

CAGE GREEN NEWSLETTER

"FOR EVERY CHILD TO REACH THEIR POTENTIAL"

March 2018



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 delayed World Book Day a huge success. The children took part in many activities and all were very successful. Not even the snow could dampen the spirits of the children regarding their costumes. As we all know, reading is the key to learning and we encourage you to listen to your children read on a daily basis. Having a love of books at this stage in life is so important.

As many of you know, this week was Science Week at Cage Green with many activities planned by our Science Team. One of the workshops the children took part in was a 'Virtual Reality Experience' Below is a report about their session from Scarlett and Rio from Year 6:

Year 6 were lucky enough to experience virtual reality. Our virtual reality experience was all about the Rainforest, as next term we will be learning about the Rainforest. I enjoyed the experience because it was humorous to watch my partner's reaction to all the bugs. I found it very amusing and fun, especially the Great Barrier Reef!

Another activity Years R, 1 and 2 took part in was Kitchen Club. This took place for 1W on Wednesday afternoon and below are some sentences from Harriet, Joey, Roni and Albie explaining what they thought about Kitchen Club:

We made sausage casserole. We put sausages, mange tout, onions, sweet potato, cannellini beans and tomatoes. We used scissors, 2 spoons and a jug. We took our food home to eat. I loved all of it! (Joey). My sister and Mummy thought it was yummy (Roni).

Also this week a selection of our children have been involved in representing the school at a cheerleading competition and a netball tournament.

Eighteen girls from Key Stage 2 took part in the cheerleading competition on Wednesday 14 March. They performed to a very high standard following many weeks of rehearsals. Miss Newman and Miss Scott were so pleased with their performance but also the way they represented the school during the competition with the organisers, commenting that the children were a real credit to Cage Green. A big well done to all the girls involved and a particular thank you to Miss Newman for choreographing such a fantastic routine and to the parents who supported and took part in the parents dance! We are still awaiting confirmation of final placings but we believe the school came fourth out of eleven schools.

Well done to all the girls that took part in the Kent School Games Netball qualifying round at Weald of Kent School on Thursday 15 March. The team were pooled in Group C and had some tough competition, playing Slade, Shipbourne and Hadlow. The team made some fantastic passes and used the space really well. Although they didn't progress out of their group they look forward to playing Hildenborough and Southborough school next term. Well done again to all the girls who took part in a very competitive event.

Please see photographs of our various activities overleaf.

World Autism Day



World Book Day

As in previous years, Cage Green School will be taking part in World Autism week. The theme for this year carries on last year's theme of 'Until Everyone Understands' but focusses on the sensory overload that so many ASD people experience and the focus is on the 'Too Much Information' campaign. There is more information on the National Autistic Society website:

<http://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/world-autism-awareness-week.aspx>

Teachers will address the theme through their Circle Time and PSHCE lessons during the week and on Thursday the 29th March (the last day of term) children will be asked to create 'A Hat All About Me!' (linked in with an Easter Bonnet type theme) with a donation (£1 suggested) to the National Autistic Society and the Kent Autistic Trust.

Like an Easter Bonnet, the idea is that the children will create or wear a hat that says something about themselves and what they like. So for example, someone who loves cars may have a 'Cars' cap with cars attached or pictures of their favourite car. They could have a football cap with their favourite footballer cards on it and a whistle attached or a Paw patrol hat with mini figures and ears. A Dr Who hat, a minecraft hat, a dancing hat, an artists hat ... the list is endless. We encourage everyone to take part and have some fun whilst raising awareness of Autism.

Easter Egg Hunt, Thursday 29th March, 3.30 to 5.00 p.m.

Together, PACT and the PTFA will be hosting Cage Green School's first ever Easter Egg Hunt. Please come along and find our Bunny's eggs to win an egg of your own! There will be an Easter Bonnet Competition for those wishing to enter, dancing and other activities to take part in. All monies raised will go towards the new Interactive Sensory Floor at the Phoenix Centre.

The cost of entry is £2 for each child and families with 3 or more children, £5 in total. All tickets include entry to the Easter Egg Hunt and a small prize, and a raffle ticket to win the Easter Cake. The raffle will be drawn on the day and refreshments will be available to buy throughout the event. **All children must be accompanied and supervised by a Parent/Guardian.**

Tickets to be purchased in advance by completing the reply slip that is attached to the flyer and returning it with payment in a sealed envelope marked 'Easter Egg Hunt' to a Class Teacher or to the school office by **Tuesday 27th March 2018.**

On behalf of the school can I please wish everyone a happy and enjoyable Easter. School starts again on Monday 16 April 2018 and the next newsletter will be published on Friday 20 April 2018.

Yours sincerely

G Garthwaite

Headteacher



Kitchen Club



Virtual Reality



Netball Tournament



Cheerleading Competition

Parking Arrangements on School Premises; Effective Wednesday 28 March 2018

Introduction

Commencing this Easter the School is undergoing the replacement of all classroom windows which face the playing field. The current windows were installed when the school was constructed in 1953 and are way past their best, some of you will may remember them when you were pupils here. The new windows (and doors for the ground floor) classrooms are double glazed, constructed of powder coated aluminium with 'Teleflex' opening devices to the upper tier windows so as to provide effective ventilation, maximising both safety and thermal quality. I am sure you will agree the new windows and doors will greatly enhance both the premises, the quality of the teaching and learning environment and are long 'overdue' a sentiment I am sure we all share.

Arrangements

It is necessary to relocate a number of classrooms which cannot be completed during the Easter break and preparations are currently underway to accommodate this. The following classes; **1P, 2A, 2S, 3W, 3N, 4S, 4H** will be relocated to classrooms in the building formally known as Ridge View so that as little disruption is caused during the refurbishment.

Pupils from the above classes will continue to arrive in the morning at school via the main playgrounds as they do now. However the collection points at the end of the school day will change: 1P and both Year 2 classes will be collected from the front of the old 'Oakridge Nursery' and Years 3 & 4 from the old Ridge View entrance, collection points will be signposted and supervised by staff. The areas outside the collection points will be pedestrianized and parking suspended in these areas to safely conduct this arrangement.

In order to facilitate such a major undertaking it is necessary to implement a number of changes to the School premises car parking/vehicle movement arrangements. The priority in these measures is to ensure, by all practicable means the safety of all, but especially our pupils, your children, whose understanding is still developing and needs our guidance and direction.

The following arrangements are effective from **0630hrs WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH 2018** until further notice.

- All parking outside the Ridge View & Oakridge buildings is suspended
- The Blue Badge bay in the staff car park is reassigned as 'No Parking' so as to provide a safe unobstructed area and route for pedestrians and mobility carriages at the dropped kerb
- No 'Double Parking'

Permitted Parking in designated areas ONLY

- Staff
- School Minibus
- Blue Badge Holders in designated areas
- Taxis delivering and collecting pupils
- Deliveries to site

All other vehicles are requested in the interests of safety **NOT** to enter the site, but to use permitted street parking, please be sensitive to our neighbours and not park causing offence or obstruction.

We believe this work will last for a maximum of 6 weeks and during this time your understanding and cooperation would be very much appreciated.