

CAGE GREEN NEWSLETTER



February 2016

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Welcome to February's edition of the Cage Green Newsletter.

As you read in the last few bulletins, there have been many events happening in and around the school ranging from sporting fixtures to Internet Safety. As a result of the training Oliver Trace and Bruno Card received at the seminar held by Kent Police, they are now our official Digital Leaders. They will be the children's representatives on Digital Safety and will be holding information sessions for the children over the next few months. They have already delivered an assembly to all our Key Stage 2 children. Internet Safety is now an integral part of learning at Cage Green ensuring the children know what to do when they come across something inappropriate online.

Yesterday we also had Theatre ADAD in holding a workshop for our Year 6 children. Below is a report from Dan Crawford and Olivia Rumbolt:

"On Wednesday 24th February 2016, the Theatre ADAD came to do a performance about drug awareness. They showed us how dangerous drugs are to you. After the play, they asked us if we knew any drug substances. Lots of pupils in Year 6 knew illegal drugs and how bad they are to your immune system. They re-did some parts of the play and we had to try and figure out: how they felt, what they were doing, how they were responding. The main character was Ryan. He took drugs to impress his friends but it went over the top. Then we had an discussion about who made Ryan have the drugs. Some people said it was the drug dealer but other people said it was Ryan's own fault".

I had the delight in joining 5CD on their last two visits to Tonbridge Boys School as part of their three week Science enrichment sessions. The children were testing whether a 'wotsit' crisp or a cracker gives us the most energy - the scientific vocabulary used was excellent so please, parents of 5CD, ask the children to explain the experiment as well as their findings. I believe this week the children were handling maggots but I'm sure you heard all about it over dinner!!

Next week sees the start of Book Week. On Monday we have a very exciting day planned for the launch of Book Week so be prepared for lots of fun - all will be revealed! During the week, the English work will be heavily linked to the children's experience on Monday with a prize to be given, one per class, for the most exciting piece of writing. On Thursday the children will be dressing up as a book character - we can't wait to see all the costumes!

As mentioned in a previous bulletin there will be a **Parents/Carers Information Evening on Wednesday 9 March at 7 pm** to discuss how the school is adapting to 'Life Without Levels'. In previous years the attainment of the children was always recorded in levels, i.e. 4a, 3c, etc. but since September 2015 the Government has abolished levels, with schools being left to devise their own recording system. Guidance from the Department for Education continues to filter through and changes on a weekly basis. Therefore Cage Green has developed a system that fulfils the Government's requirements and is fit for purpose for our children.

I encourage all parents/carers to attend since we will be using the new language in the end of year reports and we want to ensure everybody understands the new terminology. The session will last no more than an hour and parents/carers will have an opportunity to ask any questions regarding assessment they may have. If you are unable to make the evening then I will upload all the slides to the website hopefully the following day.

Parent Consultation Evenings

A reminder that Parent Consultation Evenings will be held on the 15 and 17 March where you will be given the opportunity to discuss your child's progress as well as the next steps in his/her learning. It will also be an opportunity to ask any individual questions regarding the change of terminology in assessing children. Both sessions will begin at 3.30 pm and end at 8 pm. We will be using the same online system as before and this will go live on Monday 29 February. Any issues with booking appointments, please speak to the School Office. Please click on the link below to access the booking system. Only one appointment per child please - if a further appointment is needed please speak to the Class Teacher.

<https://cagegreen.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Swimathon

Two of our Year 6 boys will be taking part in the Swimathon at Tonbridge Pool on Sunday 20 March and if you would like to sponsor them and help raise money for Sport Relief please copy and paste the link into your browser:

<http://my.sportrelief.com/sponsor/james-and-tom-crazy-swim>

Easter Disco

Just a reminder that the PTFA are holding Easter discos on 10 March. The times are as follows:

Years 1 and 2 4.15 pm to 5.15 pm

Years 3 and 4 5.15 pm to 6.15 pm

Years 5 and 6 6.15 pm to 7.30 pm

The next newsletter will be published on Thursday 24 March 2016.

Yours sincerely

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