to Ottilie and Ayla who have been awarded a bronze certificate for reaching 5 A1s. Well done!





Book Fair





Cross-country Competition

The first Cross-country of the year was held at Worlingham Primary school this week. With 10 schools taking part, competition was at an all-time high. A youthful under 9 girls team got us underway with some confident running, Florrie leading the way by finishing 7th with Margot close behind in 14th, Ottilie P in 19th and Ottilie M in 23rd. Our final team finishing position was 3rd overall, an incredible achievement from the girls, who were all running 1 or 2 years above themselves. The under 9 boys followed next on the 900m course. Izaak was in the leading group for the entire race. He finished 9th, Freddie in 16th place and Reuben 26th, meaning Henstead's overall finishing position was 5th.





The under 11 races saw the course almost double in length to 1700m. The girls were up first and all ran a very well-paced race. Determination to keep going enabled the girls to move through the field as the race progressed. Lexi was first home in 12th, Layla in 13th and Hazel in 16th - a great team effort led to a 4th place overall finish. Last up were the under 11 boys. A fast start and Louis and Jayden found themselves in the top 10, where they managed to finish, Louis in 7th place and Jayden in 8th place James was 19th and Monty 26th, a 5th place finish for the boys. Our final overall position was a fantastic 4th!

All runners showed a great deal of determination and a willingness to push themselves throughout their races. There was a great team spirit with lots of cheering for each other.

Well done Team Henstead!

- Mr Hunter





BBC 500 Words Competition

Thank you to all of the pupils who entered the BBC 500 Words Competition. I hope you enjoyed writing your stories; I certainly loved reading them.

Good luck to you all.

- Mrs Sonn



Art Club

The children made some lovely poppy pictures in art club this week. We discussed why we have poppies as our Remembrance flower and thought about our family members who fought during the war.

- Mrs Dakin





Lunch Menu - w/c 18th November



MENU



SALAD

Monday . Pizza
Tuesday . Chicken Fillets and rice
Wednesday . Spaghetti Bolognaise
Thursday. Fish Finger Sandwich
Friday. Sausage roll



All bread, pasta or rice will be whole meal.

Soup will be available each day plus a bread roll.

PIZZA

Sides
Carrot sticks/ Cucumber Sticks
Pepper Sticks



Strawberry Yoghurt and raisins
Apple slices
Biscuit



DESSERT



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