



# Morgans Mail



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Dear Parents / Carers and Children

I hope you enjoy at least some good weather and quality time with your families over the Easter break. I am hoping that it will be warm enough to take my camper van on a short expedition after the Bank Holiday.

Although it has been a four day week this is a particularly busy edition. Along with news of what has been going on, there is also information of an action packed first couple of weeks back in April.

Ms. Ledden & Mrs Voss have organised a 'Read for Writing' session for parents before the end of school on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April. We celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 26<sup>th</sup> April, please note the details in the separate attachment. It is also Morgans Mile on 29<sup>th</sup> April. I think we will all need another holiday to recover from the excitement of the week!

Kind regards *Sue Dutt*

## Morgans Magnificents

This week Year 3 entertained the school with a story writing workshop. They explained the key elements of an effective story and ably demonstrated these after each feature was spoken about. This story writing guide was then recorded after the assembly, the plan being to have this available on the Year 3 class page of the school's website.



## Muddle Free Maths

**Want to improve your maths skills but haven't had the time until now?**

**Do you understand the maths methods your child is using for addition, subtraction multiplication and division?**

**Are you panicked by partitioning?**

**Then come to our friendly taster session and find out how you can help your child and yourself.**

**Four week course to follow starting Tuesday 27th April 9:15-11:15.**

**Interested?**

**Please let Mrs Orton have your name and contact details.**



# Crazy Creatures



As part of National Science and Engineering Week, our children were invited to take part in a 'Create a Crazy Creature Competition,' organised by Setpoint Herts. All children in Years 1-6 were challenged (in pairs) to create a crazy creature using only three pieces of card and a glue stick. The creatures had to be imaginative, creative and structurally sound (meaning all limbs needed to stay attached to torsos!!!) There was also an emphasis on teamwork and co-operation and this was 'crazily' abundant. A great time was had by all!

The standard across the whole school was absolutely fantastic and judging proved to be 'crazily' difficult. The whole staff judged all ten creatures which made the final. The overall winning creature, to go forward to the Hertfordshire final was created by... James Rider and Luke Trehy. Well done to all who took part, and in particular to James and Luke for being the overall winners.



## FOM-fastic Fundraising!



The FOMs raised around £600 pounds from last Friday's disco and £410 pounds from the portrait photograph sitting event. Thank you Mrs Veale for organising the portrait event and all other parents who helped at the disco. The FOMs next meeting is on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 8:00pm in The White Horse Pub, Hertford. If you wish to become involved or find out more, please attend.

Thank you also for all of your Happy Bag contributions which raised £220 pounds this week.



## Morgans Mile

Today your child should have brought home a sponsor form for this year's Morgans Mile on the 29<sup>th</sup> April. The Seiko race clock and rousing running playlist will once more feature, along with the chance to watch the spectacle with refreshments offered. The timings for each year group's race also feature on the sent letter.

Please try to fill up your sponsor form over the Easter break. By the second week the justgiving website should once more be active, giving you the opportunity to donate online and post a good luck message to your child, class, year group or indeed all participants!!! Please share this link with any other friends and relatives who may wish to add their support.

[www.justgiving.co.uk/morgans-mile](http://www.justgiving.co.uk/morgans-mile)

Unlike last year, with 'Team Super Schools,' this will be the only sponsored event of the year. If the whole school community fully supports this it could be a record fund raiser... Thank you once more to Cayt Tarry for running the event, which is now in its sixth year. She would greatly appreciate any offers of help on the day. Please contact the school office if you are able to oblige.

## Fire Engine Frolics

A huge thank you to Ian Veale and his team who brought a fire engine into school for the Reception and Nursery children to investigate. The children heard an informative fire safety talk, found out about the special equipment fire fighters use and even had the chance to each use the hose. Great fun and memorable. Here are some pictures of our own fire 'imps' in action!!!



## Governor Greetings

### Sal Conti

I've thought about becoming a school Governor for some time, but never really carried it through. I have now! So far, it's been at times daunting and exciting, as you know that your contribution can affect many lives. I'm on the Finance and Premises Committee, and I hope to use my knowledge of design and construction to have a positive impact.



# Read for Writing

Want to support your child with reading and writing at home?

Come along and get plenty of ideas for parents to help support your child with their literacy skills.

### What?

Ideas for all Key Stage 1 and 2 parents.

### When?

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2010  
2.30pm - 3.10pm

### Where?

Queen's Hall

# Chess Report

For the fifth year in a row the school is taking part in the British Schools Land Chess Challenge. This starts with local competitions within schools and graduates through area finals (Mega-finals) and semi-finals (Giga-finals) to the national final (Tera-final). The competition attracts around 74,000 children from 2,200 schools nationally!

This year 92 children entered the school tournaments, one for boys (48) and one for girls (44). It is pleasing to see that nearly as many girls took part as boys.

The matches were played at lunch time. Each child plays 7 matches, with a match winner awarded 3 points, a loser 1 point and a draw is worth 2 points to each player. From the second round onwards matches are organized between children with the same number of points, where possible. This allows for an even competition – those doing well competing against each other whilst those whose chess skills are not as well developed playing against children of a similar standard.

Once a player reaches 3 points he/she is awarded a badge, with gold stickers being added to the badge for every further 3 points gained. Also players who reach 11 points select a mascot and those with 15 points are awarded a pencil with a furry thing on the end!

Those players who gain 17 points or more plus those who gain the highest number of points in each year group (boys and girls) even if they have not attained this total, are given the opportunity to attend the 2010 Mega-final.

It is a very positive way for children to develop their chess playing skills.

After seven weeks and 320 games many of them fiercely fought battles, the champions and Megafinal qualifiers have been decided.

In the girls' tournament, Becky Crowther is the overall champion having won **all** her matches, obviously a tremendous achievement. The year 5 champion is Louise Lowy whilst Laura Boles and Sophie Hanney are the Year 4 and 3 champions respectively. Monica Hodgkinson, Year 6 and Karys Barbrook, Year 5 also qualified for the Megafinal.

In the boys' tournament, Josh Hill (Y4) having won his first six games, but ending on 19 points the same as Alex Washbourne (Y5), is the Boys' champion by having a higher sum of his opponents scores than Alex who is thus Year 5 champion. James Brooks-Park is the Year 6 champion beating Harrison Knott in the same way as Josh won. Ben Kenway is the convincing Year 3 champion. Harrison qualifies for the Megafinal along with Rees Clarke (Y5) and Adam Tridgell, Dan Tarry and Toby Forster all from Year 4.



Mr. Cordingley