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Dear Parents / Carers and Children,

I was glad to meet many of you at the first of our parent consultations yesterday evening and hope to meet many more of you next Thursday evening at the second meeting. Please let the school know if you are unable to keep your appointment and make sure that you arrange another as it is an important part of the home/school partnership to meet you regularly to discuss your child's progress.

I went to the Herts & Ware Dance Festival at Castle Hall on Tuesday for an exciting and skilful evening of dance performed by the young people of Hertford. Our Year 5 group were an absolute credit to themselves, their folks and the school. Their energetic interpretation of Fat Sam's Grand Slam from Buggy Malone in proper 1920s style was exciting and amusing. I think that it was the best dance of the evening, but I am a bit biased!

Our competition to design a sculpture celebrating our school's 60th birthday has given us all great joy. We had an excellent response from the children and were delighted by their imagination and ingenuity. Well done to you all. An artist will advise us which model or design will make the best sculpture for our school grounds and also help us to make it. The most striking and touching aspect that was apparent in all the entries is the pride and warmth of feeling that the children have towards their school – they love coming here and the feeling is mutual. All finalists will be displayed in the main entrance next week and a photograph of each will feature here. All other entrants' sculptures will be displayed in their classrooms.

Enjoy your weekend, whatever you may be doing.

Kind regards *Sue Dutt*

Morgans Magnificents

This week's Morgans' Magnificents were Year 4 who used a creative approach to maths and understanding capacity and fractions. They had great fun designing their own healthy fruit juice cocktails, choosing appropriate fractions to total one litre. They then carefully measured and mixed their fruity fraction cocktails, before enjoying drinking them. Well done Year 4.



Speedy Stackers

On Thursday five of Morgans most speedy handed represented the Hertford and Ware Primary Schools in the County Speed Stacking finals. The pressure was hard to cope with, but we all did well. We also all had fun. Our team finished in seventh and the overall standard was really quick! Thank you to Ms. Ashby and Mrs Tridgell for taking us.

Report by Bailey Jones



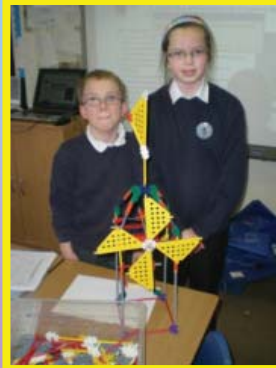
Year 5 are well K-nex-f-ed!!!

On 26th February 2010 Dave Evans came to Year 5 to judge a K'nex challenge.

He brought in lots of boxes of K'nex so we could make things. Mr Cordingley put us into pairs and each pair was given a box of k'nex. The challenge was to make a windmill out of the K'nex, but not any old windmill. The windmill was for King Arthur and it had to be at least as high as the long side of a piece of A4 paper. There had to be a door, a platform, four sails that had to be able to turn round and a handle for King Arthur to turn. All the class spent a happy hour constructing the models. After an hour we hurried to perfect our windmills but our time was up. Dave came round and scored the models. We went out to play and when we returned Dave announced the winners...

IT WAS US!!!, but only by one point! We were so happy even though it's the taking part that matters. We (that's everyone who took part) will each get a certificate. A photo of our windmill has been sent off to be judged against windmills from other schools in Hertfordshire. We all agree it was a truly fun experience and hope that Dave can come again soon. Thank you to him for the event.

Kitty Voss and Sarah Kenway



Dance Festival

We had a smashing time dancing on stage at Castle Hall. We danced to Fat Sam's Grand slam's, from Bugsy Malone. Our dance was called Saturday Night at the Speak Easy. Some of the girls wore flapper dresses and others wore hot pants! The boys wore suits, hats and ties. We especially enjoyed the dance itself. All the encouragement from the teachers made us want to do our very best. We went to Castle Hall for a practice in the morning and enjoyed watching the other children dance their hearts out. The other schools, such as Mill Mead, Abel Smith, Thunderidge and many more had great dances too! Thanks to our choreographer Miss Gilham, the dance was the best that it could be and it couldn't have been better.

We will be performing our dance to the rest of the school in a few weeks.

By Jasmine Mitchell and Louise Lowy



Skilful Sculptors

This morning all entries for the Morgans 60th Anniversary Sculptural Competition were proudly unveiled for initial class judging. The children have really risen to the challenge and produced thoughtful, skilfully crafted sculptures which really capture the ethos of the school and what it means to its most important people - its children. The finalists have already been selected and the children will discover who has reached this stage in next Friday's assembly.

Really well done to all of you who took the time and trouble to make the judging panel's decision so difficult! The overall winner will not be announced until the final artwork is unveiled on the 26th April, although the short list of finalists and corresponding artworks will feature here next week. This photograph shows only the Year 2 children who have entered the competition and gives you an idea as to how difficult the judging will prove!



Daffodils Are Appealing

The children will be going around the school selling daffodil pin badges next week in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care. We would suggest a minimum donation of 50p. Thank you in advance.



Nursery Notice

The following provisional dates have been provided to us by county for a possible Parliamentary Election. Thursday 25th March or Thursday 6th May. Please note that if either of these dates is used, the Nursery will be closed on that day, since the building is used as a polling station.

Nut Free School...

Some of our children have severe nut allergies and for that reason Morgans is a nut free school.

Peanut butter and chocolate spreads often contain nuts or are made in factories which use nuts. For this reason to ensure the safety of all Morgans children, these sandwich fillings are not allowed.

Termly Dates

March 2010

Tues 2nd Year 6 Duxford visit

Thurs 4th Parent consultation 2 - 4.00 pm - 7.00 pm

Tues 9th Year 6 SAT meeting

Thurs 11th Sports Hall Athletics

Sat 13th Year 5 & 6 netball tournament at Wodson

Sat 13th FOMs Quiz Night

Tues 16th Year 5 & 6 six a side football tournament at Wodson

Tues 16th Year 3 Plastazote workshop all day

Wed 17th Full Governing Body Meeting

w/c Mon 22nd Year 3 Roman Day

some time during the week

Fri 19th to Mon 21st Year 5 Aylmerton residential visit

residential visit

25th March possible Nursery closure

closure

Fri 26th FOMs School Disco

April 2010

Thurs 1st Term ends

Fri 2nd to Fri 16th Easter Holidays.

Please note, these dates are available on our website for quick reference.

Morgans First Day Response System

To make good progress, grow in confidence and to get the best benefit from school all children need to attend, on time, every day. We understand that sickness and other emergencies may mean that your child is occasionally absent from school for a day or two. At Morgans we assume that every child will be in school every day unless you have informed us otherwise.

If your child is absent from school:

- Please inform the school office by note, phone or in person. Advance notice, if possible, is best.
- If you are unable to give advance notice, phone the school before **8.50am**. You will be able to speak to a member of staff or leave a phone message.
- Make sure that you give the following information:
 - Your child's name and class.
 - How long you expect them to be absent.
 - The reason for absence (If this is of a confidential nature, medical, personal or family emergency are adequate reasons until you are able to speak to a member of staff in more detail.)
- If you do not know how long your child will be away from school please ring the office **each day** until they return.
- To safeguard your child, the school will assume that there is a problem if you have not informed us of your child's absence.
- By 9.20am all class registers have been collected and checked to ensure that reasons for all absences have been reported.

If we do not know why your child is absent the school will:

- Phone you on you primary mobile contact number
- If we cannot contact you by **9.30am** we will inform the County Attendance Improvement Officer who will make every effort to contact you by phone, or by visiting your house.
- This procedure will be followed each time your child is absent without informing the school.
- Persistent, unauthorised absence may result in prosecution.

I dread the thought of ever having to inform you at the end of a school day that your child, who you thought was safely at school, and we thought was poorly but safe at home, had, in fact, been abducted on their way to school. This recently happened in another school although fortunately, the final outcome was not tragic. Thank you for your understanding.

Sue Dutt