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Week 6

Term 5

May 24th, 2018

Steps to Increase Your Child's Maths Achievements and to Make Maths Fun!

(Continued Jo Boaler)

Step 11. Give children math puzzles. These have been shown to inspire children mathematically and are great for their mathematical development. Award winning mathematician, Sarah Flannery reported that her math ability and enthusiasm came not from school but from the puzzles she was given to solve at home. **Step 12.** Play games, which are similarly helpful for children's mathematical development. For young children any game with a dice will help. Some board games I particularly like are: Place Value Safari Mancala Blokus Yahtzee Guess Who (great for logical thinking) Mastermind For more games and puzzles go to youcubed.org

was electric. So, thank you to all those who made the whole day such a success. A massive thank you to Lyndsey Webb for truly driving the summer fair this year and ensuring everything ran smoothly. Don't forget we have a few more exciting events in store before the year comes to a close.

Walk to School Week

We are delighted that there has been much less traffic on the road in front of school this week which can only mean one thing. Thank you to everyone who has been fully participating in Walk to School Week. One more day to go! How will you get into school tomorrow?

Data Protection

As you may know, the way data is handled within organisations is changing. As part of this, you will be receiving privacy notices and further letters asking for consent for a range of information.

Please also know, that you may contact the office at any time if you would like to opt out of receiving newsletters.

Pobble

Pobble is an online platform for teachers to share children's work with the world! It is a unique way for children to 'blog' and be able to receive

What can you do
when you get into an
argument?
What should you do
if someone has a
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Tuesday: Football Club 1/2

Thursday: Football Club 5/6
Basketball Club
Choir

Reading Morning

For those of you who missed our reading morning, but would like a free book to read over the summer, we still have a few left over. Please come see Mrs Rance in the office. First come, first served!

Summer Fair and Thames Run

A huge thank you to the Thames Run Committee for organising yet again another amazing Thames Run. Also, to all the PTA who have helped out at both the Thames Run and the Summer Fair this year. It was a beautiful day and the atmosphere

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comments on their writing. Receiving feedback on our writing in this way is a powerful motivator and really helps children engage with the writing process. The Monday after half term the children will be doing another Pobble writing day. Many children will have their work published and in order for children to comment on their own work and other's work, they need to have been given permission by their parents. You will have received an e-mail at the start of the year to set this up. If you haven't given permission, that is fine, but we will be re-sending out the e-mail to parents who haven't granted permission just to ensure it wasn't an oversight and you just didn't respond to the e-mail. Please be on the lookout for this correspondence.

School Meals

In order to cover increasing costs it will be necessary to increase the price of school meals to £2.30 from September. Pupils in Years R, 1 and 2 will continue to receive free meals.

Sports News

This term Years 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 have been developing their orienteering skills. Using the British Orienteering TriO activity pack for schools, we have been challenging ourselves to an outdoor sport which was new to most and exercises both mind and body! We looked at orienteering language, including control, start and finish points, how to navigate using an orienteering map and considered the various symbols. We had lots of fun with this, making obstacle courses and navigating ourselves around simple courses. We will continue with orienteering in school with lunchtime activities to continue to develop our skill in this area.

Next term, we will be concentrating on athletics, rounders and cricket.

In term 6 I will be running a Multiskills Club for pupils in Years 1 and 2. The club will run on Wednesdays after school from 3.15 until 4.00pm and the first session will be on 13th June. Numbers are limited to 15 and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please complete the attached slip if your child would like to participate.

Mrs Scott
PE Co-ordinator

PTA News

Ice Cream Fridays

will be held every Friday in Key Stage 1 playground after school. Don't forget to bring some money!

Carnival Update

Thanks for all offers of help to date. We are refining the plan for the Carnival and would like to request help with the following:

We have planned the following sessions to get all the scenery and props made for the float:
Tuesday 5th June - 3.15
Monday 11th June - 3.15
Tuesday 12th June - 3.15
Friday 15th June - time TBC (to decorate the truck ready for the morning) - it would be good to have some practical/heavy duty help here - this might be more of an evening session.
Saturday 16th June - Carnival - meeting place TBC approx. 1-2pm.

These sessions will be held at school, so children are obviously welcome! Tea and chocolate biscuits provided.

We would love to welcome loads of volunteers to help at these sessions. No experience or artistic ability required!

(If you cannot make these sessions but would like to help we are looking for a small team to help with a small number of specific costumes - volunteers to help coordinate this element would be brilliant).

We also require the following materials. Please could any donations be dropped into school by Monday 4th latest:

- chicken wire
- gaffer tape
- large cardboard boxes
- newspaper
- 3 white double (or larger) bed sheets (to be painted) or light coloured fabric
- white emulsion
- other paints (brownish colours and other)

If you have access to any of these things that we could borrow and return please let us know: small PA system, smoke machine, adult and child fancy dress costumes (see below), small table cloth, candelabras, bell, ladle, any other Victorian-style props, friendly bulldog (!)

Most of the children can dress as urchins (please see attached photos for some examples of costume), but we would like to have 6 of the little ones dressed in finery on the 'top table' while the urchins walk alongside the float shaking their caps at the crowd.

If anyone has any items of fancy dress suitable for 4-6 year olds to look like wealthy Victorian aristocrats (ruffled shirts, period dresses, waistcoats, top hats, etc) please let us know. So cute!

We are also hoping to involve some of the adults from school, so if anyone happens to have any Bill Sykes/Nancy/Fagin type gear that would fit a large person please shout!

Please return slips to school if your child will be attending. It promises to be lots of fun.

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Film Club

The next film show will take place on Friday 8th June from 3.15 – 5.00pm. The film will be Despicable Me 3 or Paddington 2 so please vote using the attached slip. The cost per child will be £3 to include refreshments. Slips must be handed in no later than Thursday 7th June please.

PTA communication in relation to GDPR.

For ease of conforming to the GDPR requirements we will be shutting down the current PTA facebook page today (24th May) and setting up a new one a.s.a.p. If you would like to be able to keep up to date with PTA information you will need to request to join the group and are able to leave the group at any point. As a PTA we will not be sending out communications individually but will use the school newsletter and face book page to keep members informed. If you want to access the PTA termly newsletter, meeting agendas or minutes of our meetings we will add them to the school web site and or newsletter where appropriate. PTA will not be storing personal contact details so if you would like to receive an email copy of any information you will need to request it on a case by case basis.

Summer Fete & Thames Run

If you were fortunate enough to be able to attend the Summer Fete and Thames Run last Sunday I am sure you will agree that it was a fantastic day. On behalf of the PTA we would like to thank Lyndsey Webb and her team of helpers along with the Thames Run Committee who have been working hard for many months and throughout the weekend, planning and setting up for the event. We are not yet able to say how much has been raised for the school and Style Acre but hope that we will have this information ready for our next PTA meeting.

Up coming meeting.

On Tuesday 12th June we will be holding our next PTA meeting at 7.30 pm in the School hall. We will be sending out an agenda in the school newsletter after half term and would love to see as many of you there as possible. Anna Franklin, our treasurer this year has decided to step down and focus on her role running and leading the school gardening club. We would like to thank her for all she has done so far in both roles. We do have people ready to volunteer to take over the treasurer role but we will need to vote this in during our next meeting. If you feel you could support on the committee we would love to hear from you.

PTA Committee.

Church News

Services of particular interest to families at St Mary Magdalene Church, Crowmarsh are:

Sunday 27th May at 11am

Family Communion.

Sunday 3rd June at 11am

Family Service

Advance notice of the Flower Festival which will be held on 9th and 10th June, followed by Songs of Praise at 6pm on Sunday.

The theme this year is 'Paths of Peace' with the emphasis on the ending of the Great War in 1918.

Community News

We are happy to include community items when space permits but readers should be aware that events and activities advertised have not been researched by the school.

Oxford United FC has asked us to advertise their May half term camp at Crowmarsh Recreation Ground 29th – 31st May. Book online at www.officialsoccerschools.co.uk/oxfordunited.

Dates for Your Diary (The school website will be updated with new dates so please check it regularly)

NB Class Open Afternoons will always be held on the last Wednesday before half term or end of term from 3.15 – 5.00pm when parents can look at their child's work in the classroom.

May

Wk Beg 28th May – HALF TERM

June

School starts again on Monday 4th

Friday 8th June – Film Club 3.15 – 5.00pm (See attached permission slip)

Saturday & Sunday 9th & 10th June – St Mary Magdalene Church Flower Festival

Saturday 16th June – Wallingford Carnival

Friday 22nd June – School Camp Out – further details attached.

July

Sports Day will be held on Wednesday 4th July with a reserve date of Wednesday 11th July.

Monday 9th July – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET DAY

9th – 11th July – Year 5 residential visit to Youlbury Scout Activity Centre

Wednesday 11th July – Open Afternoon 3.15 – 5.00pm

Thursday 12th July at 6pm. Summer Music and Poetry Evening (Please note change of date.)

Friday 13th July – Human Table Football Fun – further details to follow.

16th – 20th July – Year 6 residential visit to Isle of Wight

Wednesday 25th July – School finishes at 3.15 for Summer Holidays