

Benson School Magazine

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Welcome to the brand new school magazine! In
here you will find articles written by the
magazine club members over the last term.

D-Day Seventieth anniversary!

On the 6th June 1944, many British soldiers landed on the northern beaches of France. Approximately 156,115 other allied troops were part of a crucial mission to recover France. Operation Overlord was underway, within hours with over 2,000 boats on their way to the northern beaches of France. The beaches they landed on were: Gold, Omaha and Sword, Utah and Juno. The main countries that were on the allies side were: America, Britain, Canada, France, Poland and Australia.

This is the seventieth anniversary of the famous Normandy landings and there were many commemorations that took place across the country. Celebrations were held all around the world. There are still many soldiers who fought in D Day alive today, but many were also killed.



By Marcus Wood & Allen Bradbury

RELAY TO RIO!!!!

Recently, a Relay to Rio event has taken place in the Oak Room.

The total distance achieved was **11,166.74km**, which was further than Rio, but nearer the place where England's first world cup game was held, Amazonia. All the children had fun trying to do as many kilometres as possible. Even some adults had a try as well. It was a very successful event and Mrs Hadfield thought the people who took part or encouraged people (who was everyone), were amazing. A massive thank you to everyone who took part and a special thank you to Mrs Hadfield!



Parents supporting their children after school.



KS1 children enjoying their cycle to Rio.
By Scarlet Mountford

Great achievements!

Callum Johnson (Year 3) has created a detailed sketch of a leaf. His work is amazing and we're sure it will inspire many others, he is very proud of his work.



Reported by Georgia Kennedy

PRAYER SPACE

On the 25th to the 27th June the prayer space was set up in school. It comes to the school every year so the children can learn more about prayer.

The activities were all about different ways of praying, but they were creative, so everyone enjoyed them, no matter if they had a background in prayer or not. Katie Lock exclaimed, "I really enjoyed everything that was there!"



Children enjoying an activity on letting things go.

Reported by Luke Ogden

Year 5 and 6's Summer Production

Aladdin Trouble!!

This year's summer production was Aladdin Trouble : a fun, lively pantomime. Aladdin is a loyal, kind-hearted boy determined to build a village hall. Abanazar and his sidekick Wantu, determined to get the lamp and knock down the village hall.



On the other side of town, we see the frustration of the lovely Princess Jasmine, trapped in a life of luxury at the Palace, while she expresses her innermost thoughts in **I've Had Enough**. Jasmine, disguised as a commoner, relishes an all-to-brief escape into the outside world before allowing us a glimpse at the wonder of emerging love when she meets Aladdin and they reveal their feelings in **Some Things Go Together Perfectly**. Abanazar then attempts to thwart their love and use Aladdin for his own evil purposes before abandoning him in a deep, dark cave! But fate favours Aladdin and he encounters the magical Genie of the Lamp, who along with his assistants; The Three Wishes, shows Aladdin what the future could hold for him in **Just 3 Wishes**. Act One closes with Aladdin now rich enough to marry his love! (Hooray!)

Scheherazade, our storyteller, launches us into a tale of good versus evil, a magical lamp, three wishes, witty banter and buffoonery and, of course, love conquering all. **Aladdin Trouble** features all of your favourite characters including the beautiful Princess Jasmine, the wicked Abanazar, the hilarious Widow Twankey and the fabulous Genie - and plenty more besides.



Act Two begins with a joyous proposal before the devious Abanazar works out another cunning plan in **New Lamps For Old** and (horror of horrors) finally gains the power he has craved!



Enter Aladdin's mother, Widow Twankey, and his sister Wishywashy in **Wishy Washy Laun-d-ry**.



Abanazar cruelly separates our young loves, but hope that all may work out for the pair in **I Still Believe**. Their faith pulls through and once more the tables are turned and Widow Twankey gets back the lamp (Hooray!).

The Chase brings us nearing a conclusion with Aladdin, Jasmine and her father pursuing Widow Twankey through the streets with Abanazar and his guards hot on their trail, which thankfully ends satisfactorily with Aladdin being restored to good fortune.

We all are participants as the congregation in **Wedding Procession** celebrates the marriage of Aladdin and Jasmine. **A Panto Like No Other** concludes our production, clapping and stamping of feet essential. Hooray!



Mr Davies (lead director) said that the pantomime was a masterpiece of modern theatre. Abanazar (Oliver Spence) said enthusiastically, "I feel the way I performed was mesmerising." The sound director, Mrs Hallam stated, "The best yet. A wonderful production!" Finally, Aladdin himself (Ethan Gibbon) thought that it went very well and that it was a joy to perform.

There were some outstanding performances in the Sycamore and Hawthorn production of 2014. In particular, we must make special mention of the performance of Widow Twankey, who had the audience in stitches with his comical portrayal of a launderette owner. Both Aladdin and Jasmine had the most wonderful singing performance. Abanazar had the viewers booing and hissing with his many evil antics.

Reported by Katie Walsh and Allen Bradbury.

School Trips

Sycamore class have been on a trip to the Earth Trust centre on Thursday the 19th June 2014. They had a very exciting time. When they were on a walk they had to find good vocabulary to write a poem. After that they went to the earth trust centre where they ate their lunches. Then they did some drawings with charcoal and chalk and ended by playing on the natural playground.



Chestnut class also went on a trip to the Living Rainforest near Newbury. Their exciting trip included seeing a sloth, tarantula, a snake shedding its skin, a Dumb Cane, dwarf crocodiles a poison dart frog and loads of other animals. They all really enjoyed their trip.



We interviewed year 6 about their visit to their new school, here is what two people thought: *the lunches are good, there are tennis courts and football courts. The lessons are fun such as science, maths and cooking.* They all really enjoyed their new school! Sadly, we couldn't get any photographs of them at their new school.

Reported by Fergus Graham-Harrison and Matthew Jarvis.

SPORTS DAY

Sports day occurred on Tuesday the 1st July where we had lots of sporty fun. The houses were Buzzards, Falcons, Eagles and Hawks. EYF's and KS1 took part in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon. The events we took part in were: The obstacle course, the sprint, the vortex and the relay.

THE OBSTACLE COURSE

At the start of the course there was a hula-hoop to go over your head. Next, there was a bench to balance on. After that, there was a beanbag to throw into a tub and finally there was a sprint.

THE SPRINT

For the sprint, we had to do a 60 or 80 metres run; trying to be the fastest in the race.

THE VORTEX

In this event, you have to throw an object as far as you could to win. A vortex is a sponge javelin.

THE BALANCE RACE

We had a balance race, when we had to balance a bat on the ball for 60(Year 3&4) or 80 metres(Year5&6).

THE RELAY

We started with a baton and ran to the next person in our team, passing the baton each time. The first team runner to cross the finish line won, for that team.



By Georgia Kennedy