



YOUNG ARCHER

Can you Bear it?

By Diana Cormack

Did you know that the first "Winnie-the-Pooh" stories were published on 14 October 1926? They were written by a man called A.A. Milne.

I don't know what A.A. stands for, but I do know the name of his son. It was Christopher Robin, the little boy who appears in many of the Pooh stories. Christopher Robin had a teddy bear which he called Pooh Bear, so we can guess where the "bear of very little brain" got his name from.

Teddy bear

But why do we call a stuffed toy bear "teddy"? For the answer we have to go back to when Theodore Roosevelt was President of the United

States. His popular name was Teddy. The story goes that he was invited to go bear hunting and his hosts were very anxious that the President should have a successful hunt, so they did something horrible. They stunned a small brown bear and tied it to a tree. But President Roosevelt refused to kill the bear. He thought it was a very unsporting thing to do, for he was more interested in the hunt than in killing. When this was reported in the papers, a cartoonist drew a picture of

the scene. A firm that made stuffed toy bears thought it would be a good idea to make one named after the President. So the teddy bear was born and has been popular ever since.

Not many people can say that they didn't have some sort of cuddly bear when they were young. Many grown ups still have their favourite childhood teddy. Some old teddy bears are worth a lot of money. If any of the first teddy bears to be made are still around, they are now a hundred years old!



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Martin School Wins Award

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One hundred or so 5-7yr olds sat patiently in a hall filled with the same echoes I remember as a pupil there myself, many years ago. Surrounded by murals and climbing frames, the children were going to experience their first corporate presentation.

On Friday 6 September these children were waiting for a special assembly, as Martin School Infants School received an official pat on the back for being a wonderful place to be!

Sue Bard-Bodek presented Head Teacher Pana McGee with the Investor in People Award plaque and a certificate, which explains that the school, "...is recognised as meeting the national standard for effective investment in people, awarded by Learning Skills Council North London..."

In plain English they look at how an organisation is catering for its staff and their training.

Good practice

Through the use of interviews and questionnaires an assessment was made of good practice in the following areas:

- 1. Strong leadership acknowledged by all
- 2. High staff morale
- 3. Total commitment of staff to the School
- 4. Good evaluation of new learning through sharing during staff meetings and observation
- 5. Excellent culture of recognition
- 6. Supportive culture where all help each other through a whole school approach
- 7. Staff participate in the planning process
- 8. Consultative approach where all are asked to contribute
- 9. All managers are accessible
- 10. The tracking of pupil's achievements
- 11. Good and extensive support by Governors

"And as you can see", said Mrs McGee, showing me a row of ticks in all the right places, "we did extremely well!"

The school now has the right to display the Investor's in People logo on all the school's stationery, and, as was explained in assembly, it wouldn't have happened if the children weren't so lovely to teach!

Welcome to the corporate world, children!



Max by Esme Leeves



Tom by Joel Leeves

The Bear Facts

Ten species of bear exist.

American black bears inhabit heavily forested areas of North America. Brown cubs, called cinnamon bears, often are born into the same litter. **Alaska brown bears, or kodiak bears,** live on the shores of Alaska. The **European brown bear** once common on the continent is now found only in mountainous areas of Russia, Scandinavia, and southern Europe. The smaller **Asiatic brown bears** include the tan-coloured **Syrian bear**

and the **snow bear** of the Himalayas. **Grizzly bears,** named for the whitish tips of their brown fur, are found only in national parks in the American West. **Polar bears** inhabit the Arctic, but scavenge further south. They have fur on the soles of their feet to keep them from slipping on ice. **Asiatic black bears** are also called **moon bears** because of a white, crescent-shaped mark between the front legs. They live in central Asian forests and brushlands. Slow moving,

black, white-marked **Sloth bears** inhabit the Indian subcontinent. **Spectacled bears** live in cool, high forests of the Andes and are named from the rim of white fur around their eyes. **Sun bears, or Malay bears,** are the smallest bears and get their name from the patch of yellowish fur on the black chest.

Like humans but unlike most other animals, bears walk with the sole and five toes of each foot almost flat on the ground. Most bears are fond of honey!

Clever Clogs Corner

Can you name these bears?

1. He comes from Peru and is named after a railway station.
2. His friends are called Sweep and Soo.
3. He wears yellow checked trousers.
4. He is smarter than the average bear.
5. He taught Mowgli the law of the jungle.
6. It lives on eucalyptus trees in Australia.
7. It lives in the Arctic and eats seals.
8. It is black and white and eats bamboo.
9. This bear is found in Canada.
10. This bear is found in Turkey.

- Answers.**
1. Paddington Bear
 2. Sooty
 3. Rupert Bear
 4. Yogi Bear
 5. Baloo
 6. Koala bear
 7. Polar bear
 8. Panda bear
 9. The brown bear
 10. The grizzly bear



Easy Pumpkin Pie

With pumpkins now on sale, you can make this tasty pie for harvest or Halloween. The brandy evaporates during cooking, leaving only its flavour. However, if you want to keep the alcohol, prick the pie surface when you take it out of the oven and pour the brandy over it then. You need a 9 inch/ 25cm blind-baked pastry case.

For the filling you need:

- 8 oz/225g cooked pumpkin
- ¼ pint/150ml double cream
- 4 oz/100g golden syrup
- 2 oz/50g light muscovado sugar
- Pinch of salt
- Pinch of ground cloves
- ¼ teaspoon of ground nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon of ground cinnamon
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 2 tablespoons of brandy

Method

1. Put all the filling ingredients into a bowl and beat them together well.
 2. Pour filling into the pastry case.
 3. Bake at Gas Mark 4 / 180C / 350 F for 25-30 minutes until set.
- Leave to cool before serving.

- serves 8 -