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End of Term Festivals

You're warmly invited to our final End of Term Festival of the school year. This will be a farewell to Class 7/8 and some of our families, as well as an opportunity to see plays performed by Classes 1/2 and 3/4. The orchestra of Class 5/6 and 7/8 will also perform. Please do come and sing our way into the summer holiday!

The school End of Term Festival starts 2pm on Thursday 10 July in the School Hall, and the End of Term Festival and Leaving Ceremony of the Kindergarten starts 11am on Friday 11 July.

Gabriella

The Olympic Games Trip

We set off at 9am on Wednesday 25 June. We stopped twice, when we got there we pitched our tents then we had stew for supper.

On the Thursday we went to the seaside and the Sealife Centre with Nigel and Jane.

On Friday we went ice-skating, bowling and swimming with Mary and Jem. When we got back we had a barbecue.

On Saturday we woke up at 6.30am, then we had breakfast and Class 5 had to be down at 7.20 and the games were meant to start at 7.30 but they started at 7.50. Rosie, Tom, Luke and I all had cameras, and we took lots of pictures.

Jana van Gent

On the BIG DAY, Alya and Brandon did the marathon. Alya was doing very well, She was $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way round and lost her crocs, and she had to run back for them. But Brandon did well. And Alya made it up with the high jump because she came second! Seren came second in the dash. Brandon did very well in the wrestling. Violet and Amy did really well in the discus. Ian was Violet's Archon.

Tom Tyrka

On Saturday morning we got up very early and went down to watch the opening ceremony. It was very strange for me and Jana because we did the Olympics last year. After the opening ceremony the first event was the marathon. Brandon and Alya were in it. Alya only decided to do it at the last minute. She did it in her crocs! She was about 3 quarters of the way round when she lost her croc and she had to stop and put it back on. But Brandon did very well in it. Violet did a very good discus throw and Alya came second in the high jump and Charlotte did very well in high jump as well. Brandon did very well in the wrestling, so did Amy. She also did well in the discus. There were more than 400 children taking part.

Rosie Griffiths

On the first day we set up our tents and we had supper. We went to bed and when we woke up we had breakfast and then Class 5 went to train and we went to the Sealife Centre and on the second day we went to the bowling alley and ice-skating and when we got back we had a barbecue. On the final day we watched Class 5 compete in the games and win their medals. We had really good weather and it was a great trip.

Luke Barnett

Silence

Silence is quieter than quiet.

Silence is stiller than stone.

It is very hard to find it.

But when you do you're always

Alone.

Rosie Griffiths

(Physics 'sound' main lesson)

Kindergarten Site Plan

We are planning to move the kindergarten during the summer holidays from its present Ashwood site to the Class One/Two room in the Village College and the small room (with adjoining door) next door, which is currently occupied by Gabriella. The present Class Three/Four room will become primarily a learning support room for individual work and possibly some art lessons, with next year's Classes 1 and 2/3 moving upstairs and Classes 4/5 and 6/7 in the new building.

We have come to this decision after several discussions with current kindergarten parents. We greatly value the present kindergarten site at Ashwood, and some of us do feel that it is preferable for the kindergarten to have a special site, separate from the main school, if this is possible. However we are faced with making a decision for the immediate future given that the Village is planning to redevelop the Ashwood site relatively soon, that real concerns have been expressed about the damp condition of Ashwood and that it seems that a reliable and inexpensive solution to the damp problem is not readily available. We do not feel that the school can afford to fund a completely new building at the moment, and we do have space in the main school buildings. It may be that benefits for the school community will accrue from kindergarten and school being closer together, at least for a time.

We do wish to provide the kindergarten with its own protected space as much as we can. Kindergarten breaks will be timed differently from school breaks, and we hope to use Amber Green for kindergarten play. Only kindergarten children and children of Classes 1 and 2/3 will be able to use the toilets next to the present teachers' room. As far as we are concerned this is, in the first instance, a temporary arrangement that will give us a few months or years in which to assess how it is working and formulate a clearer view of where best to locate the kindergarten and how to fund any necessary building work. We are asking the Neighbourhood and the Building Group if we can continue to have the option of a new kindergarten building as a part of the Ashwood redevelopment.

During this week Barbro will talk to the children about the move and at the festival on Friday she will say a simple farewell to the building.

Michael

For the College of Teachers

Summer Workdays

Because of the wholesale refitting and removals required by the change of kindergarten location there is a great need for the whole school community to get involved in lending a hand over the summer. There will also be a need to organise workdays a little differently. The situation is complicated by the NESTT residential in late July, the Camphill Communities conference in the first ten days of August and the need for a big floor waxing effort. We will be contacting you during the summer for specific jobs on specific days or asking you to come in for a gigantic blitz clean towards the end of the holiday. **Please respond positively.**

Michael

For the College of Teachers

New Parent seeks short-term transport help – probably from Saltburn

Shani Ryan plans to move to the area next September, probably to Saltburn, and to begin with she will not have a car. Her son, Arthur, is applying to join Anthea's class. Shani and Arthur will be at the end of term festival on the 10th. She would like to hear from anyone who might be able to offer transport help or advice.

Tel: 075041 46788

Carpet needed

Does any one know of a large good quality carpet for kindergarten? Barbro

The Italian Trip

from members of

Class 7/8

On the 10th June, Class 7/8 left from Leeds/Bradford Airport to Venice. We then hired cars and drove to a campsite facing Venice from the mainland. That evening we went from the campsite to Venice by Vaporetto (water-bus). When in Venice we looked around and had our evening meal.

The following day we went back to Venice, and at mid-day started our 3 hour drive into the Dolomites, where we stayed for 5 days doing various activities like climbing up a small mountain on a Via Ferrata route, white water rafting (10km) and jumping down a 9m waterfall in canyoning.

After the 5 days in the mountains we went back to Venice to drop the cars off and that night we took the night train to Rome, where we stayed for 2 nights, in the Two Ducks Hostel.

While in Rome we saw many sights; the Sistine Chapel; St Peter's Basilica and the Coliseum.

After those two days in Rome we flew back home where it was raining and cold.

All of Class 7/8 are very grateful to Simon, Jane and Elisabeth for coming with us and to all the parents for all the fund-raising.

THANK YOU!

Johan Cordel.

First of all we would like to thank all of you who helped fund-raise for our trip. You made an allright trip become an amazing trip.

As we flew in to Venice, excitement was running high. We spent a day and a bit in Venice and saw some sights and ate some lovely ice-cream and pizza. Then we went to the Dolomites, where we stayed in a chalet, climbed some mountains, jumped off water falls and went white water rafting and braved the Via Ferrata and the snow.

We went back to Venice for half a day and then we got the night train to Rome, where, sadly, we got robbed.

Then we got forced to walk around Rome and saw some amazing sights.

Then we went home. It was such a nice trip to end a stay in Botton Steiner School.

Miriam Hopewell.

Thank you from Class 7/8 for helping with fundraising for our trip. It felt great to get off in Italy, in Venice and to realise that we had a whole day to just get a good look around and relax. The first night we stayed in a chalet at Camp Fusina. The next day we explored Venice in the morning, then set off to the Dolomites where we stayed in three flats. The next morning we went on a walk in the mountains (Sadly, I missed the marmots, a type of rodent found in the dolomites about the size of a large cat.)

On the 4th day we did our first Via Ferrata, which is minor mountain climbing. The next day we went white water rafting in the morning, which was cold! The water was 4-7 degrees C. Then, in the afternoon we went canyoning which is basically jumping off waterfalls, one of which was roughly 27 feet high, or down, as it was from our view.

The day after that we did a second Via Ferrata, which was 2,600 metres above sea level. We slept well that night. Then we went back to Venice to see the sights, then left for Rome on a sleeper train. The next day we looked around Rome and

stayed in a hostel called the Two Ducks. For the next two days we looked around Rome and saw the Coliseum and the Pantheon and a lot of other famous things, then flew back happy, content, but longing to go back.

Thank You from Ansel and Class 7/8.

I liked the whole of the class trip, especially the Via Ferrata and jumping down the waterfall. I also liked the Dolomites. The place where we slept was very nice. Venice was very beautiful, especially at night time. In Rome we went to some very interesting museums, to the Coliseum, St Peter's and to a church with a hole in the roof. In Rome we ate very nice and tasty pizza for our last supper, and after supper had the BEST ICE-CREAM IN ITALY (it was *very* tasty).

I would like to say THANK YOU to all who helped to get money for our class trip.

Daira

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who helped raise money for our class trip to Italy. We had a wonderful time!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

In the Dolomites we did a range of exciting activities, including white water rafting, jumping down waterfalls and mountain climbing, where it even snowed!!!

We also went to Venice and Rome where we saw lots of the main sights like the Rialto, the Coliseum and St Peter's Basilica. We had the BEST ice-cream in Italy. It was delicious!!

Everybody enjoyed it very much and we would like to thank you again for your support, and Jane and Elizabeth and Simon for putting up with us.

Rachel and Sylvia.

Ten Days in Italy

by

Fabienne Rorke and Katherine McCabe

Day 1-

We had an annoying, hot and frustrating journey to Fusina, partly to do with the car breaking down. After going to see Venice, where we had tea, we went back to the campsite and slept in chalets.

Day 2-

We went to boiling hot Venice and drove up into the mountains.

Day 3-

We had to walk up an ant-infested mountain, and when we finally got to the top, we had to go

back down and then climb up a ski-slope. Kat and Fab then made dinner, which consisted of (amazingly hygienic) pizza breads.

Day 4-

We did the first Via Ferrata, which included going behind a waterfall, which was awesome.

Day 5-

We did white water rafting, which was freezing (4C). After playing in the sand-pit we did canyoning (jumping off big waterfalls).

Day 6-

We did our second Via Ferrata “Cheesy bits”, which was 2,620m, which means we were higher than everyone that was in Britain (except those in planes).

Day 7-

We drove back to Venice, and were allowed to explore Venice BY OURSELVES!! Kat made us stop everywhere to take photos. Then we got on a night train.

Day 8-

We woke up to find Daira’s and Elizabeth’s stuff had been stolen, so it wasn’t the best morning.

But it picked up as the day went on. We saw the Sistine Chapel, and, in the evening, went to the Spanish Steps.

Day 9

We went to the Coliseum (which was fun), then we went to see a load of ruins called Ostia, and had lunch. Then we went back to the Spanish Steps in the evening.

Day 10-

We could not believe we were going back- it was really sad.

We went to a museum and looked at some pretty awesome statues, and we went and saw awesome break-dancers, and had the nicest ice-cream in Rome!!

Then we got on a plane and went back to “It’s cold, it’s wet, it’s horrible and it’s England!!!” - quote from Phil (Sylvia).

THANK YOU FOR OUR AWSOME TRIP!

Letter inserting

Thank you to everyone who took part in the very speedy letter-inserting day earlier in June. Also, a big Thank You to the Grimshaws and all those class 7/8 parents who are leaving the school this summer for all their sterling work over the years. You can breathe a sigh of disappointment when you realise you are not on the following rota for September. For the rest of us....

Please do put the following dates in your diary now as the next session is pretty soon after term starts. Any problems with the rota - please organize swaps now so that we are raring to go when the new school year starts.

Friday 12 th September	
9-12	<u>Easley</u> , Karunathilaka, Grainger
1.30 -4pm	Mary, Jane & class 6/7
7pm-10pm	<u>Welburn</u> , Noonan, Hammill
Saturday 13 th September	
9-12	<u>Toyota</u> , Rancane, Ramsbotham
2-5pm	<u>Corfield</u> , Burnham, Williamson
Sunday 14 th September	
9-12	<u>Stock</u> , John, Nemcova

Would underlined families please remind the rest of their team a few days in advance.

Many thanks, Stacey Darrell

For Sale

- One dining room suite, regency reproduction- Pedestal drop leaf table, mahogany veneer with cross banded edge, and four chairs with green stripe brocade seats. £30 ono
- One three seater sofa, blue with high back in velveteen finish. Soft and very comfy. £20 ono
- One free-standing electric cooker –Belling slimline. Solid 4 ring hob with fast heat ring; combined oven/grill. £20 ono
- Selection of wall and floor kitchen units, ss sink with single drainer, taps, £15 ono.
- Shower/mixer tap, never used, still in box. £5.

For any (or all) above ring Grimshaw Family: **01287 654441**

May Day 4 May

Au Pair

19 year old Clara Merkel from the Steiner school in Chemnitz seeks a family in which to do au pair work from 20 July to 23 August. She speaks English quite well, rides horses and has been giving horse riding lessons to children for six years. Contact: Auerbacher Strasse 148, D - 08107 Kirchberg, Germany; clara_merkel@web.de

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Please send handwritten articles to Marie-Reine Adams or to the school, and you can also email articles from the website or from the address at the top of the Courier.

Lee and Marie-Reine

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CALENDAR

Coordinators' Meeting: Next meeting THURSDAY 04.09.08 at 10:45 in New Botton Farm

Eskdale Trust: Tuesdays 20.00: 7 October, 4 November, 2 December, 24 March, 19 May, 16 June

End of Term Festivals: School – 10 July; Kindergarten: 11 July

PTF Development Meeting: *for the whole school community* Tuesday 16 September, 20.00

AutumnTerm 2008

Wed 3 Sep to Fri 19 Dec

Holiday: 27 – 31 Oct

SpringTerm 2009

Mon 12 Jan to Fri 3 April

Holiday: 16 – 20 Feb

Summer Term 2009

Mon 27 April to Fri 10 July

Holiday: 25 – 29 May