



Well, we have been back from the Easter break for three weeks now and it may just be that the summer has finally started with a lovely couple of sunny days this week, together with an unusually good forecast for this bank holiday weekend! (Sorry, I mustn't curse it!)

It has been a rather quiet start to the term by our standards but one key highlight has been our annual Shine talent show for children in Key Stage 2 which took place on Monday.

Brilliantly compared by Miss Wray, and judged by myself, Miss Cole and Mr Farrell, we witnessed an incredible range of talent. And what confidence!

The winning act for Key Stage 1 was the amazing Kalyani who performed a beautiful, almost Gospel like song which she had made up herself! The runner up in this category was Zac from Willow class who confidently showed off his magical mastery through a range of expertly performed card tricks.

Singing acts this year were particularly strong though and we even had two boys, Lucas and Lenny, both in Year 4, who each sang beautifully sung ballads. Both were awarded runners up certificates.

Daisy in Year 6 was chosen as the overall winner for Key Stage 2 with her powerful solo performance of *Flashlight*.

All the children who performed were highly entertaining and a fantastic afternoon was had by all!



# Great Fire of London!

Children in Year 2 experienced a special Great Fire of London theatrical experience in the Upper School Hall on Tuesday.

The children even came back after play to a smoky London scene in which dry ice was used to replicate the gloom!

The children took turns at bread making, sewing, making their own ink to use in quills to write with as well as finding ways to put out the smoke!

In the afternoon the children took part in a archaeological dig using special boxes.



## Book Quiz

On 18th April, The Marlborough Science Academy hosted the third heat of The TMSA Cup - the Big Book Quiz.

Year 5 and 6 students from a number of local primary schools all competed for victory over twelve tricky rounds.

Subjects ranged from Shakespeare to current best sellers.

We took three teams in total and our Year 5 team did particularly well, finishing in 3rd place.



## Maths Quiz

Garden Fields were one of 58 schools who sent children to a special Year 4 Maths Challenge event at Aldwickbury.

Many thanks to Emma, Henry, Jake and Oliver for participating so well, tackling a range of mathematical tasks and challenges. One of our teams was even ranked 6th overall!



## Top Car Park

An area of concern that I am often alerted to by parents is our school's top car park because of the fact that parents and children cross through this at the same time as cars parking. Unfortunately, a number of schools in Hertfordshire have this problem. If the school was built today this certainly would have been avoided. Indeed, during the expansion it was suggested that this area should be a playground rather than a car park!

In the meantime, we have put in zebra crossings so that walking through the car park can be avoided, although unfortunately these are rarely used.

We have already asked staff to avoid the peak times of 8.40 – 9.00 am and 3.15 – 3.10 pm. We are now asking if those with disabilities and club providers, who use this top car park, could do the same.

Our plan for the summer holidays is to reinstate the gate that separated the top car park in the days when the Music School was here, in order that we can close the top car park off in these peak times, and move the disabled spaces to the carpark below it. Please do come and see me if you have any concerns over this arrangement. We are just trying to keep things as safe as possible for our children.

Please move to the path rather than stand in the carpark or letting children play in it. Please also supervise children carefully after they have attended clubs.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

**AND COMING SOON...**

**THE PTA**

**MAY FAIR!**

Yes, a certain wedding ended up coinciding with our original date for this, but please do join us on:

**Sunday 20th May 2018**

For one of the highlights of the  
Garden Field School year!

Please, please help if you can!

The more people who can help means that we all get the opportunity to spend some time with our children and/or look around.

It's a big operation and we need your help.

If you can help please go to:

<https://app.ptasocial.com/events/42223>

We would also like to say a big thank you to the PTA and to all of you for supporting our events so well this year.

Your fantastic fundraising has just enabled us to purchase a new canopy for our early year which will enable our youngest children to have greater access to outdoor learning the whole year through! Thank You!



**Have a great May Bank Holiday weekend everyone!**