

The Old School Henstead



Newsletter
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Letters issued this week

- Year 1 trip to The Dinosaur Park
- Year 5 trip to Felixstowe
- Year 3 trip to Benacre
- Year 6 trip to The Sainsbury Centre

Congratulations to Lily Yallop and Lucas Innis who received their Headmaster's Commendation Certificates this week and to Callum Aizlewood who was awarded a silver certificate.

The menu for next week is:

- Monday – Burger in a Bun with cucumber, pepper and carrot sticks
- Tuesday – Tortellini in Tomato Sauce
- Wednesday – Jacket Potato
- Thursday – Pasta Bake
- Friday – Chicken Goujons

Bags2School – You should all have received a bag this week and more are available from the school office. This term's collection will take place on Friday 20th May. Please leave your bags behind Mr Griffin's office as it is also our open morning.

Summer Ball – Preparations are now well under way – It is going to be a spectacular night. Dress code will be anything from tuxedos to saris, as long as it is good for dancing! To ensure your reduced price tickets, place your order and deposit with Mrs Mills in the school office. Full payment is needed by 17th June.

Year 6 in France – Last week Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic week in France. Staying at the chateau in Criel sur Mer, they enjoyed trips to a goat farm to make cheese and bread, a visit to the historical city of Rouen and a tour of some of the World War One battlefields. They also enjoyed several onsite activities including archery, climbing, fencing and scrapheap challenge. With very authentic food and the chance to order ice cream in French, it was a wonderful experience for the children.



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Fasten Your Seatbelts Please - More Competiton Success! - The artistic talents of our children have once again been recognised in the wider community. Following the judging of The Suffolk Agricultural Association's 2011 Schools Competition we are proud to announce an unprecedented number of prizes awarded to The Old School. A large number of schools support this event including many from Ipswich, Woodbridge, Sudbury, Haverhill and Bury St Edmunds and it is judged by a panel of ten which includes representatives of Lloyds TSB, East Anglian Daily Times, Muntons plc, Suffolk County Council. Many congratulations to the following:

Early Year Foundation Stage - A painting of a Suffolk Farm in spring

3rd prize Daisy McDowell

Key Stage Two (Lower) - An illustrated food chain linked to a Suffolk farm

1st prize Rex Cotton

Discretionary prize Kitty Taylor

Key Stage Two (Upper) – An illustrated poster showing what you consider to be special in your area about food and farming

2nd prize Natasha Mills

All the winning pieces plus a selection of other entries will be on display at the Suffolk Show at the Suffolk Schools Competition marquee where there will be a presentation to 1st prize winners on Wednesday 1st of June.

Holly Wood Benacre - Years Three and Four visited Benacre on Tuesday to see and draw the bluebells. Another lovely sunny morning greeted us and we began our visit with a short talk from their education officer who talked about the crops grown on the estate, wild animals who live in the wood and the effects of the current drought. Then we enjoyed a pleasant walk across fields to the wood. The bluebells were at their best and there are more than ever this year. The children studied textures and colours, as well as the intricate details of the tiny 'bells' and finished work will be on display soon.



Instrumental Concerts Tuesday May 10th - Children from Years One – Six took part in an informal concert last Tuesday. There were drum grooves, piano pieces, guitar blues, a recorder solo and songs from a wide variety of styles. The confidence and skill of the performers as well their obvious pleasure in sharing their music- making was warmly appreciated by the large group of parents and friends who crowded into the hall on a rather warm and sunny afternoon. Many of these musicians are preparing for the Trinity Guildhall examinations in June and we wish them every success.

Next Week - Tuesday – Year 6 to The Sainsbury Centre in Norwich

Wednesday - Year 5 Geography Field Trip to Felixstowe
7.30pm – PTFA Meeting

Friday - Bags2School Collection
Open Morning
Senior Athletics at St Felix