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School Discos

November 24th. £2 on the door.

4-5.30: Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2
(please could parents stay).

6-7.30: Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

All proceeds to the school's PTA which helps to provide treats and non-essential items for the pupils and the school. Volunteers and help are always welcomed by our PTA, please see Mrs Brophy in the school office if you can assist us.



Blog of the Week

There have been some great blog entries this week, but none better than the great work showcased by Mrs. Kassam's class. The children have been learning about persuasive writing and produced some wonderful examples in two different exercises. First, reflecting on the Old Anglo Saxon poem, Beowulf, they made up speeches that the hero might have made to inspire his troops before battling the monster, Grendel. Second they wrote letters to Mr. Cosgrove to explain how they felt about his proposal to get rid of the six week summer holiday.

Mrs. Kassam's class also published a review of their trip to Matilda, by Olivia, a book review from Bradley and a character description written by Krisztina, but it is for the stirring speeches from Beowulf and the persuasive letters about their holidays that Mrs. Kassam's class win this week's Blog of the Week.

Olivia's Beowulf speech

My soldiers, hear me, here I stand. I am Beowulf. We are here to banish one of the world's most powerful foes, Grendel! We

can not fail, we can not give up and we can not disappoint these people! We must do this.

Not long ago, we were fighting 5 giants and 3 sea serpents with our bare hands! This monster can be terrifying, huge and powerful but he is not brave, tough and fearless just like we are. With hope and teamwork, we will be sure we can do this!

Those people back there are counting on us, we must not turn our backs on them. Just imagine what will happen if we leave them with that monster. If we leave them, this country will be a nightmare and might spread across the world! Do you want the world to be a horror all because of you?

We are soldiers and we must fight, we must be brave. I know that you might be scared, but put that fear away and put a brave face on! I know it will be hard, but as soldiers we must never give up and try our best. Do this for the world and show that you are a heroic, fearless and powerful soldier. Or everyone will think you are just scared instead of brave! Do you want that?

Even though it will be hard, we can do this! Will we try our best? Yes! Will you get tired? Of course! Will we Give up? No! We will not give up. Those people are counting on you! I am counting on you! Now will you be scared or will you help me? Are you with me?

Maisy's Letter

Dear Mr. Cosgrove,

I am writing to you as I would like to inform you that we are completely against your preposterous idea of shortening the summer holidays. I honestly believe that shortening the summer holidays will be a



We started our week in **Arabic** and finished in **Polish**
"A Salaam O Alaikum, Wa alaikum salaam." "Dzien Dobry"





disaster for the school, is this what you want?

Although you may think changing the summer holidays is a good idea, think of family and friends. Do you know that 75% of children would like to spend quality time with friends and family? We will not be satisfied with a measly two weeks. We will not be satisfied if you take away our quality time with relatives. Because of your actions it will be certain that you will be the cause of jealousy and bitterness between friends.

Did you stop and think about all the chaos this could lead to? Did you stop and think about the results of extensive lengths of sickness and tiredness this could cause? Did you even stop and think about the children ringing in your ears about how tired they are because of no break?

90% of children are against this decision. We will need a lot more time to refresh ourselves before starting another year of tiring work! Do you want the year sixes to not focus on secondary school because of no break? 85% of children get headaches due to all the hard work, writing and reading we do?

Overall, this outrageous proposal is not what we want. We strongly disagree with this preposterous idea. If you do this dreadful decision you will strongly regret it after feeling stressed and exhausted from teaching so much.

Yours sincerely
Maisy

NO NUTS! Some of our children have serious allergies.

Universal Credit

What Will it Mean for You?

If you are unsure, or worried about what the changes will mean for you, there is help and information available. There is a meeting open to all Whitley parents as follows:

Community Cafe (South Reading Community Centre),
Northumberland Avenue

Monday 11th December 10.30am-12



Christmas Toy Collection

Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School and Alexander Devine Charity: This Christmas we are collecting new or excellent condition Toys for Alexander Devine Hospice. The toys are vital for the hospice whilst some are used to raise vital funds for the charity. Santa and his helpers will be visiting us on Friday 1st December to collect your donations.

Maths Ninjas

Shodan—Desaree

Nidan—Becky, Natasha

Sandan—Keziah, Jonathan,

Yondan—Leonard, Tirzah

Godan—Dennis

Kudan—Caoimhe Rose

Congratulations!

Irene and Yasmin Garcia who have taken part in several Saturday Science schools at Oxford University, working with top scientists.

Lia and Rey dela Cruz who are both doing well at Taekwondo. Lia won a fantastic trophy for coming first in a recent competition.

Chase and Tiger-Lily Durante who are both ballroom dancers and enjoyed success in recent competitions. Tiger and her partner came 4th in the Quickstep; Chase came 3rd in the 5 and under Waltz and 1st in the Paso Doble. Wow!



Our year 5/6 footballers who reached the semi finals of a cup competition at the Dome by the Madejski Stadium on Tuesday and lost on penalties to the ultimate competition winners. *Mr Krasnoppolski's class* who took part in the WEC tag rugby festival on Tuesday and represented our school really well. They were divided into different teams, one of which was runner up for the whole competition.

