

The Old School Henstead



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Letters issued this week RNLi Sponsor forms

Congratulations to Callum Aizlewood, Sarah Hubbard, Iruo Isiauwe, Oscar Taylor, Lily Goodenough and Ellen Sherwood who received their Headmaster's Commendation Certificates this week.

Next week's menu 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

Year 4 Trip to Southwold

Following last week's wet and windy Wednesday, this Wednesday dawned fair and bright if really rather chilly. Undeterred by the frosty temperatures, the pupils of Year 4 arrived in school well muffled in clothes, tracksuits, hat, gloves and raincoats for a January trip to the river. The morning started with a tour of the Southwold Lifeboat Station, where Mr Gladwell explained how, following a call out, the volunteer crew members would arrive and take up jobs depending on the order that they reached the station. We were shown the crew room and had a look at the protective clothing as well as some of the emergency gear that can be used at or just after a rescue. Edward took advantage of the opportunity to warm through a bit in the hypothermia recovery suit!

We then climbed aboard the Leslie Tranmer, the Atlantic 75 B class lifeboat based at the station where the various pieces of kit were explained. Of particular interest was the self righting mechanism and the special waterproof engines which will apparently re-start even after being totally upside down.

A look at a chart of the sea around Southwold and an explanation of the idea of a compass bearing led neatly to the next part of the morning which was a trip on the Coastal Voyager – a high speed RIB which operates exciting excursions out of Southwold Harbour. After donning yet more wet weather gear over our already bulging raincoats, we started with gentle motor up-river to the Bailey bridge while we learned much about the history of Southwold harbour and the fishing industry. We then turned and headed out towards the sea. Engine revs were gradually increased and the bow lifted as the Coastal Voyager was put through its paces during an exciting trip up the coast to Southwold Pier. The compass work done in



the warmth of the Lifeboat Station was checked out and we were all relieved to see that both the lighthouse and the water tower were in exactly the right place!



An amazing morning which left us all wishing for more. Our thanks to Mr Gladwell for enabling this wonderful opportunity which was especially appropriate in this week just before the school's dedicated fundraising swim in aid of the RNLI.

RNLI Days – We hope that all the sponsor forms have made it home this week. Our swimming challenges will take place during swimming lessons next week. Friday is a non-uniform day, with a nautical theme! The charge for this and for entry to Year 2's Treasure Island is £1 with all proceeds going to the RNLI. It promises to be a most enjoyable end to next week.

Beetle Drive – Some of the parents in Year 2 are organising a Beetle Drive in aid of the RNLI as well. This is to take place on Friday 11th February at 6.30 in the school hall. It should be great fun for all the family. Tickets will be on sale in the office next week, £3 per person, to include lasagne, garlic bread and salad.

Horrible Histories – Just to let you know, in case you were thinking of booking tickets to see this show in Norwich, we have booked for all children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to see the show towards of March. More details to follow.

Y5 Visit to Seething Observatory – this evening visit, to which, as part of the Science work, we invite Year 5 **and** if possible their parents, has been postponed until Tuesday 15th March. Once again more details will follow later.