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<p><u>In this issue:</u> Page 1: Real Special news Page 2: Featured websites Page 3: Edith's column and Sudoku Page 4: Easy recipe, Sudoku solution</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Real Special News</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mathbase 2 - Free offer</p> <p>As well as the popular Mathbase1, we now have Mathbase2. MathBase2 can be downloaded for FREE USE for a trial period - the software is time-limited and is functional until 30th September 2008 when it will cease working.</p> <p>MathBase2 is an easy to use collection of 12 programs supporting the teaching of numeracy in schools and at home. The programs make use of repetition and small steps to maintain progress and develop confidence.</p> <p>The focus of MathBase2 is whole number mental calculation and is adaptable to a broad range of abilities.</p> <p>Once installed the program does not require an internet connection. Windows compatible only. For more details, click the link below or go into the Primary section of our website "Maths" category. The download is also on our "Free Stuff" page.</p> <p>Home-use versions of Mathbase1 and Mathbase2 cost \$50 NZD + GST each. http://www.realspecial.co.nz/mathbase2.asp</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Winner of June prize draw – Result coming soon!</p> <p>To celebrate Dyslexia Awareness during June, we ran a free prize draw for everyone who ordered during the month. One name will be drawn this weekend. The prize is a copy of Nesy Fingers Typing Programme.</p>		<p>The result will be put on our homepage and also in the next newsletter – thank you to everyone who entered.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nesy special extended</p> <p>During June we have had the Nesy learning programme on special. We have now extended the offer until the end of July 2008.</p> <p>Nesy Learning programme has over 1,500 printable resources, card and board games, worksheets etc combined with 12 onscreen games It takes all the hard work out of preparing resources! It is suitable for all students (particularly those with dyslexia) from ages 4 to 16+. The price is a one-off payment with no renewal fees. The usual price is \$320 + GST, total \$360 – special price now \$299 + \$37.37 GST, total \$336.27</p> <p>Nesy GamesPlayer has the same onscreen games as Nesy, but does NOT have any printable resources. Only \$59.56 NZD + \$7.44 GST, total \$67.</p> <p>Nesy Fingers (the new programme for teaching typing) is the same price as Nesy Games Player, i.e. \$67</p> <p>For more details of all Nesy programmes (there are 4) click on the easy link at the right hand side of our website home page.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">More on Dore</p> <p>In last months newsletter we reported that the dyslexia programme Dore in Australasia had ceased trading. Their website now says that on 17 June 2008 creditors resolved to put the company into liquidation. http://www.dore.com.au/home.aspx The NZ Dore website however is still in operation. http://www.dore.co.nz/</p>

Featured websites



This month's choices give free resources on the following subjects:

Educational online games
Making your own fonts
3D models and papercrafts

<http://cp.c-ij.com/english/3D-papercraft/>

If you're looking for something to wile away the winter nights, this website has every kind of papercraft you could imagine.

From simple toys to intricate crafts, there's something for all the family, e.g. fancy making a model globe – see the science category. Other categories are animals, buildings of the world, toys, seasons and holiday cards, origami and much more. All the models are free to download!



www.funschool.com

Funschool is an online cartoon-based games resource for parents, caregivers and teachers of children for ages 3-11 approximately. At the top of website is a bar with categories – click on "All games" and you can see the categories.

There are games for maths, language, science, history, geography, arts and music, and sports.



<http://fontstruct.fontshop.com/>

If you've ever fancied designing your own type font, this website is for you!

FontStruct is a free font-building tool that lets you quickly and easily create fonts. They are constructed out of geometrical shapes, which are arranged in a grid pattern, like tiles or bricks. Once you're finished "building" your font, FontStruct generates high-quality TrueType fonts, ready to use in any Mac or Windows application.

The site encourages users to share their "FontStructions" and you can see other people's fonts in the gallery and even download or copy them and make your own variations. To help you make your fonts, there is an "intro screencast" or the "quick start guide".



Edith the poodle

Hi, I'm Edith, the Real Special mascot and I must say I am not too keen on these very cold winter mornings. We can see the deep snow on the nearby mountains - it looks beautiful but I don't think I'll be going in it as you might never be able to find me! My fur is getting to be quite long but as it is so cold, I don't want to get it cut. To solve the problem of fur in my eyes, I have a cute hair-tie and wear it with a matching dress!



In case you are wondering about the boy ducks, I am happy to say they have left the garden (more room for me!) but come back from time to time for some food. Mary duck has of course flown away for the winter to Kaitia, but not using her own wings, she took the plane! I was pleased to get rid of her but my mum keeps up with the news of how she's going on with her new owner Ruth.



It seems Mary still thinks she is a singing star and serenades everyone as soon as the sun comes up. There are other paradise ducks at the farm but Mary has claimed the house as her territory – just look at her on the roof!

Edith's winter jokes!

Knock, knock
Who's there?
 Snow
Snow who?
 Snow use, I've forgotten my name again!

Knock, knock
Who's there?
 Gladis
Gladis who?
 Gladis me whose coming in out of the cold

Knock Knock!
Who's there?
 Canoe
Canoe who?
 Canoe help me out of this snow because I'm stuck!

Sudoku for July

		6		4		7
8	4		2			6
						2
		2		8		1
			3	5		
	5			7		9
5						
	2			7		5 6
1			8		3	

Easy recipe - SPICE BISCUITS

A cosy way to keep yourself snug through the winter is by having a hot drink and warming spice biscuit. This easy recipe comes from Jo Seagars website - check out some of her other really easy ones: www.joseagar.co.nz

Ingredients

- 250 g butter
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon golden syrup
- 2 cups plain flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 teaspoons mixed spice



Method:

Beat butter and sugar until creamy. Add the egg and golden syrup. Mix in the dry ingredients. Roll teaspoonfuls of mixture into little balls and place on greased or non-stick oven trays.

Flatten with a wet fork. Bake at 180°C for 12-15 minutes until golden brown. Cool on a wire rack. Store in an airtight container.

If you would like even more spices to go with your biscuits, why not try spiced milk? Warm a cupful of milk and to it add ¼ teaspoon nutmeg and ¼ teaspoon cinnamon.

My favourite drink during winter is home made hot-chocolate. Warm the milk either in a pan or in the microwave (my microwave warms a mug of milk in 1 ½ minutes on high). Break 4 – 6 pieces of real chocolate (not cocoa powder or hot chocolate powder) into the milk. The heat from the milk will melt the chocolate so then you just stir it in for the best hot chocolate drink ever!

Sudoku solution (from page 3)

2	9	6	5	3	4	1	8	7
8	4	7	2	9	1	5	6	3
3	1	5	7	6	8	4	9	2
7	3	2	4	8	9	6	1	5
6	8	9	3	1	5	2	7	4
4	5	1	6	7	2	9	3	8
5	6	8	9	2	3	7	4	1
9	2	3	1	4	7	8	5	6
1	7	4	8	5	6	3	2	9

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