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NEWS! NEWS!
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SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

Sir Winston Churchill was the greatest Englishman of his time. History will place him high among the greatest of all time. To children he is a name already in the history books. To their mothers and fathers he was the man who led us in the most dangerous time in our long history. He was the lion who roared defiance at the most powerful enemy we have known, when the rest of Europe had collapsed under the attack, when the whole world except Britain thought that we would also collapse.

We did not fail. If we had gone under, then it is doubtful if the rest of the world could have survived. None of us would be here now. That is the measure of his greatness. He was a great leader of a great people.

We shall never see another man like him at the head of our affairs. We mourn him, with all our fellow countrymen.

LITTLE LAD by L. Thompson 1G3

The other day our little lad
Was playing indoors with his Dad.
His Dad said, "Come, let's find a job
For you, you ought to earn a bob."

Well, firstwise came a circus job,
For which the wages were eight bob,
And little lad thought this was fine,
And said, "This job's as good as mine."

Dad took lad to an iron barred cage,
In which a tiger large did rage,
And Dad explained this job would be,
To clean the tiger's teeth - all three.

Now lad he got a little shirty,
And said, "His teeth can just stay dirty,
Cos I'd much rather stay alive,
And buy a car, to learn to drive."

SCHOOL!

This is the chance you have been waiting for!

We, the Fifth, have devised a method whereby the Staff have a few headaches to contend with.

The system is to ask the Staff each week a number of questions, and we shall record their results and issue a report on each of them brave enough to take the test.

A game Mr. Jackson has offered to be the first guinea pig to set the ball rolling, so here is his batch of questions. We all hope he has to strain as we do, under his whip cracking.

1. What is the word meaning, 'relating to a lake?'
2. What is the word meaning, 'a fohn type of wind experienced in Java which sometimes damages sensitive crops such as tobacco?'
3. Where is Lake Tana?
4. What is the name of the Cape under which the limits of oil palm exist?

AND THERE MUST BE NO HELP GIVEN IN THE
STAFF ROOM - or else life will be
unbearable - we think.

Now School, you too can challenge the Staff. Just hand your questions to Margaret Hill, with answers, and they must be legitimate questions.

M. Hill.

COMPETITION WINNERS of last week's puzzle set by Mr. Jackson.

4th Year - John Conder 4 G.C.E.

3rd Year - R. Logan 3G3

2nd Year 6 Jane Hearn 2G2

1st Year - Helen Stewart 1G1

Each winner receives 1/- prize.

PUPIL'S LAMENT

Oh dear, oh lor',
Ain't life a bore.
Exams begin on Wednesday next.
I wish I knew the blessed text
Of all the questions they will ask.
It really is a giant's task
To hold in one small head the facts
From squaring roots to Factory Acts.
Oh well I'll do the best I'm able,
And get down to my three times table!

Joe Rhubarb 1G 8

ANTIGONE

My first impressions when asked to take part in "ANTIGONE", a Greek drama, were that it would be tediously long, complicated, and that such a preposterous idea would never hold the audience's interest.

However, my impressions were soon changed at the first rehearsal I attended.

King Creon had forbidden one of Princess Antigone's brothers to be given a burial. Antigone disobeys this and buries him herself. She is caught in the act by a sentry, who takes her to the king and she is sentenced to death. When Haemon the prince hears this, he commits suicide in grief. A blind prophet warns the king that he will be punished. A messenger is sent to King Creon with news that the queen is dead, so the king has nothing to live for any longer.

Although this short drama is grim and sombre, it is bound to be a success in my opinion, because the theme is not difficult to follow, it is well acted, and is entirely different to the plays which have been performed in school before.

Jacqy Haslam.

LYING IN THE SANDS

by Rosemary Ross

Through his fingers trickles sand, soft,
Making tiny heaps beside him,
While the screaming gulls above him
Skim upon the placid sea.

The shadows of the tall palm trees
Form a pleased smile upon him,
Dreaming thoughts with many cases,
For in that solace place dreams linger.

The lilac sky is changing colour.
The slumberer sleeps with bliss upon him,
Fumbling, slithering sand around him
In the silica burying toes,
Watching the soaring lark beyond him,
And the gulls up in the heavens,
Flocking by in numerous sevens.

COMPETITION CORNER

This week we have a literary effort. You see the Pupil's Lament on the left. Can you write a Teacher's Lament about his or her students? Make it no longer than ten lines, and post it in the box as usual. There is no limit to the number of prizes this time. The Editor will print the best entries received, which may be any length from two to ten lines, and will pay 3d a line for those published.

MY OTHER SCHOOL

by Vivienne Jackson

The School I went to before I came here was Holland Park. I liked this school very much. Holland Park is a Comprehensive School, which is Grammar and Secondary put together.

The school was on a large scale, with 2,000 pupils. It has a swimming pool, three gymnasiums and two playgrounds. The library is very big and useful. I used to go there during break and the dinner hour and study in one of the library rooms. The sixth formers usually had the library to themselves during lesson times. There was a tennis court outside the library windows.

The classes were large. Sometimes, when it was warm in the summer, we went out on the lawn for our lessons. There are plenty of laboratories.

I liked Geography, History and Modern Languages, which included French, German and Italian. The teachers were very nice and kind about everything you did.

My present school Willian in Letchworth is smaller, but also a very good school. The teachers are kind and good. Here are many laboratories as well, with technical and Geography rooms. There is a big playground for the boys, a tennis court, and a girl's playground. History, pottery, Art, French, Gym, etc., are taught.

I have been told that in summer the children go swimming in the pool in town. There is also a nice playing field. The School is situated in a pleasant place not far from my home, and I go home to lunch. Unfortunately the weather is not very pleasant at this time of the year, and one cannot spend much time out of doors.

I have visited our library and borrowed 'Two years before the mast' by R.H.Dana. The story has been televised, and I have watched it.

I have made some friends here, and I am sure I shall be happy at my new school and in the new surroundings.

Keep sending in your stuff. It will be printed.