



Owlsmoor PTA Newsletter

Summer Fete 18th July 2009 -

An Owlsmoor Country Garden

We are in the final countdown to the Summer Fete 2009. We are still looking for volunteers to help us with either setting up or at the fete itself.

Thank you to all the parents who have already volunteered to help at the fete.

We have a number of additional activities going on during the day including the Sunflower Competition, Tray Garden Competition and the Photo Competition.

Tombola

We are still looking for gifts and fancy items for this years Tombola so please have a look at home and see what you can find, we are looking for Fancy Goods, Toys, Gifts, Tins and Dried Goods,.

Wellie Wanging

A new activity for this year is Wellie Wanging, little did we know when we proposed this idea that we have a former Young Farmers Champion in our midst, Can you guess who it is? Lets see if we can set a new record for this event.

Kids Activities

We will be having a range of children's activities including Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Beat the Goalie among others, come along and have some fun.

Adult Fun

The fete is not just about the children having a good time and we have not forgotten

the adults; there will be a range of activities this year including a Barbeque, Summer Punch Bar - serving beer, Pimms and other beverages, Bottle Tombola and of course Wellie Wanging.

Raffle & Silent Auction

Raffle Tickets have been sent home today, tickets cost 50p each or a book of 5 tickets for £2.50, If you need extra books please contact reception. **First Prize** a night for 2 inc breakfast at the Aviator Hotel in Farnborough plus a £50 voucher to spend on treats; **Second Prize** is a Butlins Bognor Regis day visit pass for up to four people, the Lucky winner can come to the resort from 10am until 8pm and enjoy the wide range of fantastic facilities, attractions and entertainment on offer; **Third Prize** is a large Luxury Summer Hamper.

Among the prizes donated for the Silent Auction are Ascot Premier Admission badges and two car park badges for the meeting on Saturday 26th September 2009, 9 holes of Golf for 2 at Billingbear Golf Club and Two free tickets to a performance at South Hill Park up to 30th September 2009. For a full list of Auction items turn to page 2.

We hope you will support this fun day out, come along join us on the school field from 11.00 am.

Owlsmoor Primary
School PTA

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Dates for the Diary:

- 26th June - Raffle tickets Home
- 9th - 12th July - Hampton Court Flower Show
- 10th July - Plates for Cakes out to Children
- 17th July - Non School Uniform day, Bottle and Cake Collection
- 18th July - Summer Fete 2009 .

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Water saving - Ways to help the environment

There are many ways that you can save water and most of them are common sense.

- Use a broom and bucket of water for washing down the patio rather than a steady flow of water from the hose.
- Turn off tap while cleaning your teeth, shaving or washing your face.
- Install a water butt in the garden to collect the rain water. You will always have water to use for watering the garden.
- Take a short shower rather than a bath could save you up to 400 litres a week.
- Use mulch on the garden to help the soil retain water, you won't have to water the garden as often.
- Think before throwing used water down the drain, it could be reused for watering plants around the house or garden when cooled down.
- Use a sponge and bucket of water to clean your car.

For more tips and advice on saving water go to www.water-guide.org.uk/tips.html

Silent Auction - Going! Going! G...!

We have been very fortunate again this year, despite the credit crunch local and national businesses have been very generous with their donations for our Silent Auction. Sealed bids can be left in the box in reception, please mark the lot number on the outside or you can email your bids to owlsmoorPTA@live.co.uk .

Lot 1

Ascot Premier Admission badges and two car park badges for the meeting on Saturday 26th September 2009. Children of 16 and under will be admitted free.

www.ascot.co.uk

Lot 2

South Hill Park Two free tickets to a performance up to 30th September 2009 www.southhillpark.org.uk

Lot 3

Beale Park 1 adult 1 child www.bealepark.co.uk

Lot 4

Longleat passport ticket voucher one adult one child (3 to 14 years) www.longleat.co.uk

Lot 5

Royal marines museum family ticket

www.royalmarinesmuseum.co.uk

Lot 6

Explosion! museum of naval firepower family ticket

www.explosions.org.uk

Lot 7

The Mad House Play and Party World 4 children free

www.themadhousereading.co.uk

Lot 8

9 holes of Golf for 2 at Billingbear Golf Club

www.billingbearpark.com

Children's Entertainer Needed

Does anyone know a Children's Entertainer that is available on the 18th July for the Summer Fete.

Please call Debby Batchelor on 01344 775704



School Diary

On Sale Every Friday in the Playground until the Fete

Only 50p each

Its Competition Time

This year we have a number of competitions running, so why don't you have a go and see what you can win.

Tray Garden Competition

Either use real plants to make your garden come to life or make a garden using only recycled bits and bobs, a mirror can be a pond or some lolly sticks a fence.

Using a tray or small box – create a miniature garden with paths, grass, benches and flowers. Gardens should be no deeper than 10cm and should be portable.

Whatever you can create and think of, let your imagination run riot.

Bring your gardens along to the fete on the 18th July, we will be awarding prizes for the best in each category.

Cake Competition

Not only are we collecting cakes for the cake stall this year you have the chance to win a prize in our cake making competition. All you have to do is to say that the cakes that you are bringing in on 17th July are to be entered in the competition. Adults please bring in 7" cakes and Chil-

A note from our outgoing Chair - Debby Batchelor

May 2003. An urgent meeting was called by the PTA committee and about 10 of us turned up to hear that if they didn't get some volunteers to organise the Summer Fete it would have to be cancelled. I'd only ever done hair braiding once at the Christmas Bazaar - that had been my involvement with the PTA. Still, I like a challenge and offered to help as did other crazy parents!

We had 6 weeks and boy, did we work! Fortunately, some had been involved before and knew how to order raffle tickets, where to get tables from, where the PTA shed was... I really didn't have a clue. And the rest, as they say, is history.

That was the year the gazebos blew

away, the year Bracken and Bramble - the shire horses owned by BFBC - turned up when we hadn't expected them. We had to take down the back fence to get them in!

We've had wonderful pet shows, a reptile tent, a football tournament, country dancing, scuba dancing and my favourite... Wacky Races! How awesome to watch home made go-carts and prams race down the ramp by the terrapins, across the middle playground and up again before careering over the winning line. Absolutely fantastic and still makes me laugh when I think of it now.

So what's to come? This year - an 'Owlsmoor Country Garden', in honour of Hampton Court Flower Show.

dren bring in 6 Cup Cakes. Be imaginative, decorate them however you want, just have fun.

Sunflower Competition

Thank you to all who have already entered the sunflower competition, there are still plants available only 50p to enter and you get a sunflower to grow at home. Can you set the school record? Just bring a photo of you and your sunflower to the fete and we will work out how tall the flower is.

Photography Competition

Entry forms for this event are available from the school reception area. The theme of the competition is "How does my garden grow?" The top 3 pictures in each age group will be used to produce a calendar that will be sold in aid of the school.

Arts and Craft Competition

This competition is running on the day of the fete. Bring your little people along and let them get creative with glue, glitter, pens and other fun stuff.

Competitions

Tray Garden

Cake Decorating

Sunflower

Photography

Art & Craft

*Thanks
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Win a bar of chocolate - Just complete the word search below and put it in the box in the hall, a winner will be picked from the completed entries.

H A W T H O R N O X I H B I Q	OAK	WILLOW
I G U Z P A J A O M Z R W P J	ASH	YEW
G K A O C O H S A L D E R F Y	BIRCH	
M G L J J T L W O L L I W Q C	ALDER	
H W E R O M A C Y S V V M C K	ELDER	
G H E I H S A G T E U O B E G	BAY	
J S M Y J E P O P L A R D D F	CEDAR	
R E C E L D E R B P P B H A H	ELM	
R L G X P D R J I A P A S R C	GORSE	
V V G A O T J A R M A Y L O Q	HAW-	
E B I R C H X B Q K S I E P K	LAUREL	
S N Q E Q F I Q S N T K D U D	MAPLE	
R O I T H V K J C O E J P M C	PINE	
O D M P L E R U A L D D O J O	POPLAR	
G Q X Z L J H G M T M N M O Q	SYCAMORE	

Name _____ Class _____

Well done to last times winner Ellie V in Class 6M.

Recipe for less than £5 for a family of 4 - Hot Dog Chilli Recipe

This hot dog chilli recipe makes a great quick and easy dinner for busy weeknights. The directions here are for making this chilli on the stove, but you can also make it in the Crockpot. Just dump everything in, and cook the chilli on low for 4-6 hours.

Ingredients:

2 Tbsp. olive oil
8 lean beef hot dogs or turkey hot dogs
1 medium onion, diced
1 can Chopped tomatoes
2 cans Kidney Beans Drained
1 fl oz ketchup/Tomato Puree
1 Tsp Paprika
1/2 Tsp Cumin (optional)
4 oz. chopped Jalapeno Chillies (optional)
salt and pepper to taste
chopped onions and shredded cheddar
cheese for garnish



Hot Dog Chilli

Serves: 4

Prep time: 10 mins

Cooking time: 15 mins

Cost: £4.70 (£1.18 per serving)

Method:

1. Heat olive oil in a large, heavy saucepan or dutch oven over medium-high heat. Meanwhile, slice hot dogs into 1/2-inch pieces.
2. Add hot dogs and onions to the oil. Cook, stirring occasionally, until hot dogs are browned, about 5 minutes.
3. Add remaining ingredients. Reduce heat to medium-low. Let chilli simmer 5-10 minutes, until flavours meld. Taste and adjust seasonings.

Serve hot, topped with chopped onions and shredded cheddar cheese.