

The Old School Henstead



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Letters issued this week: Lunch Bills
Reception and Year 1 Parent's Meeting
PTFA Quiz Night

Congratulations to Theo Bird who received his Headmaster's Commendation Certificate this week.

Year 2 Trip to Colchester Castle - Y2 enjoyed a super day out on Tuesday, discovering all about the Romans, at Colchester Castle Museum. The castle is built on the foundations of a Roman temple, and although we weren't able to visit the vaults on this occasion, plenty of "fun discovery sessions" were had in the main exhibition area, where the children were able to try on a toga, Roman helmet and slave collar as well as make rubbings of Roman inscriptions and coins. We also enjoyed figuring out Roman numerals, and mosaic puzzles, as well as building an archway with shaped blocks. Some of the children received applause, for their "masked" acting skills in the amphitheatre, and the interactive model of Claudius' temple being attacked and burnt by Boudicca and her tribe, was fascinating – we had four goes at watching this! The visit was a great experience and well worth the lengthy journey! Well done Year 2 - your lively enthusiasm was apparent the whole time, and my sincere appreciation goes to Mr Butcher, not only for his assistance, but for sharing his bountiful knowledge of the Romans, with us all.



Under 7 Football Tournament at The Abbey – Sadly we have just heard that this has been cancelled as the pitches at Woodbridge are waterlogged. We are now in the process of rearranging a match for the team and will let you know of the new date.

Young Art East Anglia - Following last week's news that seven of our pupils will have work exhibited at the Peter Pears Gallery in Aldeburgh I am delighted to report that following the judging last week by Carly Norman, lecturer in art and design and well known for her metal garden sculptures, Harry Daines (Year Four) has been awarded Highly Commended. Well done Harry!

PTFA Quiz Night Friday 12th March – This promises to be a most enjoyable evening for all the family. Tickets are available in the office. Tickets are limited and will be sold on a first come first served basis.



Under 9 Hockey – On Monday the Year 4 girls were invited to The Abbey to play in a Quick Sticks tournament with The Abbey girls. It was a very enjoyable afternoon and a great opportunity for them to play against girls of their own age. The matches were very close, with three of the four teams scoring seven points, but on goal difference Charlotte's team were victorious.

Under 11 Netball v St Felix – On Wednesday the girls played their first competitive match of the season. For all of them this was the first time they had played in a full 7-a-side match. The girls started well but it soon became evident that our opposition was more experienced. I was very pleased with some of the individual performances and there is a lot of promise for the future. Many thanks for the wonderful parental support! Final Score – St Felix 12, Henstead 5.



Matches Next Week –
Friday 5th March –
Langley Prep School Cross Country 10.00am
Netball v The Abbey (H) 2.30pm



Year 1 Assembly – Wonderful costumes, fantastic acting and super storytelling! We were really treated this morning by Year 1 who told us two stories about the antics of Mouse Deer! They celebrated the differences between us all and also showed how nasty behaviour is never rewarded.

Year 6 Trip to France – A quick reminder that the balance for this trip is now payable. Also, we have arranged for a representative from Kingswood to come and talk to parents and children on the 19th March at 4.15pm.

World Book Day - Next Tuesday we will be celebrating world book day in school with the children dressing up as characters from the books below. They will be sharing them and parts of the stories at assembly on Tuesday as well. Clifford Norgate the storyteller will be in Wednesday and there will be a book fair in the library starting on Wednesday too.

Reception –	Peter Pan
Year 1 -	The Wizard of Oz
Year 2 -	Winnie the Pooh
Year 3 -	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Year 4 -	Pinocchio
Year 5 -	Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
Year 6 -	A Series of Unfortunate Events

Year Group Parents' Meetings – Thank you very much to all the parents who have been able to come to these meetings over the last few weeks. I have found them extremely useful and I hope that they have been helpful to you as well. For those who were not able to be there, the parental questionnaires are available in the office if you would like to fill one in. Now that they are all complete we will begin to look at the findings and to address any concerns you may have had.

National Festival of Music for Youth

Coopers and Coburn School, Upminster, Essex - This is to remind you that the Senior Choir and Years Two and Three will be taking part in the Regional Festival for Music for Youth on Tuesday March 9th. I am afraid this does entail a very early start as we are in the first session which begins at 9.00am. The consolation is that we will be back comparatively early. A letter with all details will be issued on Monday.

Really Advance Notice – As this is our 30th year we are intending on holding a celebration on Saturday 3rd July. More details will be available a bit nearer the time but we thought you might like to know the date for your diary.