

If your child does not bring a newsletter home. You can access a copy on the school web site

We hope that everyone has an enjoyable half term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 1st June at 8.20a.m.

Mrs Baker

## **Bough Beech**

On 12th May 2009, Year 5 had an enjoyable day out at Bough Beech water treatment works, despite the weather being uncooperative. The class is studying where our treatment comes from, and how it is made safe for us to drink. The trip was organised to enhance their appreciation of how much effort goes into making sure that we have plenty of water of high quality available to use.

We set out in the school bus straight after registration, and arrived at 10 o'clock. After an introductory talk, we changed into the boots we had been asked to bring, put on our coats, and went out to look at the reservoir. When we reached the top of the dam, the girls were very relieved that they were wearing trousers instead of their school dresses, as it felt as if a gale was blowing.

After touring the valve tower, and walking through an underground tunnel next to the huge pipe which carries water from the reservoir to the treatment works, we went pond dipping. Although the children enjoyed this, it was somewhat hampered by the wind, which was strong enough to keep blowing things sway. Apparently it had never been attempted in such conditions previously, but Mr. Peter and Bury's Court pupils are made of stern stuff and persevered until lunchtime.

When lunch had been eaten, we toured the treatment works, which was very interesting, and some children took photos as they went and asked numerous questions. One very unusual attraction was a peacock, who made his presence felt by loud, piercing cries, but unfortunately we were only able to catch a glimpse of him in the distance.



The day finished with a drink of fresh Bough Beech water, cleaned during the four hours since we had arrived, accompanied by a biscuit. After completing a quiz on what they had seen, the children boarded the bus for the return journey, having had an enjoyable and informative day, which I intend repeating with other classes in the future. Mrs Munday

## **Vive la différence**

Early Years (0-end of the Reception year) is a highly regulated area of education and this year we were inspected by Ofsted and by Surrey County Council (SCC) using an ECERS-R Profile audit. This tool provides information that offers SCC an insight to the provision offered in Early Years settings so that it can further support us, recommend training and improve resources if necessary.

Unlike Ofsted, the Early Years Auditor spends all day shadowing practitioners as they work with the children. In comparison, the Ofsted inspectors didn't spend more than 20 minutes (split into two visits) with Little Berries.

The Auditor assessed how we organised, delivered and responded to the children during the whole day. Ofsted did not at any point spend time observing any of the practitioners delivering activities while in Little Berries.

I'm pleased and proud to say that during feedback we were congratulated by SCC for having "one of the easiest feedbacks and one of the highest scores in Surrey" and of "the excellent standards in the setting". We did lose some points on window frames (part of the business development plan) and a hard surface that the children cycle on.

Sadly, this audit is not published but following the unusual Ofsted report it demonstrates the excellent standards that Little Berries and the Lower School offer to the younger members of Bury's Court School who share the same principles.

Mrs Brewer

## Dates for your diary

Whole school Photograph- Monday 8th June

Summer Ball—Saturday 13th June

Teas on the Lawn/Children's table top sale.

Sports Day/Fathers and son cricket match- Saturday 4th July

House Swimming Gala—Monday 6th July

Summer Concert/Prize giving Friday 10th July

Further details regarding the above events will be published in the newsletters after half term.



## Bags2School

Your child should have come home with a blue plastic bag. If you are de-cluttering during half term holiday, please fill the bag with unwanted adults and children's clothing, bedding, curtains, soft toys, belts and handbags. NO BRIC-A-BRAC please. Bring the bag to school on the morning of **Monday 15th June 2009** and leave in the back of the gym.

This will be the only time bags can be dropped off in the gym as we do **not** have storage facilities.

If you need more bags, black sacks are perfectly acceptable.

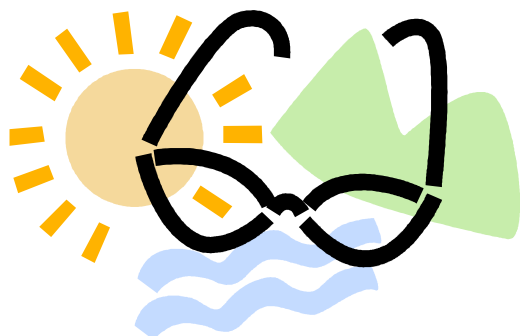


## School Office

Please advise the school office if your child will not be attending school due to sickness, medical or a dental appointment. **All** absences must be confirmed in writing.

Telephone: 01306 611372 (24 hour answer phone)

Email: [musgrover@buryscourtschool.co.uk](mailto:musgrover@buryscourtschool.co.uk)



## June 2009

Monday 1st	4.30p.m. 4.30p.m.	Karate Cookery
Tuesday 2nd	4.30p.m. 4.30p.m.	Italia Conti Football Club
Wednesday 3rd	1.30p.m. 2.30p.m. 4.30p.m. 4.30p.m.	C 1 High Ashurst Cricket v Aberdour (U11's) (H) Swimming Club Gardening Club
Thursday 4th	2.00p.m. 4.30p.m.	Cricket v Canbury U13's (H) Cricket Club
Friday 5th		

# Court Circle

## Summer Ball

**ONLY 16 TICKETS FOR THE SUMMER BALL LEFT. So as not to be disappointed reserve your tickets NOW!**

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated items for the Summer Ball yesterday for Mufti Day.

It is still not too late to donate unwanted gifts, items for a picnic or beach hamper.



Auction promises such as a service you can offer for example: gardening, decorating, babysitting, hairdressing or tickets to a sporting event or restaurant.

Please leave details with the school office.

## Help with setting up the gym.

We require help setting up the gym in preparation for the Ball and clearing away the day afterwards. If you can give some of your time on:

Friday 12th from 7p.m.

Saturday 13th from 8.30a.m.

Sunday 14th from 10.30a.m.



Add your name to the list on the notice board inside the blue door.