We had great fun at the...

Summer Fair

On 5th July 2008, we had a really fabulous day at our annual Summer Fair, which was organised by Friends of Chase Lane Primary School and Nursery Unit. We kept our fingers crossed and the weather was hot and sunny and very kind to us!

Look below to see what a wonderful time we had! . . . .

We loved having our faces painted - it’s always part of the fun of the Fair! . . .
We could be butterflies and ballerinas, spidermen and dinosaurs and all sorts of characters . . .
Thank you to Mrs Field, Mrs Mara and Mrs Vero for working so hard on us all day!
we all looked brilliant!
And if we didn’t fancy having our faces painted, we could always get a fun tattoo!
Then there were lots of games to play. This year the stalls were run by all of
the year groups, who organised their own rota of helpers from parents, friends,
families and staff. So lots of people joined in the fun and helped to make it
such a wonderful Fair. Thank you everybody!

Of course we had to have Splat The Rat! . . . did he splat it? . . .
Yes he did!...
Hook-a-duck was run by the Office staff - it was very popular, although the naughty ducks kept flipping over and giving the game away!
And the yellow ducks turned up again in Duck Hoopla - they were much better behaved in that game! . . .
Year 4 ran the adult tombola and had piles of great prizes . . .
Spin The Wheel had a big crowd all day . . .

. . . and Year 3’s Play Your Cards Right was great (once Mr and Mrs Chetty and Mrs Welling had worked out the rules!)
Higher! Higher!

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Mark from The Teatime Club was amongst the helpers on the football tombola - everybody really wanted to win those footballs! (We are in David Beckham's old primary school after all!)
Years 5 and 6 ran ‘Score-a-basket’ which attracted lots of basketballers who competed to score the highest number of baskets in a minute in each year group and win a leather football or a medal, and a certificate for a hat trick of three goals. There were some really good shots and some excellent skills and perseverance so well done to everybody!
These Mums were kept very busy keeping score of all the goals!
Of course there were lots of old favourites too, like Pick A Key - which one was it again? . . .
Does it fit?

...the Year 6 staff and parents on the raffle were kept busy selling tickets all day - there were lots of prizes to hope for!
... and Year 2 ran the traffic lights game - another game of chance and luck.

And there were lots of guesses for Name the Doll and Name the Teddy!
All the games kept everybody amused and laughing all afternoon and there were hundreds of prizes to be won.

As a special favour, the Fire Service came too and children were allowed to clamber into the vehicle and have a good look at all the equipment. Thank you so much to Chingford Fire Service for agreeing to come to our Summer Fair!
All that activity with all of those games made us hungry - we needed FOOD!
And what a lot of food there was to choose from . . . . .

Wonderful Dominos Pizzas came yet again to provide a yummy pepperoni or cheese and tomato lunch, and gave our school lots of commission for each pizza sold. Mmmmmmmmm we love pizza!
And Mrs Rusk always looks forward to running the cake stall. This year Mrs Rusk was helped by Year 2 parents and staff. There were lots of scrummy donations of home-made cakes - thank you very much if you baked for us - they were all delicious and completely sold out!
And the ice cream man came in his ice cream van and had a long queue all day!
Mrs Chetty joined the ice cream queue!
And of course there were refreshments of all kinds in the canteen for everyone to enjoy.
And what would the helpers have done without Miss Harrison’s cups of tea?!

As well as fun and games and lots of food, there were things to buy too!

The book stall is always popular - a rota of lovely mums and nans were kept busy selling all day!
And the Nursery staff and helpers ran the toy stall and toy tombola - thank you for so many donations, this stall is always very popular and there were some amazing bargains!
The toy tombola looked brilliant with soft toys dangling all over the stage!
There were also some stalls rented by members of the public who had contacted the school and by parents and friends who have some lovely things to sell...
There was lots of bouncy fun on the bouncy castle, helped along by the Reception staff and helpers with Mrs Munday on the timer . . . . .

. . . . . is it nearly our turn?
Ooooooh it’s all green in here!
We won some great prizes and had a great time!

We won some bubbles and had some lubbly bubbly fun!
And we bought some really lovely jewellery!
And who could forget the awesome display of karate put on by members of >>>>>> who hold lessons on a Wednesday evening in our school!

Look behind you! (How does he get his leg up there?!)
And afterwards the instructor asked if any of the audience would like to have a go - these brave volunteers soon came forward and learnt a few moves - watch out at home now!
And they certainly learnt how to yell! . . . 

The end of a lovely day was creeping up on us, but there was still the raffle and prize draw to announce. Everyone wished hard as tickets were drawn...
The tickets were drawn out one by one...

And Mrs Norton announced the winners...
This little boy was a bit overwhelmed by all the excitement!
Weren't we lucky that the weathermen were wrong! There were NO heavy showers all afternoon, just lots of sunshine and nice and warm but not too hot. Perfect! It was great to be able to enjoy our lovely field and to see so many people smiling and having a nice day with their families and friends.
Lots of time to relax for everyone . . .
Oh what a brilliant day!

The Summer Fair was such a success. It was HUGE fun and raised lots and lots of funds for the school, which will go towards buying some shade for our field and piles of books for our libraries. We'll let you know how much we raised very soon when we've finished counting!

Thank you to everybody who got involved in our fun and fundraising by helping or by coming to the Fair and to our other events - see you again next year!