

The Old School Henstead



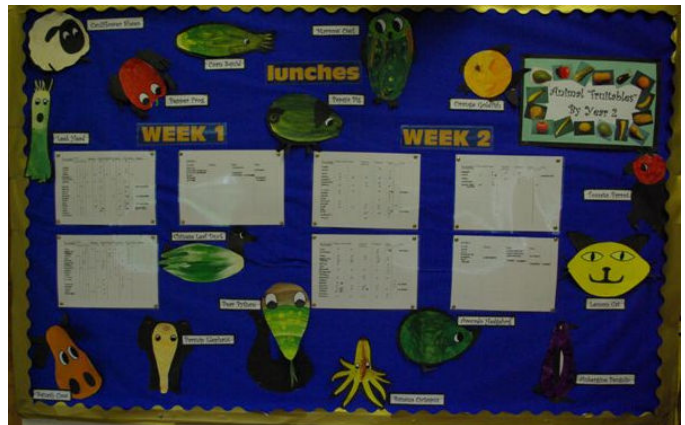
Newsletter
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No letters issued this week

Next week is Menu 2:

Monday - Chicken with Noodles, Peas and Carrots
Tuesday - Beefburger in a Bun with salad and coleslaw
Wednesday - Cheese and Potato Pie with Peas and Sweetcorn
Thursday - Cottage Pie with Cauliflower and Carrots
Friday - Chicken Goujons, Croquettes and Beans

Whilst on the subject of food - Year 2 have made some fantastic paintings of fruit and vegetables which they have turned into different animals. These were for the lunch display in the hall, where they can now be seen. We all enjoyed a most informative and amusing assembly on Wednesday when the class told us about the vegetables and shared their work with us.



Rugby v Brandeston Hall - The rugby team came up against a very strong team from Brandeston last Friday. We found it difficult to keep possession, and when we did have the ball we did not give ourselves room to play with speed and direction. In defence we made good progress as the game went on and our tackling became more effective. With many lessons hopefully learnt we can look forward to improving performances as the term continues.



And again, while on the subject of rugby, we have just heard that both Elliott George and Gabriel Wilkinson (recent past pupils) have been selected to play rugby for Norfolk. Gabriel (pictured left) has today gained the added distinction of being invited to play in the Leicester Tigers Elite Players Development Group. We are proud that two more pupils from our relatively tiny school have gone on to achieve such sporting success.

ISA Regional Swimming Gala - On Wednesday of this week 21 children, Mr Lincoln, Miss Goddard, Mr Griffin and several parents travelled down to Crown Pools in Ipswich. As always it was a super occasion with schools from all over East Anglia coming together to compete, to experience a large gala and to try to gain places in the national finals. Congratulations to all of the children who took part

and especially to Ethan Hillier who gained 3rd place in both freestyle and breast stroke races for his age group. On occasions such as these it is also most pleasing to note how well behaved our children are, something that we notice but that is also noticed by others who have nothing to do with the school.

Fire Drill - Not usually a news worthy item but on Friday morning we had a fire drill at school. All the children evacuated the buildings very quickly, sensibly and quietly but I would like particularly to congratulate the children in the Nursery and Reception who completed the task fantastically well!

Year 6 Geography Fieldwork at Framlingham - Sadly this had to be postponed due to the weather and flooding. The College hopes to be able to reschedule in the spring or summer.

Year 3 to Sutton Hoo- The weather was much kinder to Year 3 who enjoyed a fantastic day at Sutton Hoo yesterday. The day began in the Exhibition Centre with work sheets to be completed and facts to be discovered. After watching an introductory film the children discovered just how uncomfortable it is to wear heavy chain mail, that Anglo Saxon clothes were very itchy and that wearing the famous helmet limits your field of vision.



Is that a Henstead pupil behind the mask?



We learned that the Anglo Saxons gave us much of present day language including the name England and many of our place names. By studying the re-creation of the burial chamber we were able to deduce a great deal about the person buried there. After a brief break to eat our packed lunches the children became archaeologists and learned how to use an archaeologists trowel to research the past. Digging away in the trench we had our very own Time Team. Our finds included pieces of pottery, brick and tile, lumps of coal and an old coin.

Then came the highlight of our visit , a tour of the burial mounds, and a chance to stand on top of King Radwald's grave and imagine the Anglo Saxons walking and talking in this very place over 1500 years ago.

We are grateful to The National Trust and especially to Claire, our guide, for making our day so special.



2010 Shoebox Campaign - Yes, it's that time of year again when we hope to pledge our support for Operation Christmas Child, by filling a shoebox for a needy child. We have participated in this venture on many occasions in the past, and have found it a most enjoyable and worthwhile experience. You are invited to join in this year's appeal, by filling and donating a shoebox as a gift for a child who would otherwise have very little pleasure at Christmas. The children will

have an assembly about the charity next week, and leaflets containing all the necessary information will also be distributed. If you don't have a shoebox, most shoe shops are happy to give you one (even without a purchase!) and if you prefer to fill one box per family, rather than per child, that is absolutely fine. Last year we sent over 60 boxes to the Norwich collection point, and these were then forwarded to deprived children in Eastern Europe. As yet, we are not sure of this year's destination, but all boxes are guaranteed to arrive safely at their designated place, under the watchful eye of OCC staff. I hope you will be happy to join in the appeal, and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask me. You can start filling your box as soon as you like, but due to lack of storage space, please wait until the first week back, **after half term**, before bringing your boxes to school, when they will be very gratefully received!

Sincere thanks, P Suffolk (Year 2 teacher)

Next Week

Monday - Years 3 and 4 to Benacre between 1.30 and 3..30

Tuesday- Year 6 trip to the Time and Tide Museum between 11.00am and 3.30pm
PTFA AGM and meeting at 7.30pm - Once again all welcome.

Friday - Under 11 Football Tournament at Langley Prep school.

Advanced Warning - Wednesday 20th October sees our first Open Morning for prospective parents. Posters will be available in the office on Monday so please ask Mrs Mills for them if you can display them. Also, if you do know anybody who may be interested in either the nursery or the school, do encourage them to come along between 10am and 12noon. The Reception Class for next September is already half full. This is unusual for this time of year so parents with children for this class are particularly encouraged to come to see the school at work.

Addition to Calendar

Monday 8th November Years 5 and 6 to visit the Chelmsford Water Treatment Plant as part of their Geography and Science syllabus