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Good morning (firstname),

I hope the weather is better where you are this morning, it's raining here and very dull.

It's that time of year when small boys and girls collect conkers, or they did when I was a boy, we used to drive to a village a few miles from home where there was a very large Horse-Chestnut tree in the churchyard. Going home with a bag full of shiny conkers, some of them still half hidden in their prickly shells. There was always a debate in the playground as to what you should do next, dry them out in the oven or soak them in vinegar. I don't think we did anything other than put a string or old shoelace through a hole made with a meat skewer so we could play conkers in the lunch break. Do children still do this? I have a feeling Health & Safety at school might have banned such dangerous pursuits, it wasn't unusual for conkers to shatter or hit you on the knuckles, sometimes deliberately. Has conkers made it to a computer game? If you know please tell me more...

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