

*A special message for Mothering Sunday*

*God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers – Rudyard Kipling*

# BURGLAR BILL IS NABBED AT LEWKNOR SCHOOL

## Swag bag was full of children's goodies

**NAUGHTY** Burglar Bill was caught red-handed after going on a crime spree at Lewknor Primary School on Thursday. The terrible thief, who goes by the alias Claire Turner, sped into school in a stolen car on World Book Day before rifling through the classrooms and picking out some prized possessions. Luckily, three of Oxfordshire's top police officers – Dawn Seston, Annie Dunbar and Heather Weston – had been invited to school on that very day.

They were taking part in a special crime scene day to teach the children all about the great work our boys and girls in blue do. And it wasn't long before the intrepid

Three police officer mums come  
to the rescue

trio had Burglar Bill bang to rights and handcuffed. Bill's loot included: Mrs Alexander's pointy stick for her white board, Mrs Wakefield's coloured pens and a bag of Haribo (*Editor Debbie Cole asks what is a bag of Haribo doing in Mrs Wakefield's class?*) and £650 belonging to the years 5 and 6. A stolen laptop was also

Bill says his poor ma will be  
heartbroken because he uses her  
best pair of tights for a mask

found on the back seat of the car and when Burglar Bill was forced to turn out his pockets by DS Dunbar, she discovered he had even swiped a pair of black tights belonging to his mother, which he admitted he had been planning to wear over his head to disguise his face.



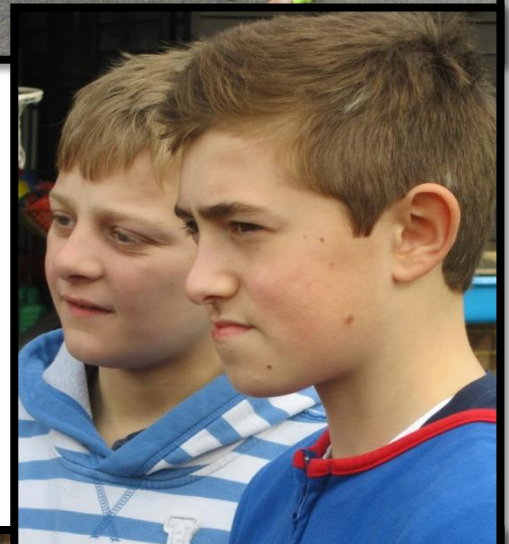
But worst of all, Bill the Baddie, ran over the school business manager Carol Carney as she was cycling to work. Carol, who suffered a pretend broken arm had to be patched up by Mrs Seston. She was left stunned and silent for several minutes after the speeding car shot into the school playground and knocked her off her bike. But it wasn't long before witnesses heard her complain: "Can you get a move on. This ground is a bit cold."

**'It's a fair cop,' says Bill when police swoop on him**

Bill was led into the Lower Juniors' classroom, which had been turned into a custody suite and interview room. While the Infants went back to Mrs Alexander's class to play dressing up in police officer uniforms and getting their fingers all inky with fingerprint ink, the Key Stage 2 children learned what happens when baddies are arrested by the police and how they are interviewed. They even found out lots of clues about how the police do their detective work and end up catching all those baddies.

**Right: Stuart and Carrick watch closely as events unfold.**

**Below: It was Burglar Bill! Children point at the culprit.**



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**Left: Bill feels the strong arm of the law when PC Seston cuffs him and takes him off to the custody suite in the Lower Juniors classroom**

**Right: Sob story - DS Dunbar and PC Weston are not convinced by Burglar Bill's tale of woe: "My friend told me to do it; she said she would pay me. I needed the money for a holiday."**



**Left: Secrets of the trade. The UV pen reveals the 'invisible ink' postcode on the stolen laptop**

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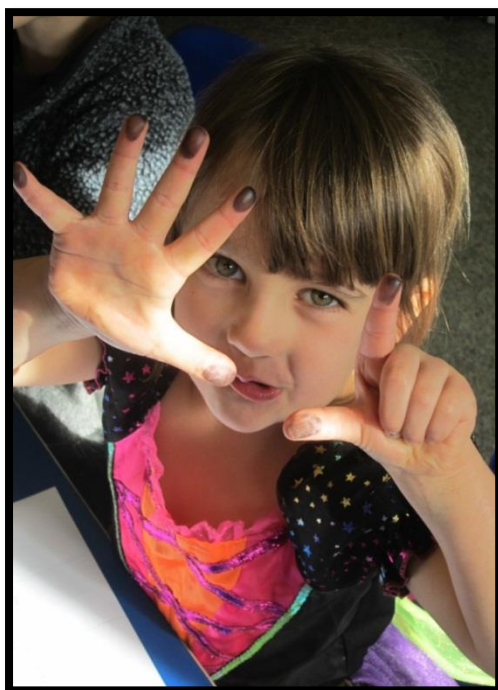


**Under pressure:  
Bill feels the heat of the interview.  
His time is up.**



**Meanwhile, over in the Infants class...**

**Dressing up and finger-prints!**



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**NEXT WEEK – Watch out for our World Book Day photographs and write-up in the school newsletter**

### **COMIC RELIEF and MOTHER'S DAY**

We will be holding a mufti day on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March in aid of Comic Relief. We are asking the children to donate £1 to the Comic Relief charity on the day. Red Nose Day is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March but that is the day when we will be celebrating Mother's Day at school so we thought we would celebrate Red Nose Day two days earlier. On Wednesday Mrs Wakefield, along with some parent volunteers, will be painting the children's faces.

Thank you to the mums who have volunteered to help the children make the Mother's Day posies on Thursday. They have asked me to put out an appeal for any garden greenery you could donate to help make up the posies. We can collect any donations of greenery on Thursday morning. Thank you.

Our special Mother's Day assembly will be held after registration on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March in the church. Everyone is welcome.

### **Swimming**

As part of the new curriculum, school children are required to learn lifesaving skills during their swimming lessons. I have been advised to send just years 3 and 4 swimming each year in future. This is to give the children more of a chance to pick up these skills as they will be having lessons over a longer period than before. Swimming lessons this year should commence straight after the Easter break, however due to essential maintenance work being carried out at Thame pool, lessons will begin on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April. A separate note will be going out this week to the Lower Junior Class regarding swimming.

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### **Finally... free fun for all the family**

Do you want to discover how your body works, explore the gory history of plagues, boils and other grisly bits, learn about animals , and race some rocket cars? These are just some of the exciting activities that will be taking place at the Science Bazaar.

The university Oxford Brookes is running a fun science day, for children aged five to 15, at its Headington Campus, Gipsy Lane, Oxford, on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March, from 11am to 4pm. You don't have to book in advance, just drop-in at the reception and all the activities are free. For more details check out their website [www.his.brookes.ac.uk/brookes-science-bazaar](http://www.his.brookes.ac.uk/brookes-science-bazaar)

Here are some of the activities on offer.

1. Boils 'R Us: Get gory wounds and diseases from the medical makeup artist!
2. Rocket Car Derby: Build and race your own rocket car – watch it fly.
3. Healing Wings and Plague Doctor Masks: Create arts and craft all about health.
4. Magic of Movement: Learn magic tricks, and find out how our research helps children.
5. Become an egghead: Explore the weird and wonderful world of eggs.
6. Chromosomes and Radiation: Do you have the XX Factor? Have a go at modelling chromosomes and see what happens when you get hit with radiation!
7. The Electric Car Challenge: How much do you know about plug-in electric cars? Get a buzz from the quiz and become an expert!

There will be no parking available at this event but there should be parking space at the Thornhill Park and Ride.

**Mrs D Cole**

### **Diary Dates**

Please see the calendar on our website for all the diary dates. Any new or changed diary dates are shown below.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June – afternoon - Reception Induction session for parents and children

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – morning – Reception Induction session for children

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July – all day – Reception Induction Day and Moving Up Day for rest of school

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Transition Days for Year 6 moving to ICC

Due to the Transition Days for ICC we will move the Annual Production to a new date, which will be confirmed later

Assemblies are held every Friday at 9.10am. Parents are welcome to attend.

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