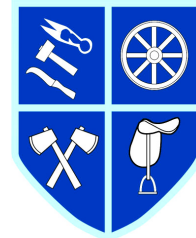


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## Etonbury's Marvellous Showcase 2010

**Thursday 18th March Starting at 7.15pm**



We are hoping to once again demonstrate to you the wealth of individual and group genius that we have been so successful in developing here at Etonbury. From jugglers to dancers; orchestra to rock group; we will be ready to perform for you - the audience, so why not book this date in your diary and come along to join us in what always proves to be a **very** entertaining evening.

We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible on 18th March



### Pupils visit BBC Cambridge *(Telena Day 7 TA)*

Pupils from years 7 and 8 recently visited BBC Cambridge and it was a fantastic opportunity. We set off in the minibus and when we arrived at the studios, we were given a camera per group and the teachers got their passes. We were taken up to what is known as the 'soft area' where there were colourful and comfortable seats, only a screen away from the people who were working, so we had to remain quiet.

We were shown round in our groups and had our voices recorded and also visited the editing room where a reporter and video editor cut and pasted a football scene. Our next visit was to an area where we were shown different techniques of filming.

During our lunch we were watching the news on the television and just above us there was a live presentation going on and the presenter who was speaking was one of the people who we had just been talking to.

Visiting the gallery there were lots of little monitors on the wall with masses of control buttons. I think this was my favourite part of the visit because we actually turned off all the lights in the main studio, where the other group were!

We had one more look around before it was time to go and we were all sad to leave.

I thoroughly enjoyed my day at BBC Cambridge, not just because it was a great day out but because everyone we met just seemed so happy in their jobs and they were a really good team. We would like to thank Mrs Mansfield and Mr Simpson for taking us and driving the minibus.

## ON-LINE LEARNING for SATs

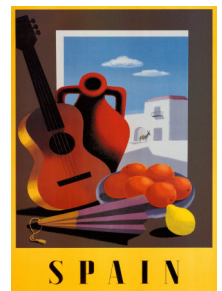


**Year 6 parents and pupils will need no reminding that SATs will soon be upon us in May.** All pupils in year 6 will be experiencing real conditions when they have a trial run towards the end of this month. With the turnout at the recent year 6 parents evening at approx. 90%, pupils, staff and parents are doing all they can to succeed.

It is timely to remind all pupils and year 6 in particular, that they can access on-line resources particularly at [www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk), or use the shortcuts on our website. Pupils need their login details that have already been provided to them by their teachers. Everyone should keep a record of this information in their planner/homework diary and should contact their teachers if they have forgotten the password.

*There are also some tremendous free resources from the BBC on their **BITESIZE** website at [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/revision](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/revision).*

**Learn  
Spanish  
Together**



**Fancy learning Spanish  
together as a family?  
Expenses paid?**

*No experience necessary just your  
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Please register your interest with **BEST** at  
The Bungalow 109 Church Street Langford  
SG18 9QA

or [best@swcc.beds.sch.uk](mailto:best@swcc.beds.sch.uk)  
no later than 22nd March 2010  
**anticipated start 3rd May 2010**

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# Sports News

## Table Tennis



### Well done to our Yr8 Table Tennis Teams!

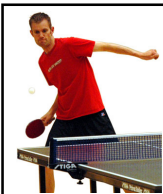
On Monday 1st March our Yr8 boys' and girls' table tennis teams took part in the County Championships held at All Saints Academy in Dunstable.

Both teams competed at an outstanding level with the boys' competition particularly fierce. Charlie Baines was our star player winning his match against some stiff opposition from Lincroft Middle School. The team finished 3rd overall, only 3points away from 2nd place.

Our girls' team managed to win all their matches apart from one doubles match, defeating teams from Leighton Buzzard, Dunstable, Stopsley and Bedford. The girls' team ended up as clear winners (44 points clear from 2nd place) and are County Table Tennis Champions for 2010! Congratulations to: *Asia harbour-Brown, Betsy Robinson, Kelsey Hagland, and Amelia Bacon.*

### Individual Success

*Special congratulations to Charlie Baines who as part of the English Table Tennis Association's Carter Cup Team (English Inter-league Cup under 18s) is through to the national finals in May to be held at Derby - good luck!*



**Free Table Tennis Coaching**  
**Saturday 27th March 1pm - 5pm**  
**Hitchin Boys School Sports Centre**  
**Grammar School Walk, Hitchin**

*All you need are trainers and comfortable clothes, bats and balls supplied - qualified coaches.*

**Nestle Box Tops for Books, Flora Tokens, TESCO Vouchers, etc.**

**We are collecting them all, please keep sending them in!**

### Homework Club

Homework club is held in the library on Wednesday evenings when pupils have full access to computers and the internet (including on-line learning). **If pupils still require a permission slip please contact the school office.**

### Bikeability 2010

Information pack will be sent to Yr6 pupils today, also open to Yr7 and Yr8 (not Yr5).

**Two courses will be held in May, one in June!**



### Road Safety

We are again being reminded by the police about parents parking on the main road to collect pupils. In the interests of pupil safety, please assist our Crossing Patrol by **not obstructing her view and please do not drive onto the school grounds to drop off or pick your children up - it is extremely dangerous.**

*Thank you for your co-operation!*

### Ready to Learn?

Please help us to ensure that our pupils are well-prepared each day with the correct equipment and books for school. As well as writing equipment, pupils should bring Daybooks, General Notebook, and Exercise Books for the day's lessons. *Please check your child's timetable with them!*



### Summer Uniform Polo Shirts

Letters have been sent home regarding Polo Shirts for the summer term. The order form is also available on our website!



### Merit Marks (so far) Spring Term 2010

Carters	411
Foresters	402
Saddlers	413
Thatchers	417



### Mobile Phones

Whilst we are fully aware of parental concerns regarding pupil safety, may we remind you that mobile phones should **not** be brought in to school. If however there is an exceptional genuine reason for bringing in a phone, pupils must leave them in the school office (*although h we will not accept responsibility for them*). *In an emergency, parents/pupils can of course be contacted through the school office in the usual way.*

### Dates for Your Diary

#### Spring Term 2010

- March 16th KS3 Watford Concert
- March 17th HPV Vaccination Yr8
- March 18th Enterprise Day
- Showcase Production 7.15pm**
- March 22nd Year 6 Mock SATs week
- March 24th Year 4 ICT Event
- March 30th Year 7 Parents, Evening
- April 1st End of Spring Term**

*April 19th Training Day (School Closed)*

**April 20th Start of Summer Term**

*More dates and further details to follow in due course, watch this space!*



### Letters parents should have received since our last ECHO

- 26th Feb. Year 8 Parents Evening
- Year 6 Advanced Literacy Action Group
- Year 7 County Netball tournament
- 1st March Year 8 History Day (English Civil War)
- Enterprise Day Materials
- Learn Spanish Together
- 5th March Summer Uniform

*If parents have not received these letters please check at the bottom of school bags, or contact the office for a further copy.*

**NB - most letters are also available on our website!**

**Please help us maintain standards by ensuring your child is always in full school uniform.**