

The Old School Henstead



Newsletter
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Letters issued this week After School Club Activities
 Cross-Country teams
 Year 5 Trip to Seething Observatory
 Year 4 Residential

Congratulations to Sonny Dakin-Butler, Lily Goodenough, Rex Cotton, Kitty Taylor, Aaron Carver, Florence Scott, Jemima Taylor, Alice Cotton, Joshua Bidnall, James Pelham, Harry Daines, Darcy Innis, Archie Wells and Faye Hickey-Martin, all of whom received their Headmaster's Commendation Certificates this week.

The menu for the week after half term is:

Monday – Macaroni Cheese with peas and sweetcorn
Tuesday – Sausage, Mash and Baked Beans
Wednesday – Chicken and Noodles with peas and carrots
Thursday – Cottage Pie with cauliflower and carrots
Friday - Fish Fingers with Croquettes and Baked Beans

Beetle Drive – Last Friday, several families enjoyed a super evening at the Beetle Drive. For most of us it was our first experience of the game, but as we all got the hang of it great fun was had by all. Congratulations to Mr Hubbard and Alexandra who were the overall winners. Thanks to everyone who came, everyone who helped with food and drinks, and especially to Mrs Scott for organising the event. The proceeds went to the RNLI.

Netball v The Abbey – This has now been rearranged and will take place on Wednesday 2nd March at The Abbey. The Team sheets will go out on Monday 28th February.

Sing Up – Last Monday, children from the nursery to Year 3 had a fantastic opportunity to improve their singing skills and to learn some new songs. We were very pleased to welcome a teacher who works with the Sing Up organisation to do a workshop with them. Judging by the sounds coming from the hall and the fact that the children were singing on their way to break that morning, a great time was had by all!

Year 2 Trip - On Tuesday, Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful day at Great Yarmouth's Time and Tide Museum, experiencing a "Roman's Go Home!" morning. The children were drilled and trained by Titus and Marcus,



(complete with swords and shields!) in Roman military style, before spending time with Cetha – a Celtic lady, and discovering what life was like for her, under Roman rule. Finally, a rich Roman lady called Olivia, showed the children some of the luxury items and tools which could be found and used in a Roman palace.



After lunch, we departed for Burgh Castle, where the characters would have lived and worked in Roman times, but fortunately we didn't see any Saxon raiders, who were known to attack these shores and steal anything of value! A most enjoyable day out, and many thanks to Mr Butcher for his help and support.



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Thorpe House Langley Prep School Cross Country – On Wednesday, many of our children took part in a “small schools” cross country competition, hosted by Thorpe Langley School. The weather was perfect, and their new course proved very challenging, but most enjoyable. All the children, without exception, gave their absolute best, and every runner should be proud of themselves for completing the course successfully. Several individuals came home in the first ten, which is most commendable, and the four Year 2 boys produced a magnificent team performance, with Tom, Joe and Sonny coming 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively, and Alex proudly completing the team, to bring home the U7 team trophy. Well done boys! You were amazing!



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RNLI Presentation - This morning we were pleased to be able to present two **giant** cheques to representatives of Lowestoft and Southwold lifeboat crews. Not only were the cheques super-sized physically, but they amounted to a magnificent total of

£2,006 !





That is an unbelievable £1,003 to each station, and I cannot thank you enough for your overwhelming support. The RNLB officers are truly amazed by what the school has achieved on behalf of the lifeboats, and wish to extend their heartfelt thanks and gratitude to you all. A worthy job well done – and much appreciated. THANK YOU!

(Possible press coverage may appear shortly, in several local/regional newspapers!)



Reports – Parents of children in Years 1 to 6 will receive full reports today. I hope that you find them useful. There will be a chance to discuss them with teachers should you wish to, after half term. Staff in Years 1 and 2 will put up appointment lists on their classroom doors and those parents with children in Years 3 to 6 will have a letter with the report to be able to book appointments.

Uniform – Can I please ask that parents take a moment over half term to check that your child has the correct uniform and that it is all named? Thank you.

And Finally.....I do hope that you all have a wonderful holiday and come back refreshed and ready for another very busy half term.