

The Old School Henstead



Newsletter

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Letters issued this week: Year 3 and 2 Parents' Meeting Invite
Year 1 – Year 6 parents' evenings for reports

Congratulations to Ellen Sherwood and Iruo Isiavwe who received their Headmaster's Commendation Certificates this week.

Trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum – On Wednesday Years 3 to 6 travelled to Cambridge to visit the Fitzwilliam Museum. This is a wonderful museum, which in our case, literally had something for everyone. Year 3 spent the time with Miss Sindall learning about 'The Story of Jan'. They were encouraged to use both keen observation and imagination to engage actively with 'real' paintings while Year 4 complemented their work on the Egyptians with Mr Butcher, who was able to show them some real Ancient Egyptian artefacts. Having seen a film at school about him, the most exciting was the little shrine that had belonged to the king Tuthmosis III.

Years 5 and 6 spent their time in the Early Modern galleries, thinking about life in Tudor times. The hand-written books were inspiring and thought provoking – how much we now take the printed word for granted and different it must have been when books were an extremely expensive rarity. However, the highlight of this study was certainly the large display of weapons and armour. We learned that a suit of armour was about as expensive "as a rather nice motor car would be today". Callum was our brave knight who donned breast-plate and helmet, ably assisted by Will as his squire. Later the ladies in the party had the chance to see Natasha dressed in 'stomacher' and 'farthingale', while poor Millie had to be content with the much humbler 'bumroll'. It was a long, but fascinating day.



ISA Cross Country – Fortunately the runners had a better sense of direction than Mr Lincoln and Miss Goddard, who somehow took a wrong turning and ended up arriving just as the Year 4 Girls race was starting! In the remaining races, the Year 4 boys and the Years 5 & 6 girls all acquitted themselves exceptionally well, showing courage and determination. Our leading boy was Daniel Basey-Fisher, 24th and the leading girl was Alice Whitmore who came 35th, both in fields of well over a hundred. We apologise to Faye, Ellen and Charlotte, but at least they did have a lovely ride around Norfolk!



Football v The Abbey – This week we put out two teams against The Abbey School on Wednesday. Always difficult opponents, we were very pleased with the results.

Our B team played with much determination and were unlucky to be two-nil down at half time. In the second half we got two goals, one from James How and one from Flynn Drinkell. However, despite the best efforts of William Geddes our keeper, we conceded two more. Final Score – Henstead 2, The Abbey 4.



Our A team put on an excellent performance. We battled hard in defence and it was especially pleasing to see the midfield and attack passing the ball well and creating chances. We scored three excellent goals, two from Christian Burgess and one from Callum Aizlewood. Towards the end of the second half the game opened up and they had a chance to score from the penalty spot. James Basey-Fisher made an excellent save however to keep a clean sheet. Well done to the whole team. Final Score – Henstead 3, The Abbey 0.

Reception have been junk modelling and we were delighted to see their fantastic creations in assembly yesterday.



Lowestoft Town Ball Persons – We have been asked if any of the children in years 4, 5 or 6 would like to be Ball Persons at the Lowestoft Town match on Saturday 27th February. Kick off is at 3.00pm and the children would need to be there at 2.15pm. If you are interested please speak to Mrs Mills in the office.

Year 2 Assembly – This morning's assembly took us on a tour of the world of paper. How it is made, how it is recycled and the many, many uses to which it is put. Our excellent Year 2 guides explained everything to us with many illustrations and visual aids and finished their most interesting presentation with an enactment of an ancient Japanese folk story in which paper played a prominent part.

