

Airthrie News

Early Summer 2011

International Day



The whole school was buzzing throughout our International Day; both pupils and staff embraced the whole concept with such energy and enthusiasm.

Each form focussed on a different country and we started the day together to hear some facts and figures about the countries being studied.

French lessons converted to Italian lessons in Spruce where the class displayed their own holiday research. Beech studied Germany and had a visit from Mr Ward to talk about Beethoven.

Greek food, including hummus and feta cheese proved popular in Poplar and Alder, whilst Oak prepared a range of Swiss and Spanish foods including Bircher muesli and tapas.

Larch chose to find out about Norway because they are studying the Vikings, and Ash enjoyed some Scottish snacks including home-made shortbread. Willow made croissants and played a French game, and Cedar looked cool in beach and surf outfits from Australia.

An international quiz took place in the garden (won by *Megan Jones* in Alder). Well done everyone. *Mme Dale*



Forms Larch, Ash and Oak H [pictured] learning about Norway, Scotland and Switzerland.



Corinium Museum Visit

To enhance their learning regarding the Anglo-Saxons, Year 4 visited the Corinium Museum in Cirencester on Tuesday 3 May. *Servet Durmus*, Form Larch, has written an account for us below.



When we arrived at the museum we went into a room. There was a lady who asked us how you knew if a skeleton was a boy or girl, if they were rich or poor and how old they were.

On each table one person dressed up as someone from one of the graves and we saw what objects they had in their grave (the clothes and the objects were replicas). After that we had lunch.

When everyone was ready we went to the gift shop - I bought a wooden sword. Then we had a look at the Romans and there were interesting old items there. We then went back to school.

To help keep school records up-to-date please complete the form below and return to the school office if any of your contact details change. Thank you.



Child's name:	Address:
E-mail:	Tel No (mobile/home/emergency other):
Any other details:	

A big THANK YOU
to children and teachers for your contributions to our newsletter.
We look forward to seeing you back at school on **Monday 6 June**.

Wind in the Willows

Also on Tuesday 3 May, Year 5 and Year 6 spent a very enjoyable afternoon in the audience of Wind in the Willows at the Parabola Arts' Centre. They were fortunate to be invited by Cheltenham Ladies' College to their very professional production. Some of the pupils' tell us a little bit about it below...



"It was amazing. All of the actors were very good at playing their parts. The girl who played Toad was very good and Ratty was very strict. I also liked the horse Albert. He was very funny. He was also depressed because he was always being hit on the bottom. I found that very funny." By Catherine Fentum

"It was very true to the original story with humour and songs dotted around here and there...overall it was a good performance." By Bob Tharme

"It was very funny throughout the play and the staging and decorations were very good". By Ed Gayler

"Once we were seated you could see the stage which was wonderful. It had green lights coming down from the wall. There were trees in the background and there was a hill positioned in amongst the woods". By Elspeth Proudlock



"Toad didn't forget a line...Albert the donkey had a voice that was very funny and he didn't forget a line either". By Andy Bishop

Picture (left) and note (below) by Indigo Butcher – one of many sent to Cheltenham Ladies' College.

Thank you so much for inviting us to your successful show...I especially liked Toad, Albert and the chief weasel. From Indigo. PS Love the costumes!

A selection of the wonderfully illustrated thank you notes sent to Cheltenham Ladies' College (by Hope Smith and Isabel Millward).



Cheltenham Festival Drama Results



Marking System

Outstanding = 90%+
Honours = 85-89%
Distinction = 80-84%
Merit = 75-79%

I am very proud of each young performer from
Airthrie School - CONGRATULATIONS!
Jackie Chidzoy

Year 6	Year 5
<p>Hope Smith – 88% Honours 2nd place Silver Medal Esme Smith – Honours Trudie Holland – Honours Isobel Millward – Honours Carissa Cullen – Honours Elspeth Proudlock – Distinction Jemima Cooper – Distinction Shannon Phillips – Distinction Lolly Dickens – Certificate</p>	<p>Jack Kempson - 90% outstanding 1st place Gold Medal – also won an overall trophy for highest mark in 3 classes Amira Nandhla - 88% honours 2nd place Silver Medal Jimmy Gleeson - 86% honours 3rd place Bronze Medal Jack Stanton-Cole - Honours 4th Abigail Fulford - Honours 4th Louis Seville - Honours Otilie Milne - Distinction Georgie Kent - Distinction Megan Jones - Distinction Thomas Phillips – Distinction</p>
Year 4	Year 3
<p>Catherine Miller – 86% Honours 3rd place Bronze Medal Lorna Holland – Honours Amy Howlett – Distinction Erin Butler – Distinction Andrew Walker - Distinction</p>	<p>Freya Coull – 86% Honours 4th Daisy Allwood – Honours Elisa Griffiths – Distinction Kate Thomson – Distinction Lucy Warr – Distinction Benjamin Sullivan – Distinction Angel Phillips – Distinction</p>
Year 2	Poetry own Composition
<p>Imogen Friessner-Day – Distinction</p>	<p>Trudie Holland - Bronze Medal.</p>
Others	
<p>Trudie Holland – Piano Solo Own Choice – Distinction, Piano Solo Set Piece – Distinction Lorna Holland – Piano Solo Own Choice – Honours, Verse Speaking - Honours Lorna and Trudie Holland – Piano Duet Set Piece - Honours</p>	

Forest "Picnic" - Thursday 26 May

This half term all of the Forests shared an indoor picnic (due to the rain!). The children had been looking forward to it immensely and even though we had to move indoors it was still a fun time.

As well as special snack foods we managed to play some group games lead by various Forest staff members.

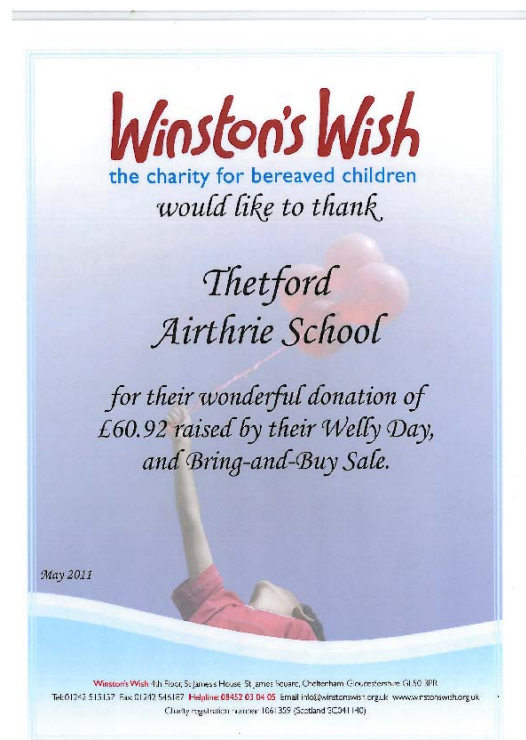
It was a fabulous all-forest/all-ages experience. Thank you everyone. *Mrs Derounian*



Thetford Update

The final amount raised by Thetford children was £110. £50 of this money was sent to the World Land Trust – this will actually save half an acre of tropical forest and other threatened habitats in Mexico. If you would like more information about the project in Mexico I have pinned up a booklet on the Forest notice-board.

We were very pleased to send the remainder of our money to Winston's Wish to help bereaved children. *Mrs Southgate*



Sports' Desk

NEWSFLASH...Starting after half term, there will be a Football Club after school on Tuesdays. More info coming soon... *Mr King*



Rounders On Wednesday 11 May a Year 5/6 Rounders Team played a friendly match against Cheltenham Ladies' College Year 7 Beginners.

The Airthrie team batted and fielded extremely well, resulting in a 22-10½ win. (We did have the advantage of playing 7 boys and 2 girls, although we did sub some boys in the second innings!).

We look forward to a few more fixtures during the coming month. *Mrs Green*

Cricket

Having won the toss, Richard Pate's School decided to field first. Airthrie came in at the mid point with a score of 229 runs. Catches were from Mattie Park, Callum Johnston and two from Alex Willerton. Dillon Clarke took 4 wickets.

Airthrie then went in to bat: it went right down to the final ball with Richard Pate's School victorious by a single run.

Final score 229-230. *Mr King*



The cricket team played Berkhamstead at The Victoria Ground (Cheltenham CC) on Wednesday 25 May. Berkhamstead won the toss and asked Airthrie to bat first. After a solid opening partnership between Ed Gayler and Mattie Park, the innings faltered during the middle overs. Callum Johnston and Dillon Clarke, with extra input from Alex Willerton, increased the total significantly during the final Airthrie innings, resulting in a final total of 241.

Berkhamstead started well and Airthrie failed to take a wicket during the first four overs. Some strong bowling in the middle of the innings put Airthrie into a winning position. Sam and Dillon both held their catches resulting in a tense final over. Berkhamstead needed 2 runs to win from the final delivery. The Berkhamstead batter dispatched the final Airthrie delivery for four runs. The final result was as follows: **Airthrie 241 runs, Berkhamstead 244 runs.** Berkhamstead won by 3 runs.

Cheltenham Mini Tag Rugby Tournament 2011

WE WENT, WE COMPETED, WE WON



On Friday 6 May a select group of tag rugby players went to Hartpury College to play in the Gloucestershire Tag Rugby Finals. We were eventually included in the final due to our exceptional performance in the qualifying tournament.

In the first round of matches we played four games and subsequently went through to a quarter final which we won 6-0 against Hester's Way.

In the semi-final we came up against our local rivals, St Gregory's, where in a close encounter we finally overcame them winning 6-5. This sent us through to the final where we played Moat Primary School on the stadium pitch. Airthrie staged a remarkable, historic win by 6 tries to 5.

This tournament consisted of 20 schools from all over Gloucestershire which resulted in a very high standard of play throughout the entire tournament. It was a very enjoyable time for the children and we were exceptionally proud of their fine achievement especially since we had a much smaller pool of children to choose our team from compared to the other competitors. *Mr Harrison*

Swimming

On the evening of Thursday 19 May, Airthrie pupils competed in The Cheltenham and District Junior Schools' Gala at leisure@cheltenham.

Thirteen schools entered and races included:
Yr 6 relay (1 length)
Yr 5 relay (1 length)
2 individual races (2 lengths)

Year 6 Individuals

1. Bob Tharme
2. Mattie Park

Year 6 Relay Team

1. Bob Tharme
2. Dillon Clarke
3. Callum Johnston
4. Jemima Cooper
5. Lolly Dickens
6. Mattie Park

Year 5 Relay Team

1. Jimmy Gleeson
2. Sebastian Whitman
3. Tilly Milne
4. Harry Brookes
5. Indigo Butcher
6. Eleanor Stratemeier

Results – Finals

Year 6 relay = 2nd
Year 5 relay – 5th
Year 6 individual = 3rd (Bob Tharme)

When they called Airthrie's name to receive our medals we were so happy. *Lolly Dickens*

The swimming gala on Thursday was a close final. Airthrie came 2nd...just beating Charlton Kings by milli-seconds. *Dillon Clarke*

I was scared at first because there were so many people, but once we got in the water it was okay and once we started swimming we were miles ahead of the other teams! *Jemima Cooper*



With perfect timing, on Easter Sunday two ducklings hatched in the Airthie garden. Both mother and 'Kate and William' are doing well (pictured above at 2 weeks old).

Easter Deliveries

Continuing our mutually rewarding relationship with The Hawthorns and Summerfield Care Homes, before the Easter break, Lolly, Sam, Callum, and Demelsa in Year 6 were delighted to take gifts of bouquets of spring flowers and also to spend time talking to the residents.



We really enjoyed this chance to share experiences with another generation.



Congratulations to:

- Indigo Butcher* – Grade 2
- Jack Kempson* – Grade 1
- Millie Graves* – Grade 1
- Esme Smith* – Grade 1

ABRSM Music Piano Exams - ALL WITH MERIT

Lorna Holland Highland Dancing – Highland Silver, Lilt Gold, Flora Silver and Village Maid Bronze. All Pass Plus.

(Parents – if you would like us to include details of an award your child has achieved in an extra-curricular activity please either e-mail the school or drop a note into the office)

Chess Club



We are still hoping to find someone to run our chess club. If you, or a friend or relative, would be willing to take this on, please contact the school office for further details. Many thanks



Most grateful thanks to all parents and staff who helped Mrs Willerton when her handbag was stolen recently. Due to our rapid response the perpetrators have been caught and her handbag (unfortunately minus the cash) has been retrieved.

Second-hand School Uniform

Please remember, we are always happy to receive second-hand uniform. The last sale at the beginning of May was very successful and we are once again very low of 'stock'.

Winning and Losing

Mr McNaughton from King's School, Gloucester came into prayers recently. He awarded prizes to the children who had entered his poetry competition on the above subject. Winning children *Abigail Fulford, Georgie Kent, Milita Rojas* and *Oliver Sullivan* were very proud recipients of gift vouchers. Well done!

Diary Dates

- Infant Swim Gala – Wednesday 15 June 11:45am-12:45pm**
 - Summer Fayre – Wednesday 22 June 2:30pm**
 - Summer Concert – Wednesday 29 June at 2:30pm**
 - Sports' Day – Friday 8 July at 2:00pm**
 - End of Term – Tuesday 12 July noon**
- (Please note these dates may be subject to change.)*

K'Nex Challenge



We've just received some photos of Sebastian Whitman and Harry Brookes. These were taken at the County Finals of the Glos Primary Schools K'nex Challenge. We

are pleased to include one here.

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