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Celebration!.....Longwell Green receives 'Singup' Award

As many of you know, we have been working towards our Gold 'Singup' award since the beginning of this school year. We are pleased to inform you that we have now received this in recognition of the value we place on high quality singing in our school. A large amount of evidence was submitted in the form of documents, photos and sound recordings which illustrated the wide range of songs and singing activities across the curriculum by children throughout the school.
You will have an opportunity to hear more of our singing in the key stage productions which will be performed for you in term 6.

Recent events in school

Road Safety show for Year 6

On Friday 1st May 2009 year 6 were visited by a fantastic theatre group called Walking Forward. Walking Forward produced a brilliant show called 'The Price' all about road safety, which would have helped children who are going to a new school this year and especially those that are planning on walking. This outstanding performance has made our year 6 pupils think twice about what they are doing and not to follow the crowd in doing something dangerous. This experience I thought was a great way of delivering the message in a fun but serious way. I'm sure that everyone agrees that this was a worthwhile and moving performance that will stay with us forever. Thank you to South Gloucestershire Road Safety Unit who funded the visit.

Emily F6

Celebrating Talent assembly

Last Friday we enjoyed another Celebrating Talent assembly during which the school community said 'well done' to many children who have achieved certificates and other awards for activities out of school. We are very proud of the achievement of our children so this was a wonderful event, accompanied on this occasion by music played by Zoe, Kara and Lizzie (flute), Eloise (trumpet) and Daniel (piano).

Academic Year 2009/10 – Term Dates

Term 1:
(Thursday 3 September and Friday 4 September will be Inservice Training Days. Children will return to school on Monday, 7 September)
Thursday, 3 September 2009 – Friday, 23 October 2009

Term 2:
Monday, 2 November 2009 – Friday, 18 December 2009
(School will be closed to pupils on Monday 2 November – Inservice Training Day)

Term 3:
Monday, 4 January 2010 – Friday, 12 February 2010
(School will be closed to pupils on Monday 4 January – Inservice Training Day)

Term 4:
Monday, 22 February 2010 – Thursday, 1 April 2010

Term 5:
Monday, 19 April 2010 – Friday, 28 May 2010

Term 6:
Monday, 7 June 2010 – Friday, 23 July 2010

(School will be closed to pupils on Monday 7 June – Inservice Training Day)

Teamgym British Championships
A big well-done to Tia, Abbie, Evie and Katie who took part in the Teamgym British Championships last Saturday. Their performances earned them 6th place nationally, which is a magnificent achievement. I look forward to hearing of further successes in the future!

Contact the Elderly Awareness Month – May 2009 May is the awareness month for Contact the Elderly, a small charity which holds regular, free tea parties for small groups of isolated, elderly people. To find out more, support them, volunteer or let them know about someone who would benefit, please call 0800 716543 or visit www.contact-the-elderly.org.uk

Jewellery Recycling Scheme – Thank you to all the families who supported this scheme. We have sent 90 envelopes and will inform you of the amount of money raised when this has been sorted. The draw for the MP3 player was won by Jake in Year 6.

Clothing Recycling Scheme – Our thanks to all who filled bags of clothes, shoes and textiles. 214 bags collected on Wednesday. The total weight was 910 Kilos and we will be receiving a cheque for £364 to add to our school funds.

Hanham Abbots Parish Council Grant – We are very grateful to Hanham Abbots Parish Council who have awarded us £175.00 towards permanent netball court markings in our playground.