

# CAGE GREEN NEWSLETTER



March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Welcome to the March edition of the Cage Green Newsletter.

I would like to begin this month's newsletter by thanking all parents/carers for making our World Book Day a huge success. All the children's costumes looked fantastic and the activities that were planned, not only for the day but for the week, fully engaged the children. As we all know, reading is the key to learning and having a love of books at this stage in life is so important as well as listening to your children read on a daily basis. I have included a selection of photos at the end of this newsletter.

Another activity Years R, 1 and 2 enjoyed was the opportunity to come into school in their pyjamas and take part in 'Bedtime Stories'. Emily and Joshua from 2L have kindly written an explanation of what they did.

*After school on Wednesday we had bedtime stories. We wore our pj's and brought in our favourite teddies too. We listened to stories in different classrooms. All of us sat on beanbags, blankets and our dressing gowns, if we brought them in. We were allowed to choose what books we wanted by having a vote. Before we went home all of us could have hot chocolate, marshmallows and biscuits. We didn't have to have all of it. My favourite bit was when we were reading 'Charlie Cooks Favourite Book'. Emily S 2L*

*On Wednesday 1 March Years R, 1 and 2 took part in bedtime stories. We wore pyjamas and brought in our favourite teddies. We snuggled up together and listened to books. My favourite thing was the book that was about a rabbit that loved books. Joshua P 2L*

As many of you know Mrs Middleton, our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo) went on maternity leave at the end of last term and I am pleased to announce she gave birth to a healthy baby boy on Monday weighing in at 9lbs 5oz. On the same vein, I am also pleased to announce that Miss Wellington is expecting her first child and is due at the end of the academic year. Congratulations! Miss Wellington and I both foresee her continuing to teach 3W up until the last few weeks of Term 6 to give the class the continuity.

This term we have sadly bid farewell to Mrs Smith after 18 years of service at Cage Green Primary School and The Phoenix Centre. Mrs Smith will be sorely missed, not only because of her wealth of experience but her creative flare and passion for getting the best out of the pupils she worked with. We wish her all the very best for the future and thank her for her commitment to the school and our pupils over the years.

Hopefully all of our Year 6 parents/carers have now received confirmation on which secondary school your child will be attending. I believe there was a delay for some of you in receiving your email and if this still is the case please contact Kent Admissions for advice and/or view your offer online from the link below. If for any reason you want to discuss your offer please feel free to make an appointment via the School Office and we can discuss the options.

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places#tab-4>

### Parent Consultation Evenings

A reminder that Parent Consultation Evenings will be held on the 14 and 16 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 terminology in assessing children. We are using the same online system as before and this went live on Monday 27 February and will close at midnight on Monday 13 March. Anyone wishing to make appointments after this time or 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/>

### Thinking Skills Day

A selection of our Year 6 children attended a 'Thinking Skills' day last week at Maidstone Girls Grammar School and below is an account from Xavier, Anne-Marie, Bobby, Kenzie and Georgia-Mae telling you all about it.

*On Tuesday 21 February 2017, ten Year 6's were chosen to go to Maidstone Girls Grammar School for a 'Thinking Skills' day. We took part in four different activities. The first was about Black history/Rosa Parks who stood up for her rights, throughout the day we learned about the thinking hats, these hats represented different thoughts, we recorded our ideas on bubble maps.*

*The second activity was about Brazilian life, we learnt about the poverty and the amazing carnivals. After that we went off to the hall where we built bridges using newspaper, spaghetti and marshmallows, it was very tempting to eat them!. The team called the Boys' Bridge held the most weight.*

*Our fourth and final activity was to do with designing and making playdough animals that could travel/live in more than one terrain. We had to think of parts of different animals that were 'designed' for that particular environment and use these to come up with our own animal. Our favourite activity was the bridge building. Overall we had an exciting jam-packed day.*

### Science Week

We are taking part in British Science Week again this year, and we have even more great activities planned for the children to take part in that will be in addition to their normal Science lessons during this week.

In order to run the week successfully, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £5 from parents/carers to cover some of the additional costs of running the week. This would be greatly appreciated.

This concludes the March newsletter—I hope you all enjoy the Easter break when it arrives and the next newsletter will be published on Friday 21 April 2017.

World Book Day

Yours sincerely

G Garthwaite



## Dates for Diary

<b>WC 13 March</b>	<b>Science Week</b>
<b>14 and 16 March</b>	<b>Parent Consultation Evenings</b>
<b>31 March</b>	<b>Cage Green Autism Awareness Day</b>

## Academic Year 2016-17

<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Monday 20 February — Friday 31 March</b>
<b>Spring Break</b>	<b>Monday 3 April — Monday 17 April</b>
<b>Term 5</b>	<b>Tuesday 18 April—Friday 26 May</b>
<b>May Break</b>	<b>Monday 29 May—Friday 2 June</b>
<b>Term 6</b>	<b>Monday 5 June—Friday 21 July</b>

## Academic Year 2017/18

<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Monday 4 September—Friday 20 October</b>
<b>Autumn Break</b>	<b>Monday 23 October — Monday 27 October</b>

**Monday 30 October 2017 to Friday 3 November 2017— Staff Development Days**

<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Monday 6 November —Wednesday 20 December</b>
<b>Christmas Break</b>	<b>Thursday 21 December — Wednesday 3 January</b>
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Thursday 4 January—Friday 9 February</b>