

ST PETER & ST MARY'S PRE-SCHOOL



Summer has arrived at last which means the shades are up, there's water in the tray and everyone is in the garden to learn. The numbered ducks are lined up to go down the guttering with a splash and the mud kitchen has sweet-smelling herbs to be added to pies.



The bricks and construction vehicles are at the ready and the sandpit is very inviting. The squeeze spray bottles are popular too and a great way to keep cool. When it all gets too busy, the reading tent is a good option for a quick recharge before heading off to explore again.

We are still on our travels around the world and looking at trains this week.

What better way to travel than on Thomas the Tank Engine? The children have made an engine and two carriages using boxes and can sit and drive or just wave out of the window as they go.

We are so pleased for the children and parents to have remained open throughout the last year and how well they have all adapted to the changes.

If you would like to contact us about spaces in September, please text or phone 07803 290272 or email: stpeters.stmaryspreschool@gmail.com

BACTON PUPILS ENJOY BIG BOLLYWOOD EXPERIENCE



Kalpesh Zalavadiya from K's Dance Entertainment visited Bacton Primary School, which is part of the John Milton Academy Trust, on Friday 14 May to give the pupils a taste of the iconic Indian dance routines.

PE coordinator Laura Daniels said the children really enjoyed the chance to soak up another culture: "It was an awesome day and staff and pupils had lots of fun," she said. "Kalpesh was brilliant, really energetic and the children loved every minute of it. We wanted the children to experience another culture and thought doing it through dance was a fun way to take part, it has been amazing. The children have had smiles on their faces all day."

Each class was treated to a Bollywood workshop, learning a few of the complex dance moves before getting the chance to ask Kalpesh questions about India's culture and customs.

"The children learned a lot about the culture and absolutely loved the Bollywood dancing," said Mrs Daniels.

After the workshops, the whole school got together on the playground for a big, socially distanced group dance.

"All the classes were outside together for the first time since returning to school, which was just brilliant," added Mrs Daniels. "It was a very special day. The children and staff enjoyed the high-intensity exercise and had fun while learning about a different culture."

For more information on the John Milton Academy Trust, visit: www.johnmiltonacademytrust.co.uk

FINBOROUGH LADIES' NETBALL CLUB



Three sisters – Chrissie Osborn, Dani Osborn and Leanne Proctor (née Osborn) – have played their first match together in over 10 years since they all joined the club. They played for Finborough Wrens against Ipswich Ladies 5 on an unseasonably cold Tuesday night at Needham.

It was a fantastic match with both teams playing really well but the Wrens managing the win by one goal, due in part, we're sure, to the 'secret sister unagi' shared between the Osborn girls!

The match was made all the more special for the netball sisters as it was Dani's birthday, Chrissie had just returned from injury and Leanne was back after the birth of her son, Jenson. Well done ladies and here's to many more matches together on the Finborough netball courts.

Congratulations also to Maddie Chenery who was selected for the Saracens Mavericks Under 15 Competition & Development Squads!



It's been a tricky year in the sport of netball, but our players' unwavering love of the game has meant a continuous stream of wins and achievements, all of which we are immensely proud of.



MEADLANDS EAGLES PETANQUE

Summer is here and with light evenings, socialising and fun, it's petanque time! Join us for a game, make friends, enjoy gentle exercise, all in Stowmarket. Eagles play at Meadlands Sports and Social Club, with easy access to the A14 and plenty of car parking.

Thanks to recent improving weather we have enjoyed plenty of time on the piste. Players entering competitions have experienced success over the last month, well supported by other Eagles, and practise sessions help us improve our game. Petanque football (not kicking the boule) and noughts and crosses are just two of our fun activities!

We meet up as a group on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons. It is very relaxed; players come and go throughout the sessions and training is available. The piste is also available for practise Tuesday to Sunday during Meadlands Social Club opening hours.

We are always looking to grow our group – current members range from eight to 80 years with many just starting, so even if other sports haven't suited you, why not come along and try something new?

The sport is inexpensive; you only need one set of boules (from £40) and there's no specialist clothing – just wet weather gear if you are hardy! We have spare boules, enthusiasm, and advice to help get you started, so all you need to do is get in touch.

If you would like to know more, please contact Jamie:
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We are also looking for sponsors to help us with spare boules, training equipment, storage and shelter, so if anybody is interested, please get in touch.