

Issue 17 - July 2022

Henlow Heart

Dear Parents and Carers

This morning we held our first live whole school assembly since December 2019 and we were able to truly celebrate all that we have achieved this academic year. The atmosphere was special and whilst I can't replicate that here, the content of this edition gives you an insight. It was uplifting to welcome Year 5 and 6 into our community and to enjoy our first Year 9 joining us. I have included the Roll of Honour in order that you can all see the range of ways in which Henlow students gain recognition across our community. We also applauded the Key Stage 2 SATS results that Year 6 students gained and recognised the fact that they had to dig really deep to focus on these papers.

In addition to a live whole school assembly we have enjoyed Sports Day and Sports Awards Evening. With fabulous support from families, both of these events were a resounding success. Many school records were broken on Sports Day and individual performances were rewarded with cups and medals. The way in which students supported their peer group and house achievements was wonderful to see and the Henlow spirit certainly shines through when encouragement is needed. The photo montages included here give an overview of the many trips that have taken place now that visits are possible again. I know that students enjoy these rights of passage and have truly deserved a time where they can enjoy their friendships and have fun.

I'm sure you are all aware of the considerable changes that continue to take place as areas of the school are transformed and new facilities are provided. The new library and reconfigured Art and DT rooms have been completed in the last few weeks! Currently the hall is being widened and the centre of the school will re-emerge in September as the final piece in our secondary school. Our first Year 9 move into Year 10 in September and begin their GCSEs and we are all tremendously excited about these next steps. As part of the move to 2 tier we have supported our local feeder schools to become primary and we will therefore have no Year 5 cohort joining in September. Meppershall Academy's Year 6 provision is currently based on Henlow's site and we will welcome their Year 5 in September.

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At the end of a school year we enjoy reflecting on the successes and we inevitably focus on the changes for the following year. Two long-serving Teaching Assistants - Mrs Cranston and Mrs Maxwell (24 and 11 years respectively) are moving across to our sister school, Meppershall to spend more time with younger pupils. Similarly, Key Stage 2 teacher, Mrs Hindess is returning to Meppershall following a year here whilst Mr Carter and Mr Pigram are changing the way that they work and will be with us occasionally rather than full-time. We wish them all well as they make these changes and thank them for the many years they have given to Henlow.

We also see the retirement of Mrs Preece, the leader of MFL and Mrs Hardy, a Teaching Assistant who has spent 11 years at Henlow. Miss Lines is moving on to another school with more primary students and Mrs Allen is going to teach A level in another school. Mrs Upstone, Head of Art, is re-locating to the Peak District to enjoy a new area of the country. Together they have given 21 years of service to our school and we wish them well as they begin new chapters in their life.

As we are in the midst of change across Central Bedfordshire some of our Year 8 pupils will leave today and in recent weeks we have been able to offer them our best wishes and celebrate their educational journeys through the middle years. Many current Year 8 students will become Year 9 at Henlow in September following in the footsteps of the first ever Year 9 who move into Year 10.

New members of staff have been appointed to join us in September and I look forward to introducing them to you all in the next newsletter. Our first intake of secondary students into Year 7 will be in September of 2023 and our Open Evening will take place on Thursday 29th September. Our newly completed buildings and facilities will all be open and parents will be able to meet staff and current students.

At the end of a challenging but uplifting year I hope you have a relaxing summer and look forward to hearing from the students how much they have enjoyed time with friends and family.

Yours sincerely



Caren Earp
Head Teacher



Roll of Honour



Joshua S	6JC	Outstanding commitment to SAG and Unwavering commitment to Science club
Chloe B	5HG	Achieving Grade 3 in piano with Distinction
Andrew S	8JU	Gaining his red belt grading in Taekwondo and winning four trophies - 2 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze in his Inter club UTA (Unified Taekwondo Association) competition.
Alexandra R	8SP	Achieving Grade 2 Piano with Distinction
Aaron S	5HG	Independently coming up with the idea and then organising and running a second-hand toy stall at the summer fayre.
Emily M	8JU	Learning to complete a wide variety Rubik's cubes in record times and taking part in county competitions doing it.
Alfie R	8JU	Going above and beyond his duty to prepare and run a stall for the School Fair when most of the group were unable to attend.
Dillon C	9EJ	Excellent contribution to School Action Group and running the Clifton Village Facebook group.
Arabella H	8CG	Outstanding contribution to art - not only working to an exceptional standard, but also entering competitions locally to show her skill.
Tom C	8JU	Competing up to national level Taekwondo
Kai W	8JU	Competing up to national level Taekwondo
Jake F	5JF	Achieving a Yellow belt in Judo
Max F	5JF	Achieving a Green belt in Kickboxing
Isla G	5JF	Achieving Bronze level on beam Gymnastics
Hayley VB	7RL	For designing and making the decorations for her own birthday cake - up to 15 hours spent in her Mum's workroom making the icing decorations by hand for a woodland themed cake! The pictures are amazing!
Gracie D	9EJ	For winning awards at her local hockey group

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Ella I	8JU	Raised £250 in a charity cake sale, making over 100 cakes personally to see raising money for Keech House Hospice.
Iris G	6IL	Being awarded 'Grafter of the year' her end of season rugby presentation.
Amelie S	8MS	District Barclaycard Game Changers representative
Sophie S	6IL	Selected for Bedfordshire FA Emerging Talent Centre as part of the England Football Pathway.
Milena S	5HG	Selected for Bedfordshire FA Emerging Talent Centre as part of the England Football Pathway.
Elsa S	5HG	Selected for Bedfordshire FA Emerging Talent Centre as part of the England Football Pathway.
Arthur L	8BW	2nd Kyu Shotokan (brown belt 2 white stripes)
Ruby and Charlie A	6AW & 8BW	Well done for completing a 96 mile Scotland Highland walk raising £2150 for Cancer Research
Jack N	6AW	5 Golden Boot and Best Player of the Season for Shefford Saints (Football)
Marija M	6AW	Achieved Karate an Orange/Yellow 5th Belt
Jasper R	6AW	Player of the season Award for Henlow Hurricanes
Lyla H	6AW	Achieved 3rd place in an U12's Dance Hip hop Competition (most pupils being Y7&8)
Max H & Rhia V	6AW	Excellent achievement in Tennis
Bethan M	9HP	National Dance competition winner
Ruby SL	8MS	National Dance competition winner
Parum S	7KD	Awarded Player of the Season for Hitchin Comets
Ben MF	7KD	Played 100 games for Shefford Saints
Tom S	7KD	Selected to compete at regional level athletics for Milton Keynes Athletics Club in Rugby
Sydney R	7KD	Achieved her Badge 1 in gymnastics at Shefford Gymnastics Club

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Year 6 Pupils involved in the Science CCI Project

Super enthusiastic and had fun with their science investigations. They were a credit to the school.

**Ryan S,
Isabel H
Noah R
Sophie S
Joshua S**

Year 6

Perfect score on mental arithmetic paper in their SATs (40 out of 40)

Xanthe W

6SG

Only dropped 1 mark on the reading paper (49 out of 50)

**Eliza B
Noah R**

Year 6

Got the highest mark on the maths papers (120)

**Jenson R
Joshua S**

Year 6

Got the highest mark on the Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling papers (120)

**Hattie C
Logan H
Blake F
Beth H**

Year 6

For coming in and trying the best on their SATs despite being poorly on the day.

Brilliant Progress in Year 6 English SATs

Tommie B, Emelia D, Ethan E, Rosie G, Alexa G, Thomas H, Lyla H, Ellie N, Anna K, Harley OE, Heather L, Tilly Q, Hollie M, Grace R, Oscar M, Lakshreya S, Noah M, Lucas S, Sophie S, Joshua S, Ava T, Josh T, Lily T

Brilliant Progress in Year 6 Maths SATs

Archie B, Henry B, Eliza B, Dominic B, Aidan M, Bella D R, Jack G K, Leighton M D, Mylo P, Noah R, Emily S, Rohit S, Maiya W, Freya W, Logan X

Brilliant Progress in Year 6 SATs Across the Board

Olivia A, Joshua B, Olivia B, Riley J, Lily C, Freya E, Sophia G, Eden G, Melody G, Theo H, Isabella H, Isabel H, Olivia S, Elliot S, Jenson V, Emelia W, Ava W

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On Saturday 9th July Lois Fell-Cowen had her biggest diving competition of the year, the Swim England National Skills Finals in Leeds.

Unfortunately she had an accident during training, slipping off the end of the 1m board on her first dive and scraped all down her back, her arm, her foot and ripped her swimsuit. She then spent 30 mins sitting out and having first aid.

Despite this she got back on the boards and completed training.

She went on to compete, and despite her injuries, she won the gold medal!

The medals were presented by Team GB diver Dan Goodfellow. Congratulations Lois!



Sports Day



We were thrilled to see the return of our whole school sports day this week along with a record number of parents who came along to watch. It was a fantastic afternoon with school records being broken all over the place! The house point scores are:



- Tilley - 514 points
- Lennox - Boyd - 497 points
- Addington - 467 points
- Raynsford - 453 points
- Gribble - 436 points



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Sports Awards



Last night we hosted our annual Sports Awards ceremony. It really has been an incredible year for our sports teams and individuals. On the next page we've listed all of their achievements this year as the sheer amount of them is so amazing. Congratulations to everyone involved including are brilliant PE department. **#LetsgoHenlow**



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Sport @ Henlow



We wanted to take this opportunity to really acknowledge the incredible achievements of our students and our amazing PE staff. This year our teams and individuals have been successful in a variety of different sports. We've listed their achievements here for you to see:

Year 7 Netball County Plate Runners Up

KS2 Girls Indoor Athletics Runners Up

KS2 Boys District Indoor Athletics Runners Up

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Year 7 Girls District Indoor Athletics Runners Up

Year 7 Boys District Indoor Athletics Runners Up

Year 8 Girls District Indoor Athletics Runners Up

Year 8 Boys District Indoor Athletics Runners Up

Year 8 Girls County Indoor Athletics 3rd Place

Year 9 Boys Football League Runners Up

Gymnastics National Finalists

U13 Girls Hockey District Champions

U3 Boys District Hockey Runners Up

U11 Mixed Hockey Runners Up

Year 9 Netball League Runners Up

U13 Girls Football League Winners

Year 5 Rugby District Champions

Year 6 Rugby District runners up

Year 7 Boys Rugby 3rd in district

Year 8 Boys Rugby Second in the League (Lost 1 game in 4 years)

Year 7/8 Girls Rugby District Runners Up Year 6 Football County Runner up

U13 Girls Badminton District Champions

U13 Boys Badminton District Champions

U13 Girls Badminton County Runners Up

U13 Boys Badminton County 3rd place

U13 Girls District Handball Champions

U13 Pre Regional Boys Handball Champions

U13 Girls Athletics League Runners Up

U13 Boys Athletics League Runners Up

Y5/6 Boys Athletics League Runners up

Y5/6 Girls Athletics League Runners up

Year 7 Girls Athletics District Champions

Year 7 Boys Athletics 3rd Place

Year 8 Boys Athletics District Champions

Year 8 Girls Athletics District Runners up

Year 7/8 Boys Athletics League Runners up

Year 7/8 Girls Athletics League Runners up

Year 7/8 Boys English Schools Regional

Runners up -Qualified for Regional

Year 7/8 GirlsEnglish Schools Regional Runners

up - Qualified for Regional

Year 5/6 Boys District runners up

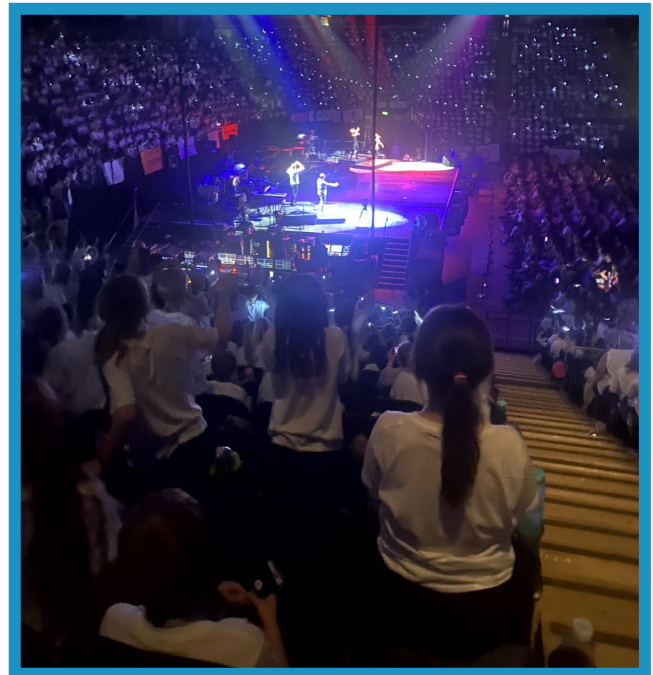
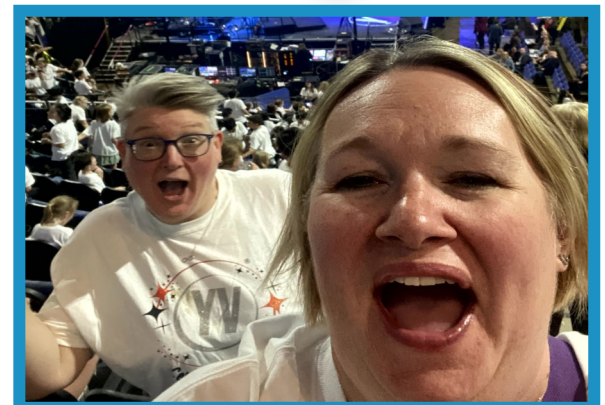
Year 8 Mixed Rounders Champions

Year 9 Mixed Rounders Champions

Year 9 Boys Basketball District Runners Up

KS2 Quadkids County 3rd place.

Young Voices



On Thursday 5th May we took our Young Voices group to the O2 Arena in London to take part in the 25th anniversary of Young Voices Concert. As you can see we had a fantastic time and sang with Wyn Evans (the Go Compare man)! Thank you to all who came!

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Extra Curricular Activities



We think there is something quite special about the number of extra curricular activities which our staff run throughout the year. In this academic year there have been over 75 clubs on offer to Henlow students! These have included Board Game Club, Origami Club, School Action Group, Homework Club, Young Voices, Chamber Choir, Recorder Group, Boom Whackers Group, Geography Club, Science Club, Gardening Club, over 45 sports clubs and more! A huge thank you to our staff who give up their own time to run these activities for our students.

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PTA Summer Fayre



On Friday 1st July Henlow Academy PTA held their annual summer fayre. It was fantastic to see so many past and present families and friends come along to support our school. We even had a special guest, Mrs Coster, come and sell of denim creations to raise money for charity. We raised an incredible **£3607** for our school. A huge thank you to everyone!



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Year 6 Kingswood



We are thrilled that our Year 6's were finally able to resume Kingswood residential last week! They had a fantastic time. Thank you to the Year 6 Team for organising a brilliant week!



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Year 6 Science



Year 6 Children Challenging Industry Science Project

A group of Y6 pupils enjoyed Science investigations led by Clare Docking (Primary Science Advisory Teacher to Sartorius based in Royston) teamed up with Mrs Wallace.

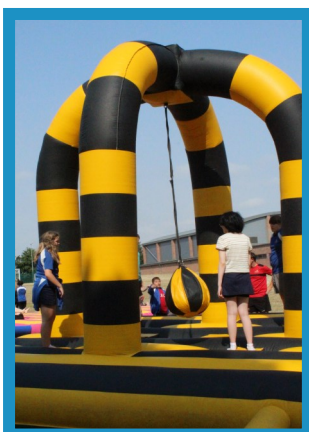
The Science investigations were linked to current science industry experiments e.g. Covid-19 and the importance of school science skills developed and taught in science lessons. Children Challenging Industry (CCI) aims to improve children's motivation and enjoyment in relation to science, and their understanding of industry.

The pupils were inquisitive and enthusiastic; working in teams to develop their communication and investigative skills. The pupils were a credit to the science department and the school. Well Done! - Mrs Wallace



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Year 7 Activities



Year 7's end of term treat was an activity day run by Rising Stars Multi-Sports. Students went through inflatable obstacle courses, had Nerf battles, trampolined, wrestled and tried archery. The day included a pizza delivery for a pizza picnic on the field!

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Year 7 Cushion Competitions



I set a design competition for some of my Year 7 classes this term. It linked in with the textiles rotation they are currently undertaking with me. The challenge was to design a cushion cover under the theme of either 'Dogs' or 'Bicycles'. The classes were very enthusiastic and they only had an hour to complete the design. There were many great ideas and creative designing, making it a very difficult choice. The winner is to have their design made for them on a cushion. This year I have the pleasure of saying that the winner is Emily K. Well done to all those that participated and to Emily who now has a lovely cushion.

Deb's comments on the designs

"I am so pleased to get to see all your design work. There were so many great ideas, it made choosing just one actually quite challenging. The design that I finally selected was chosen because it had the key elements for my typical type of cushion project. The design is bold and I had a lot of fun making it!"

A huge 'Thank you' to Debs (Mrs Wood's sister) for offering this opportunity to the students. She designs and makes all the cushions as a hobby and then sells them. The profits of these cushions go to the charity Barnardo's in memory of her father. She will take on commission work and if you would like to contact her through her Facebook page, please type in this address uffstuff.co.uk. Prices range from £20-£25.

Mrs Sherman

Head of DT and
Food Technology.



Year 8 Box End



After a quick rearrangement of plans due to the heat on Tuesday, all of Year 8 went to Box End to round off the year with a splash! Students and teachers had a fantastic time!



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Year 9 Thorpe Park



Year 9 ended the year with a trip to Thorpe Park. A brilliant time was had by all, so much so that they didn't have time for many photos!

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Year 8 French Gingerbread Man Performance



Recently, two groups of Year 8 pupils listed below, spent mornings and afternoons 'touring' six local feeder schools, namely: Langford; Meppershall; Raynsford; Derwent, Fairfield and Clifton. In each school, they worked with the Year 4 or Year 5, leading activities in small groups, focusing on the history of the story of the Gingerbread Man (there are many variations in different languages!) and then performing the French version featuring a big pancake instead of the Gingerbread Man.

It was a real shame that both Daniel Godwin and Jacob Keddie could not attend on the day as they had attended rehearsals regularly and would have made a wonderful contribution to the day.

I was really impressed with the leadership skills the Year 8 showed and their interaction with the lower school pupils, who obviously enjoyed the experience! Also, the pupils' dedication in turning up at lunchtimes to learn their lines, rehearse the play and ultimately produce a polished performance, was outstanding! Well done!

There was great feedback from the pupils on their experience

'I enjoyed seeing the smiles on the children's' faces when they got questions right'

'An amazing experience' 'going to my old school really brought back memories'

'All the children were really involved and seemed to enjoy it'

'It was good to show our hard work to everyone and to see how happy they were'

'I'm so glad that I joined this group to perform the play. I have really enjoyed the atmosphere of rehearsing and performing each week'

'It was really fun when we played 'Duck, Duck, Goose' with the Meppershall kids at break-time'

'It has helped me make many memories'

'I liked being in charge of the children and telling them what to do'

'I absolutely loved it and it was definitely worth the work!'

'I'm quite sad it's over'

A big thank you to the following pupils for their commitment and hard work - Jess C, Livi P, Issy M, Arabella H, Isla C, Tabby A, Siena P, Ella P, Daisy-May M, Chloe H, Jacob K, Lucy M, Nathaniel P, Alexandra R, Carrie M, Daniel G (Daniel came to all the rehearsals, but there was a clash with the Regional Athletics Competition on the day of the performance so he could not come! Although we missed him, he came 3rd in the javelin!)

Mrs Preece, Head of MFL

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Year 8 French Gingerbread Man Performance



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Year 9 Beans On Toast Challenge



Mrs Williamson set the Year 9's a challenge to create the best restaurant worthy plate of beans on toast. They weren't given any warning to prepare ideas, when they turned up to the lesson the task was explained and they had to get straight on with it. The end results were incredible! Mrs Jando and Miss Price came to judge the competition and really struggled to choose winners due to the high quality that had been produced.



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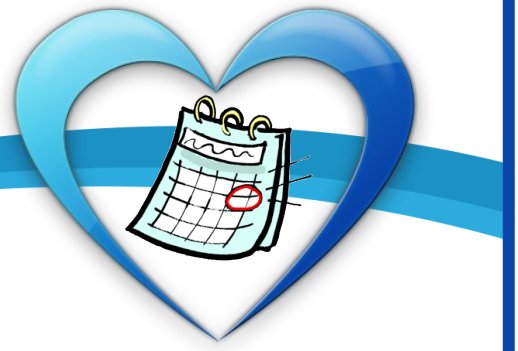


All pencil cases will have been sent home to be restocked over the summer. Please can you ensure students have all the right equipment they need for school everyday. We are seeing an increasing number of pupils that are turning up to lessons without even a pen and pencil. As part of The Henlow Home School Partnership, pupils should attend school properly equipped. If you are unable to provide stationery for any reason please contact your child's form tutor who will be able to help.

All students needs a pencil case which contains ALL of the following:

- **Cartridge pen, handwriting pen or a friction pen (blue)**
- **30cm ruler**
- **HB pencil and a spare**
- **2 Dry wipe board marker pen and a wiper/cloth**
- **Coloured pencils (not felt tips)**
- **Ink eraser pen (if using a cartridge pen)**
- **Green pen (friction pen preferred)**
- **Rubber**
- **Pencil sharpener (which can collect shavings)**
- **Glue Stick**
- **Scissors**
- **Highlighters**
- **Scientific calculator (ESSENTIAL FOR KEY STAGE 3 MATHS)**
- **Protractor**
- **Headphones (suitable to be plugged into any tablet)**

**Calendar
Dates**



**Wishing you a
fantastic
summer!**

**We look forward
to welcoming you
all back on
Monday 5th
September!**