

The Old School Henstead



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Letters issued this week Nursery Newsletter

Next week's menu is:

Monday – Jacket Potatoes
Tuesday – Meatballs, tomato sauce and pasta
Wednesday – Cod, mashed potatoes, peas and sweetcorn
Thursday – Lasagne
Friday - Chicken Goujons

Bird Watch - This weekend the RSPB are holding their Big Garden Birdwatch. If you can spare an hour to observe the number and variety of birds that are visiting your garden all results are gratefully received and collated by the RSPB. Details can be found on their website. As a follow up to a visit to the RSPB reserve at Minsmere last term, Years Three and Four will be holding their own Birdwatch at school next week and inviting other year groups to take part.

Sponsored "Rescue" Swim - A huge thank you to everyone for making Thursday's sponsored "rescue" swim an overwhelming success. Not only did the children produce an exceptional show of stamina and determination to complete an astounding number of rescues, but the parents and staff offered enthusiasm and support in every way imaginable. I can't thank you all enough for making the event so manageable and enjoyable – a truly memorable experience for all concerned!



There was a 100% turn-out of sponsor forms (well done!), which promise to raise an astonishing amount of money for the lifeboats, and I would be very grateful if donations could be collected and handed in to me, or the office, by Friday of next week, so that we can have an initial count on 4th February, and hopefully put the figure in the newsletter! If you are unable to collect all your donations by then, please let me know, so that we can hold fire with the cheque presentation, which will hopefully take place during the following week (beginning 7th Feb), or at the latest before half term. Once again – my sincere thanks to everyone for making this such a wonderful event. Pat Suffolk.

“Treasure Island” Adventure - Year 2 hosted some most enjoyable activities this morning, and every class seemed to thoroughly appreciate their experience on “Treasure Island”. Treasure was won on the giant treasure map, using some fantastic “bottle pirates” as playing pieces, and the galleon was truly amazing - all the children were mesmerised by its size and detail – thank you Mr Butcher! We enjoyed watching each class attempting to crew the lifeboat correctly, and in the Black Pig Galley, there were very few biscuits left at the end, so we think Year 2 did an excellent job with the decorating! (The biscuits obviously had no weevils in them!) Thank you to all who came and supported this fund-raising adventure, but particular thanks to Year 2 for being excellent deckhands, and to Mrs Wicks, who “ran a tight ship” from the galley! Without her invaluable help, the morning would not have been the success it was. THANK YOU, Mrs Wicks – your headmaster’s commendation is on its way to you! Pat Suffolk.



Nursery News – We are delighted to be able to report that we have secured funding through Suffolk County Council to extend and improve the outside area of the nursery. Work should be starting in a few weeks time.

Playing Field – Plans for the new playing field are also well under way now. Once it has been rolled and cut we will be marking out the different areas and beginning work on the planting and installing the play equipment. This should be completed for the beginning of the Summer Term.

Scholarships and Entrance Exams – Good luck to our Year 6 children who have scholarship and entrance exams next week at Langley School and Woodbridge.

Football v The Abbey – The match next Wednesday has been postponed to Wednesday 11th March.

Netball v The Abbey – This has also been postponed, and we will publish a new date as soon as we have had it confirmed.