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Learn to Live, Live to Learn

Newsletter

We ♥
Maths

We are all
writers ...



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Math Magical

On Wednesday we had a mathematician in school who dazzled all the children in the school with some excellent maths magic. Hopefully, you've seen the pictures on the school's twitter account. If not a quick resumé. Circles were turned into squares. £20 notes were transformed into \$1,000,000 dollar bills and scraps of paper were turned into money. In addition, some magical number facts were revealed.

$$12345678 = (12 = 3 \times 4, 56 = 7 \times 8)$$

Think of a number, double it, add 10, halve it, subtract your starting number—you will always get the answer 5! - Magic!



At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.

Jane D. Hull

Assembly Theme for next Week: Try to Use Kind Words.

Mathematics focus for next week: Another, Another, Another.

Christmas Fair

Our PTA continue to meet regularly as the planning stage nears reality, with our Christmas Fair now just two weeks away. Some new things for this year: including a magical igloo and an outside marquee. As always, classes are also planning their Christmas stalls. The next PTA coffee morning (tea is served as well) is next Thursday morning at 9.00a.m. Please do pop along and support the PTA's work in any way you can.

Open Evening/Assessment Period Reports

Please remember that next Thursday is our Open Evening from 5.00p.m.—7.30p.m at both sites. Children will be bringing their reports home on Tuesday and this will include an invitation from them to you detailing some of the work they are really proud of.

Website Calendar

Please check out the tab for CALENDAR on the website, it has lots of 'not to be missed' dates on—Including Term Dates.

Diary Dates

- Thursday 1st December. 9.00a.m. PTA Coffee Morning. Town. All Welcome.**
- Thursday 1st December. 5.00p.m.—7.30p.m.—Open Evening.**
- Friday 2nd December. Non Uniform Day in Support of Christmas Fair.**
- Tuesday 6th December 4.30p.m.—5.30p.m.—Internet Café. AF**
- Friday 9th December. Christmas Fair. AF.**
- Tuesday 13th December. Christmas Lunch for AF**
- Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th @ 2.30p.m.—Year 1 Christmas Concert (Please note change of date)**
- Wednesday 14th, Thursday 15th, Friday 16th @10.00a.m. Foundation Nativity, 'The Secret in the Shed.'**
- Thursday 15th December. Christmas Lunch for Town.**
- Friday 16th December. Non Uniform Day. Christmas Jumper and Bobble Hat. £1.00. In support of NSPCC & Save the Children.**
- Monday 19th @6.00p.m. Tuesday 20th @ 2.00p.m. & 6.00p.m.—Year 2 Production. 'Lights, Camel, Action!'**
- Wednesday 21st December. Last day of Autumn Term**
- Thursday 5th January 2017. First Day of Spring Term**



WALT: We Are Learning To

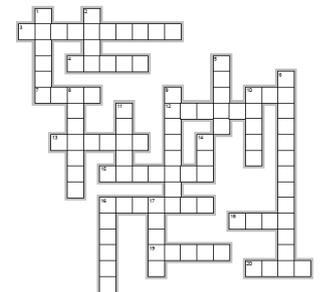
Please keep asking your children what some of their WALTs have been in school. If you can get it out of them—their learning is amazing!

Crossword Challenge

There'll be a weekly crossword challenge this term. As always, Answers on Miss Salmon's door if you are at Abbey site and on Mr Green's door if you are at Town site

Disney Crossword Puzzle

Add the names of characters from several different Disney movies to this puzzle.



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| Across | Down |
| 3. Disney star who must be home by midnight | 1. ____ Bell, star of her own 2008 Disney movie |
| 4. Cowboy in Toy Story | 2. Fish who is separated from his father |
| 7. The rat's name in Ratatouille, brother of Emile | 5. Color of the Rabbit in Alice in Wonderland |
| 10. Aladdin's monkey | 6. Space man from Toy Cars |
| 12. The Mad ____ from Alice in Wonderland | 8. Lightning ____ from Cars |
| 13. The Lion King's warthog friend | 9. Type of cat in Alice's Wonderland |
| 15. The Sultan's daughter in Aladdin | 10. Little Mermaid's name |
| 16. Boy who flies to South America in UP | 11. The Princess who kisses the Frog |
| 18. Name of the boy in Toy Story | 14. Wall-E's favorite robot friend |
| 19. The starting lady in The Beauty and the Beast | 16. A wise baboon from The Lion King |
| 20. Owner of the house that flies away in UP | 17. The Lion King's name |

The winning entry each week from each phase will get to choose a free book or writing prize.



Aya

Many of you will know Aya, who is a child in our Foundation class. She was diagnosed at the age of 6 months with bilateral spastic cerebral palsy, which means Aya will never walk without surgical intervention. Also the pain and discomfort are becoming more of a struggle for her on a daily basis as her muscles are very tight.

Aya's only wish is to be able to walk like other children her age and play with her friends in school rather than sitting in her chair and watching them. Aya is unable to walk at the moment and crawls to move from place to place if she isn't in her chair. Despite her condition, Aya is an enthusiastic little girl that always has a big smile on her face and an absolute delight to have in school.

Sadly Aya will never walk without surgical intervention. Her parents have started the mammoth task of raising the £50,000 that is needed for Aya's surgery.

A special page has been set up

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Aya-Al-Khalidi> and if you think you might be able to support in any way please do go on and make a donation. I know that it would be very much appreciated.

Awards

- Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Ryan Allen
- Year 5 (Oysters) — Brooke-Angel Rogers
- Year 4 (Castle) - Oliver Smith
- Year 4 (Cavalier) - Mila Lake
- Year 3 (Dutch) - Isabella Castagnoli
- Year 3 (Iceni) - Zoe Crayden
- Year 2 (Mercury) - Leland Freeman
- Year 2 (Claudius) - Harrison Miller
- Year 2 (Romans) - Yuki Chen
- Year 1 (Eagles) - Jakov Radunovic
- Year 1 (Circus) - Francesac Pincombe
- Year 1 (Roses) - Demi Pudney
- Foundation (Chariot) - Kyla Rowles
- Foundation (Star) - David Oprea
- Foundation (Jumbo) - Khadija Islam
- Heads' Award— Football Team
- Attendance — Star

Football Competition at Shrub End

Miss Pickard and Mrs McIver took some of our children over to Shrub End this week for a football competition hosted by Colchester United. A brilliant morning with our children winning two games and losing two. There was also a special visitor!



Primary Maths Challenge

Last week ten children from upper phase completed the national Primary Maths Challenge. Pitting, the cream of mathematicians against each other nationally. As of yet we don't know our children have faired. But as a challenge to you all, can you answer this question. If you want the answer—ask Mr Green!

In a survey of 20 children, 8 had 1 brother, and 6 had 2 brothers. The mean number of brothers was 1. How many children had no brothers?

- A 0 B 2 C 4 D 6 E 8

And Finally,

You may remember that I was banned from watching the netball matches by Miss Pickard. The same fate has now befallen me with regards to the football. I arrived on Tuesday to see the children seal a 2-1 victory. I watched the next two games which we both lost. When I left the children won again! I will be at Weston Homes this Saturday to watch the mighty Colchester United take on Crewe. They had a stunning 3-0 victory on Tuesday against Cheltenham, so I'm hopeful that my presence not withstanding—I will actually see them win at home!

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings



NON UNIFORM DAY

FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER

2016

Friday 2nd December will be a non-uniform day in aid of our Christmas Fair. The Christmas Fair will be held on Friday 9th December from 5.00 – 7.00pm at the Abbey Field Site.

We are collecting donations for the Fair on the Non-Uniform Day on Friday 2nd December.

Instead of money, could parents please send their children in to school with any one of the following: small items suitable for Lucky Dip/ anything chocolate (boxes or individual chocolate bars) for the chocolate tombola stall/good quality items for child tombola/bottles/cans of soft drinks, biscuits, sweets to sell on the refreshment stall. Adults please hand any glass items directly to the School Office.

**Urgently Needed: Donations for the Raffle
(e.g. good quality toiletries, bottles, gifts etc.)**

