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KS2 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This term has flown by, but we have already begun to look ahead to September, especially during **class swap day** at the beginning of July, **Meet The Teacher evening** and during **Year 6 transition days** to Denefield. Again, KS2 have been packing in the learning as well as Year 6 taking SATs back in May. Well done to all of Year 6 and thank you for supporting your children at home, it really does have a huge impact.

Music at Pangbourne College: we were really delighted to be invited to attend two music days at Pangbourne college – a brass day and an orchestral day (a big thank you to Mrs Wagstaff for organising the latter). The children who attended the different days had a fantastic time and experienced the wonderful music facilities at Pangbourne College; we look forward to more next year!

Year 4 completed their swimming lessons at Bradfield with most children achieving the required 25m swim unaided. Some children made incredible progress going from being a non-swimmer to being able to swim unaided. It is such a valuable skill (literally a life-saver) so do try to get to your local pool this summer!

Year 4 and 5 – Team ‘Oxagen’ (yes they are spelling it like that!) made it to the final of the national glider competition in partnership with the RAF Museum at Cosford called Fly to the Line: they spent an exciting and exhausting day at RAF Cosford competing against 25 other schools from around the country. Although they did not win a first, second or third place, they should be very proud of themselves to have made it to the final and represent Long Lane – well done Rafael Valenzuela-Earl, Oliver Muckley, Oliver Straker and Jayden Batchelor.

Sporting News: The big news is that the **Year 6 football team** won the Berkshire County cup in football – well done to them; it was no mean feat to beat 47 other teams! The team have dubbed Mr Thorne the best manager for 2017-18 and he has the t-shirt to prove it 😊.

Choir: Thank you to Mrs Hazell for leading the choir this term; as well as entertaining us in assemblies, they sang some uplifting melodies at the summer fete supporting the football/world cup theme of the fair.

Science: Well done to Lucy Fox and Kimi Wilkinson who received prizes for the best designs in KS1 and KS2 respectively for their lab coat designs as part of the a competition in partnership with BayLab in Reading. Our Science week saw the whole of the school building biological scientific models (eyes, blood, skin, teeth, poo – the results were very realistic!). It was a great way to incorporate art into Science and Technology (known as **STEAM** Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths).

English: Don't forget the Summer Reading Challenge - The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays. You can sign up at your local library, and then read six library books of your choice

to complete the Challenge. There are exclusive rewards to collect along the way, and it's FREE to take part!
<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Finally, **Year 6** put together a spiffing production of ***Mystery at Magpie Manor***, an all singing, all dancing, rip-roaring 1920s detective farce, including Agatha Christie, Winston Churchill and HRH Prince of Wales – DVD to follow! On Thursday 19th July they performed to parents and carers followed by a farewell fish and chip supper; special congratulations to all Year 6s who received awards – see Mr Thorne's newsletter for details of winners – and good luck to all Year 6s as they move on to secondary school.

Please see Mr Thorne's newsletter for key dates for next academic year.

Have a fun and relaxing summer break, see you in September!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. C. Rushent,
KS2 Team Leader