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Butterfly

In the glow of the light
In the breath of the air
Do we hover in flight
Where the flowers are fair

For we pity them
That so bound they must be
When the blossoms they bear
Cannot fly and be free

So we kiss them in flight
And we spread for our wings
Of the gold and the light
That the sun spirit brings

E Hutchins

Blitz Thanks

Thanks to those kindergarten parents who were able to come at relatively short notice to carry out the school blitz clean on 30th May, and particular thanks to Nesy who took responsibility for organising the morning.

Michael

Closure of Danby Dale Gym Club

Unfortunately we are closing the gymnastics club at Botton on Tuesday nights because we do not have enough children attending. We have opened a gymnastics club at Whitby Leisure Centre on Saturday morning, 10am-11am/11am-12am. If your child is still interested in continuing with gymnastics, please pick up a registration form from the Leisure Centre and post it back to us as soon as possible. Both classes are full at the moment but the waiting list is quite short. We apologise for any inconvenience and hope to see

you at the new club.

Sharon and Michaela Edens 01751 432998

PTFA – 4th June

“Relating to a Small School”

We took as a starting point our good fortune in being able to sustain the full Waldorf curriculum in what is now quite a small school, and to do this whilst remaining genuinely open to all; our financial contributions system requires no individual contributions from Camphill co-workers and, for non-Camphill families, is uniquely reasonable, flexible and trusting. Usually this level of curriculum provision requires a bigger school and/or higher financial contributions. We are able to do this because of very generous contributions from Botton and Larchfield communities and because we keep costs down, partly by means of partnership, with school parents voluntarily carrying out blitz cleans, workdays and fundraising.

Next year will present challenges as the Botton Village contribution will increase by only 1% and Larchfield are having to decrease their contribution by 50%. Parental financial and practical contributions will be even more vital to the school's well being.

Nearly thirty people attended. We split into groups to consider how it feels to be in such a small school community and to ask questions. Together we held a discussion around the theme: how can everyone be fully and fairly involved? There were some interesting suggestions for how to organise aspects of school community life and it was good to see some new faces at the meeting.

Michael

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"The Little Prince"

by Antoine de Saint Exupéry. Performed by Matthew Dexter.

Many people will know this beautiful, gentle and funny story, written perhaps for children, but appealing to the child in all of us. It recounts the adventures of a little prince who sets out from his tiny planet to discover the wider universe, who meets quaint and quirky characters and creatures on various other planets, and finally on the Earth, where he meets the pilot, the writer of the story.

"I should have liked to begin this story with a fairy-tale: "Once upon a time there was a little prince, who lived on a planet that was scarcely bigger than himself, and who had need of a sheep..." To those who understand life, that would have given a much greater air of truth to my story..."

Saint Exupéry succeeds where many modern writers fail: seemingly effortless he creates a fairy-tale with a mysterious undertow of truth. It affects us deeply, we feel the nudge and pressure of its symbols. Musing on the story afterwards we can come to the surprising conclusion that it is a 'mystery-story' suffused with esoteric Christianity in a way that can speak to an audience today: with a lot of humour.

With animals like the fox and the snake and many other vivid characters The Little Prince lends itself very well to dramatised storytelling. I tell the story and act out the characters as they appear, just enough to speak to the imagination of the audience.

Friday 19th June, 7:30pm, Joan of Arc Hall
Sent in by Lee

Next Copy date: 18.6.2009

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

CALENDAR

The Little Prince: Friday 19th June 7.30 Joan of Arc Hall

Blitz Cleans: 09 – 10!

Letter Inserting: 12 & 13 June

Class Trips: Class 6/7: 17 – 19 June, Class 4/5: 24 – 27 June

Eurythmy class for adults: Thursdays 8.45 School Hall.

Parents' meetings: Tuesdays:
June 9th, 7.30 pm - Class 4/5

Coordinators' Meeting: September?

Eskdale Trust Council: Tuesdays at 20.00: 16 June

Anthroposophical Group: Fridays at 20.00: Jun 19th.
see Mary for details.

Summer Term 2009
Mon 27 April to Fri 10 July

Calendar for 2009/2010

Autumn Term 2009
Wed 9 Sep to Fri 18 Dec
holiday 26 – 30 Oct

Spring Term 2010
Mon 11 Jan to Fri 26 March
holiday 15 – 19 Feb

Summer Term 2010
Mon 19 April to Fri 16 July
holiday 31 May – 4 June
May Day 4 May

Important: Next Letter Inserting – 12 & 13 June

Fundraising remains very important for the school's finances. Letter inserting on behalf of Botton Village can produce several thousand pounds each year and is a vital part of fundraising. We expect every school family to participate to help the school obtain sufficient funding. Please take a careful look at the rota Stacey has prepared for 12 and 13 June. If you are listed, it is vital that you turn up on time at the Camphill Press. Missing a session or turning up late inconveniences the rest of the team, potentially ruins the session and jeopardises the contract and future income. If you are listed and are unable to take part, please take the responsibility to find another *school family* as a replacement. Highlighted people, please remind your team now, and again shortly before the workday.

Michael Drake

Letter inserting rota – 12 & 13 June 2009

Venue: The Press, Honey Bee Nest Neighbourhood

	Friday 12th	Saturday 13th		
9-12am	Easley Townsend Hollins	Ramsbotham Scott G Taylor		
1.30-4pm	Williamson Gross Burnham			
7-10pm	Welburn Fulton/Caradonna Bucur			

Please arrive in good time and arrange care for all young children. Highlighted people, please remind your team in advance. If you are unable to attend, please make arrangements for another *school community family* to replace you.