



Alma Matters

Sports Day

By Olivia & Alex

Recently, we had sports day. You're probably wondering what sports day is? It is when the school comes together in groups of colours and compete. Here are some names of competitions :

Egg and spoon race

Football

Relace races

The winning teams:

The winning team for the most points were the purple team.

The team for being most supportive were the blue team.

The team best at listening were the white team.



The World Cup (Women's)

By Izzy

This year loads of people are buzzing with excitement because of the women's World Cup in France.

So far England are doing very well and have won all of their games! Even though USA are the favourite to win. England and Germany are ranked 2nd and 3rd. This year (so far) there have been many exiting games including: USA 13-0 Thailand and in the quarter finals England 3 - 0 Norway.

England's captain is Steph Houston and the team is very strong so go England!!!

Update: Unfortunately, England lost 2-1 to USA in the semi-finals. However, we are very proud of our lionesses for getting this far.



Maths Money

By Emily and Miri



Easy: I have 20p and I spend 15p on orange juice how much do I have left?

Medium: I have £5 and 30p I spend £1 and 45p how much do I have left?

Hard: I have £15 and 47p. I spend £8 and 39p how much do I have left?

The Champions League Final



By Izzy and Zach

On Saturday 1st June, Liverpool faced Spurs in a battle for the champions league cup in Madrid.

In the first 30 seconds a penalty was given to Liverpool. Mohammed Salah took the penalty and found the back of the net. In the second half that goal was followed by another goal for Liverpool which was scored by Roberto Firminio. Because of that goal it left Liverpool 2 nil up.

Unfortunately for Spurs, they couldn't find the back of the net against Liverpool goalkeeper Alison.

Skeet House

By Annabel & Polly

Last year, year 5 went to skeet Hill House and now year 4 have been too. Skeet Hill House was built in 1497, and officially opened in 1728. Queen Elizabeth 1st and King Henry the 8th were the regular visitors.

Year 4 had a lot of fun. They met a bee-keeper. Made nettle pesto and played on the zip wire! The beds had a blue mattress and white sheets. The activities were fun and the teachers with us said they had fun too!

We made tzedakah boxes, decorated with colours, stars and much more! There were 3 dogs! Their names were Fudge, Archie and Billy. We took turns to hold the dogs leashes.



The Boat

By Tamar and Nathan



On the 7th of April there was a big boat race between Cambridge and Oxford. It was a side-by-side rowing race. Crews from the universities of Cambridge and Oxford competed with each other. Cambridge won both the women's and the men's race! The race was 4.2 miles (6.7km).

Book Review: The Glass of Lead and Gold

By Dalia

Age guideline: mature
eight year olds+

Author: Cornelia Funke

Description:

This is a thrilling fantasy by Cornelia Funke about a girl called Tabitha.

Throughout this book she roams the streets of London in the early 1800s to 1900s barefoot and alone. Her mother died long ago and since then she has struggled to make friends. In order to do what she likes she disguises herself as a boy.



Review:

I got completely lost in this book and felt like one of the characters. When reading this you will laugh, cry and smile for the characters. Cornelia Funke is a genius, the language used is incredible. I overall loved this, however at times I was annoyed by Tabitha's stubbornness and trust issues. Still I have to say great book.

Interview about Mary Poppins (film and book)

By Talya and Liya

The book was written by P.L. Travers. The films were made by Disney. Lots of people enjoyed this book and the films. including Carla Y3 ,Maya Y4, Zara y4.

Carla said, "I loved the first Mary Poppins but haven't seen the second one yet. I really want to". Zoe said her favourite character was "Mary Poppins".

Alex said his favourite part of the film was when they were dancing on the roof. Blu's favourite song in Mary Poppins is 'Step in time'.

Cricket World Cup

By Zach

This year the ICC cricket World Cup was held in England. Though not having a good start Sri Lanka have started to fight back, as they are now pressuring England for the number four spot. At the moment New Zealand are only 1 point ahead of second place rivals Australia. Overall it has been a disappointing campaign for Afghanistan as they are bottom of the table, having lost all of their last five games. As it is such a tight competition it's anyone's guess who's going to win.



Maths Money Quiz Answers
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Hard. £7. 08



Shavuot

By Blu

We recently celebrated Shavuot! A time of Torah and sacredness, of holiness and remembrance, of dairy and cheesecakes. Shavuot is when Moses climbed up Mount Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments. It's also when Jews had to follow the commandment of eating kosher which is why we eat so much dairy, including cheesecake.



On Shavuot we celebrate the Torah, because this was the time we received the Torah. At first God wanted to tell the Israelites the commandments in person. A huge storm broke. Thunder rumbled and lightning rolled across the sky. Then God's booming voice rang out. But the children of Israel were so frightened that some of them became very ill. So God called Moses up Mount Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments written down. It took Moses forty days and forty nights to receive the Ten Commandments, just like Noah was forty days and nights in the ark during the flood. In the end the Israelites got bored. They thought Moses was never coming back. Moses had left his brother Aaron, the high priest, in charge, and when the children of Israel complained to him, he said, 'bring me your gold and jewels and your necklaces and rings, your diamonds and silver and your rubies and jewellery.' The Israelites did as they were told and Aaron used fire to melt all the gold and carved it into the golden calf. The children of Israel danced round it and bowed to it and offered sacrifices to it.

But eventually Moses did come down. When he saw the golden calf, and the people dancing and singing round it, he was so angry he threw the tablets onto the ground where they shattered. God was angry and Moses pleaded and begged him not to destroy the Israelites. Instead, God demanded that Moses receive the entire Torah plus the Ten Commandments, and rumour has it that the children of Israel were so excited at the Torah that they stayed up all night studying it and slept the next day. That's why it's a tradition to stay up all night studying the Torah on the first night of Shavuot.

Shavuot is considered one of the most important festivals ever, because there were only three Jewish holidays when the Israelites brought offerings of fruit and barley to the

temple, the Mishkan. The offerings consisted of wheat, apricots, plums, pears, lambs and cattle, bulls and cows. There was also a lot of dairy offerings, which is another reason why we eat dairy on Shavuot. There were even more dairy offerings than usual on Shavuot, because the Torah had told the children of Israel to be kosher and they were eager to obey.

On Shavuot you might hear your parents discussing going to a night lecture on the first night of Shavuot, or flicking through cheesecake recipe books. Shavuot for some is celebrated for three days, from Saturday, eighth of June, at twilight, to Monday, tenth of June, at dusk. For others it ends on Sunday, ninth of June, at sunset. You may wonder why it always begins or ends at evening. The truth is, all Jewish festivals start the night before traditionally, like Friday night is Shabbat, but Saturday is the official Shabbat day. Doesn't it feel like Friday is the last day of the week rather than Sunday? Purim, Sukkoth, and Rosh Hashana all begin the night before, but not Chanukah! Pesach does too, with the Seder to celebrate the evening. So if you're Jewish, you can count your birthday starting the night before!

Meet the New Team!



The Summer term Newspaper Club are:

Year 3: Tamar, Carla, Liya, Emily, Alex, Zoe, Talya F, Olivia, Miri, Nathan

Year 4: Blu, Polly, Annabel, Izzy

Year 5: Zach, Dalia, Nathan S

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