



# Morgans Mail

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## Dear Parents / Carers and Children,

What a week! Our 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations on Monday were a huge success. Children, staff and visitors really got into the swing of the 1950s and Elvis (or two!) were definitely in the building. I was delighted to welcome quite a few visitors who were pupils in the first intake to the school in 1950. They were very interested in what they could remember and what had changed since then, and obviously very proud to be former pupils of our school.

Everyone agreed that the beautiful wooden totem pole designed by Erin Crowley in Year 6 and unveiled by former Hertford Mayor Cllr Russell Radford and his wife Dr Cllr Linda Radford, is just what was needed to commemorate the day.

Thursday was no less exciting with the Morgans Mile giving a great opportunity for sporty souls to show their running skills and for everyone to have a go. I was most impressed by the attitude of all the children. They encouraged each other throughout as well as trying to improve on their time from last year. Our young Sports Leaders worked tirelessly to support the competitors and helped to make the day a huge success.

During both the 60<sup>th</sup> celebrations and the Morgans Mile, visitors were very impressed by the enthusiasm, courtesy and kindness of our children. Visiting Advisors also commented on the strong sense of community and parental support and involvement that was evident during the Morgans Mile. I agree, and am very proud of our school.

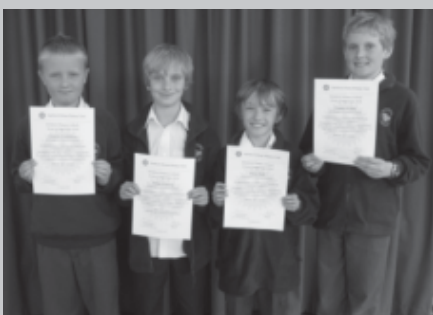
Kind regards *Sue Dutt*

## Morgans Magnificents

This week's first Morgans Magnificents are Luke and James in Year 6 for succeeding as joint overall county winners in the 'Crazy Creatures' Herts SetPoint competition - we knew their entry was of very high quality.



Secondly, Peter, Mason, Max and James (again!) were selected to represent the school in the Rotary Club's annual essay writing competition 'What I Would Like To Be When I Grow Up.' Peter was selected as the winner from Morgans, and become the overall runner up. Very well done to all of our success stories this week.



## Announcements...

### Mid-Day Supervisor Required

We urgently need another mid-day supervisor to oversee the children during their lunch hour. If you are interested in the position, please contact Mr Sadler via the school office.

### Election Nursery Closure

Both Morning and Afternoon Nursery will be closed on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May, since the Nursery Annexe is being used as a polling station for the election.

### Questionnaire Time!!!

The school will be issuing its annual parental questionnaire next week to evaluate progress since last year. This will be the same format as previously, since we wish for a direct comparison. Once more the Morgans Childrens' Council will be press-ganging you at the gate each morning, so there is no escape...

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### Final Cuffley Camp Instalment Due

If you have not already paid this, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

# Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Morgans

A fantastic and befitting day was had by all on Monday as the school celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The pictures capture the variety of activities and general celebratory mood of the school to mark the occasion. We hope they bring back a good number of memories for discussion at home. The day would not have been possible, but for a good deal of effort from a number of people. In particular we would like to acknowledge the considerable efforts of Ms. Ashby, Ms. Bull and Mr Sadler and thank them for helping to make the day so special.



# Morgans Mile Memories

A wonderful day was had by all at Thursday's Morgans Mile. It was great to welcome so many of our school community in to share this occasion. We hope you all enjoyed the event. Thank you to all who have donated online through our JustGiving site and to those who have already collected and returned your completed sponsor forms. Around £1300 pounds has been collected so far, which is a fantastic starting point. Please can all sponsor monies be collected and returned as soon as possible. If you wish to donate via the JustGiving site, here is the necessary link:

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

There are also some wonderful messages of good luck and congratulations for your child to enjoy if you visit this together. Thank you to all of the FOMs who helped make the day such a success, and in particular to Cayt Tarry, Miles Carr and our own Mr Sadler for the efforts they went to. All runners now have a target time to aim to beat next year...



# Sculptural Explanation

Erin Crowley, the winning sculptural artist, has written this explanation of how her design became a reality and what each element represents.

## **The 60th Anniversary Competition...**

To celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Morgans School, it was decided to hold a competition. There were two parts you could enter. One was a piece of writing, but I decided to try for the sculpture category.

## **Hence 'The Totem Pole!'**

My dad came up with the idea of the totem pole but I did the design. The symbols represent each year group, with an attentive student sitting cross-legged right on the top. Reception Class, at the bottom of the pole, is shown by a child and teacher with a bookcase. Year 1 has sea shells and the sun shining over the beach as I remember winning the sand castle competition.

A recorder and a child playing a recorder is there for Year 2. Mrs Broomfield taught us how to play although now she's retired but I still see her for extra maths.

The swimming child is for Year 3, this is the first year in which we have lessons at Hartham. The noticeable trees, tent and camper are a tribute to Cuffley Camp. The trees are important because we got to hug them and climb them in Year 4.

Sailing at Barton which is a Year 5 option, is a special memory because the carver has put my initials (EC) on the sail. Finally Year 6 is shown by the Leavers' Play, with an actor on stage facing the audience. Just before the seated girl on the top, is Carved 'Morgans Primary School'

## **Winning the competition...**

The entries of about 100 designs were short-listed down to around twenty. Four were then chosen as the finalists (including me) and then Mrs Dutt announced the winning design. It was me!

I feel delighted with the final sculpture and very proud that it has been made.

**Erin Crowley**

