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Week 5

Term 5

May 17th, 2018

Steps to Increase Your Child's Maths Achievements and to Make Maths Fun!

(Continued Jo Boaler) **Step 9:** Never time children or encourage faster work. Don't use flash cards or timed tests, which have been shown to produce math anxiety in students. Scientists can now examine brain scans when people work on math and these have shown that timed conditions create math anxiety. Math facts are held in the working memory part of the brain, and scientists have found that when people are stressed – adults or children – their working memory becomes blocked and math facts cannot be accessed. The emphasis on speed in US math classrooms is one of the reasons we have widespread underachievement and a nation of math traumatized people. For greater discussion, read my recent articles in The Atlantic and in Education Week.

Royal Garden Party

Please join your children from 2:00 tomorrow afternoon for a Garden Party on the field. Each class will be making a small snack to share with parents, but parents may bring extra nibbles if they wish – please remember we are a nut free school. We will be enjoying the sunshine and celebrating the Royal Wedding taking place on Saturday. We hope you are able to join us.

Football Success!

On Saturday 12th the Oxford Mail Girls League Finals was held at Meadow View Park in Thame and girls from Crowmarsh

Step 10. When children answer questions and get them wrong, try and find the logic in their answers – as they have usually used some logical thinking. For example, if your child multiplies 3 by 4 and gets 7, don't say “That's wrong,” say “Oh, I see what you are thinking; you are using what you know about addition to add 3 and 4. When we multiply we have 4 groups of 3...”

Football Success (cont)

School made it to the finals - and won! Evelyn Thomas represented Cholsey Bluebirds Girls Under 8's and Charlotte, Annabella, Gabby, Elyana, Freya, Alexa, Lottie and Sophia won for Crowmarsh Girls for their age category!

They all played amazingly and it's fantastic to see such a great presence of girls football within the school and the talent, determination and teamwork reflecting in their results this weekend. They even had the chance to see the Women's FA Cup Trophy which had been bought to the stadium to see. (As reported by Mrs Thomas.)

Reading Morning

A special reading morning on Wednesday 23rd of May. Every adult who attends will receive a free book to celebrate World Book Night. Come along at 8:00 a.m. to read with your child before school.

What techniques can you use to ensure you remain calm and relaxed when things are sent to challenge and test you?

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Tuesday: Football Club 1/2

Thursday: Football Club 5/6
Choir
Basketball Club

Your mind will answer most questions if you learn to relax and wait for the answer

≈ William S. Burroughs

Coffee and cakes will be provided to start your day off right!

Walk to School Week

We are delighted to tell you that we are taking part in Living Streets' Walk to School Week (21-25 May)! This year's five-day walking challenge for the week, Walking Roots, will take your children on an exploration of a tree's ecosystem and will provide them with fun, educational activities that they can complete with you on their walk to or from school. At the end of the week, they'll be rewarded with a packet of Living Streets' sunflower seeds to grow and nourish at home. We'd love for all our parents and carers to get involved because walking to school isn't only fun it's healthy too! Please feel free to tweet us your walk to school pictures @CrowmarshSchool and remember to copy in @livingstreets with #walktoschoolweek We'll be handing out the activity diaries on Friday 18th May and there is also plenty of information about how you can also get involved, enter a prize draw and support Living Streets' National Walking Month. For more information on Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking visit www.livingstreets.org.uk

Data Protection

As you may know, the way data is handled within organisations is changing. As part of this, you will be receiving privacy notices and further letters asking for consent for a range of information. Please also know, that you may contact the office at any time if you would like to opt out of receiving newsletters.

Pobble

Pobble is an online platform for teachers to share children's work with world! It is a unique way for children to 'blog' and be able to receive comments on their writing. Receiving feedback on

Don't forget to join us this Sunday for the annual Thames Run and our school summer fair! There will be many stalls, food and activities to take part in. Come and hear our choir sing, watch our children dance around the May Pole or just come to take it all in.

We hope you and your families are able to join us for what will be a fantastic day.

our writing in this way is a powerful motivator and really helps children engage with the writing process. The Monday after half term the children will be doing another Pobble writing day. Many children will have their work published and in order for children to comment on their own work and other's work, they need to have been given permission by their parents. You will have received an e-mail at the start of the year to set this up. If you haven't given permission, that is fine, but we will be re-sending out the e-mail to parents who haven't granted permission just to ensure it wasn't an oversight and you just didn't respond to the e-mail. Please be on the lookout for this correspondence.

Governors' Email

Parents wishing to contact the school governors may email them at 1gov5937@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk

PTA Data Protection

As you are aware with the new GDPR Data Protection laws coming into effect, the school is having to regain parental consent for a range of issues. As part of this, the PTA needs a confirmation from every parent that you are happy for us to keep your e-mail address on file and to keep you updated through a range of communication modes (i.e. e-mail, newsletters,

Facebook messages) as a committee member. Please can you send the slip at the end of the newsletter back to confirm either that you are happy or not happy. Thank you.

Carnival!

Helen Hendy and Chloe Chesterton will be coordinating the school's entry into Wallingford Carnival this year.

We have decided on the theme of 'Oliver!' for the float, to align with the 'Lights, Camera, Action' theme of this year's Carnival. Parents and carers will be required to provide costumes for children who wish to participate and we hope that the uncomplicated brief to dress your children as urchins and pickpockets means we can be inclusive of all children who would like to participate!

We are working on the design of the float and are grateful for offers of help and materials to date. Large cardboard boxes, cable ties, chicken wire, old white sheets, PVA glue, string/ribbon and paint are on the list - please let us know if you can help with any of these items. Please could all donations be dropped into school as soon as possible.

We have sourced a small truck c/o Paul Simmonds so some of the younger children may be able

to sit for some of the journey. It should be expected however that most will have to walk.
 We are awaiting the timings of the event on Saturday 16th June but we expect, like last year, the plan would be to meet at Wallingford School at approx 1pm, with the procession finishing on the Kinecroft at 2.30pm. Please 'save the date' as it's brilliant fun for the children and a really special and memorable day. We will follow up with a letter early next week detailing the dates and venues for the working party to prepare all the scenery and props and give further ideas for costumes. Please complete the attached slip if your child will be participating so we can get an idea of numbers. Any questions please give one of us a shout.
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Church News

Services of particular interest to families at St Mary Magdalene Church, Crowmarsh are:

Sunday 27th May at 11am
 Family Communion.
 Sunday 3rd June at 11am
 Family Service
 Advance notice of the Flower Festival which will be held on 9th and 10th June, followed by Songs of Praise at 6pm on Sunday.

PTA GDPR DATA PROTECTION

Please tick all the relevant boxes and return to the school office by Friday 25th May.

I am happy to be contacted by the PTA by email

I am happy to receive the PTA newsletter

I am happy to be contacted by the PTA on Facebook

Children's Name(s) Class(es)

Date: Parent Signature

If you change your mind at any time, you can let us know by emailing office.3200@crowmarsh-gifford.oxon.sch.uk or by calling the school office on 01491 836785.

WALLINGFORD CARNIVAL ON SATURDAY 16TH JUNE

Name of Child Class

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I am happy for my child(ren) to take part in Wallingford Carnival.

Signature of Parent