



LONDON 2012 OLYMPICS

" The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph, but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered, but to have fought well."

Olympic Creed

As the games approach and excitement mounts, here are some awesome facts and figures about the historical Olympics.

- The first known Olympic Games were recorded in Greece from 776 BC until 396 AD.

- The first modern Olympic Games were held in Athens in 1896.

- Women were not allowed to compete until 1900!

- An Olympiad is the period of four years which starts with a summer Olympic Games.

- Each Olympiad is counted with Roman numerals (see below).

- The year of the Games cannot be changed (although Games have been skipped out, as in 1916 during the First

World War).

- The gold medals were solid gold until 1912, but are now silver covered with a thin layer of gold!

- There are only 3 countries that have competed in every summer Olympics. They are Australia, Greece and Great Britain!

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The Olympics in 2012, are the 30th games in modern times, officially called the Games of the XXX Olympiad.

See the table above for roman numerals and their English equivalent.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations!



- *2012 sees the celebration of Queen Elizabeth's 60 years on the throne.*
- *The Queen also celebrates her 86th birthday this year.*
- *The only British monarch to have served longer than Queen Elizabeth was Queen Victoria, who ruled for 63 years.*
- *During Queen Elizabeth's 60 years at Buckingham Palace, approximately 1.5 million people have been invited to the garden parties held there.*

Astronomical!

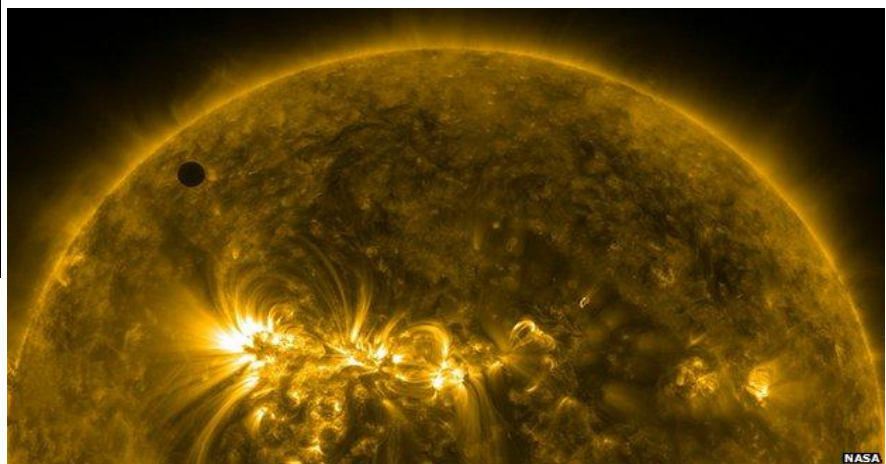
One of the rarest astronomical events occurred on the 5th and 6th June when Venus passed directly between the sun and Earth, a transit that will not occur again until 2117. Transits of Venus happen only four times in 243 years and they occur in pairs eight years apart, with more than a century between cycles. This transit bookends a 2004-2012 pair, began at 2209 GMT and lasted for six hours and 40 minutes. The last transit in 2004 was visible over Japan, but the next one will not be for another 105 years. Astronomers, both professional and amateur were out in force to watch the show.

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Above: A bird landing on one of the spires of the Taj Mahal in Agra, India, is silhouetted against the sun and Venus

Bottom: Venus (top left) seen by Nasa's Solar Dynamics Observatory moving on to the face of the Sun



Celebrating Achievement



Uk Maths Challenge

Junior Results just in..

INTERMEDIATE PINK KANGAROO RESULTS

MERIT AWARD

JULIE LYNCH (S4)

PARTICIPATION AWARDS

**ADAM SPENCE
MIKE LEACH**



S1 AWARDS

BEST IN YEAR

Niall Brown

GOLD AWARDS

**Niall Brown
Rhona McTeague**



SILVER AWARDS

**Louisa Preston Gemma Harley
Andrew O'Donnell Marc McSorley
Christopher Connelly
Matthew McLaughlin**

BRONZE AWARDS

**Rachel Cairney Patrick Entwistle
Phoebe Roper Ryan Devenney
Niamh Cosgrove Craig Carden
Joseph O'Sullivan Morgan Flood
Katie Rice Richard Osborne
Ciara Mone Ellie Lawson
Rachel Swan Daniel Cowie
Luke McKay Kerry Devlin
Michael Semple Orla Sweeney
Catriona Murphy Declan Gallagher
Michael McLaughlin**

S2 AWARDS

BEST IN THE SCHOOL

Chris Cousins (S2)

GOLD AWARDS

Chris Cousins	Jack Burns
David Woods	Nancy Liu
Daniel Kavanagh	Paula Duffin
Sean O'Reilly	Felicity Daly
Patrick O'Sullivan	Ewan Crombie
Shannon McCluskey	Salil Reetoo
Jessica McTeague	Euan Haggerty
Matthew Deehan	Juliette Murphy

SILVER AWARDS

Conor McGhee	Tony Duggan
Conor Wheeler	Eilidh McDonald
Mark McHend	Liam Runciman
Fraser Keatings	Chloe Connaghan
Rory Phelan	Chris Scott
Rosie Sweeney	Paul Moore
Ryan McGallagly	Rajveer Purewal
Anna Campbell	Maevae Macleod
Lauren Stewart	Yasser Hafez
James Buchan	Declan Kelly
Sam McErlan	Sean McGarvey
Laura Keenan	Kiera O'Donnell
Claire Docherty	Kirsty Gillan
Matthew Frew	Eve Ruddy
Luke Balfour	Matthew Boyle
Thomas Greene	Nina Krawczyk
Magnus Bell-Cochrane	

BRONZE AWARDS

Jack McVey	Eilidh MacDonald
Sorcha Turner	Andrew Caldwell
Jack Dudgeon	Maria Ward
John McAndrew	Ethan McPhie
Richard Swan	Rachel McGuire
Charlotte Currie	Ronan Doherty
Blair McManus	Adam Murray
David Gallagher	Nicola Roy
Alice Denham	Julie MacDonald
Ciaran Gara	Aamna Ashiq
Yvonne Chung	Johnny Holmes
Chris Morris	Frances Leahy-Kelly



WELL DONE EVERYONE!!

Don't forget to keep up to date with the school website and Glow!

See your teacher if there are problems with your password!



Addition with the animals!

Maths Department trip to Edinburgh Zoo

S1 Monday 28/5/12



Mrs McCabe and Mr McKean took a group of first year pupils on an educational and enthusing trip to Edinburgh Zoo. The pupils were involved in reading and interpreting timetables, investigating differences in temperature, measurements and weights. One pupil's comment was 'this has been the best school trip ever!'

Olympic Sudoku

Every row, column and mini-grid must contain the letters M E D A L S. Don't guess - use logic



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	S	M	D	A	
	D	A	S	L	
		L	E		
A					L

Dates to note in June

22,23,25,26 :

School show

27th:

end of session mass

School closes 1pm

Do you have any items for inclusion in next months newsletter?

Please submit articles of interest to Mrs Nizam in Maths