

CAGE GREEN NEWSLETTER

"FOR EVERY CHILD TO REACH THEIR POTENTIAL"

May 2015



Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Welcome to the May edition of the Cage Green Newsletter.

I would like to begin this month's newsletter by thanking all the parents/carers who attended the Parent Consultation Evenings. The evenings are a vital part in ensuring your child reaches their potential since they are opportunities to discuss how your child is doing at school as well as where you can support at home. The partnership between home and school is one of the key factors in raising attainment and progress for all our children.

At the end of this term we will be saying farewell and good luck to Miss Curley. She has decided that she would like to experience 'life in the city' and is therefore moving to London. With this brings a fantastic opportunity to work in a brand new school leading Year 1. Talking to her yesterday, it is clearly evident the excitement in her voice (as well as sadness she is leaving Cage Green) in leading the school into a new chapter. All the staff wish her the best of luck. Therefore 1C will be taught by Mrs Skelton for the remainder of the academic year with Mr Hall and I already securing a replacement for Miss Curley who will be joining the school in September 2015. Further details will be published in subsequent newsletters.

2W, 1C and 5H have had the opportunity to showcase their learning through very successful class assemblies. The confidence the children showed when performing in front of an audience of approximately 350 people impresses Mr Hall and I every time we watch an assembly. Mr Hall informs me 2W, 1C and 5H showcased a variety of learning and I would like to thank all the parents/carers who attended to make the assemblies such a success.

As you know from last month's newsletter, next week is the beginning of national SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) for Years 2 and 6. Year 2 children will work alongside the class teacher throughout May and June completing work to enable the teacher to assess what level the children are working at. At the end of the year parents/carers will receive these levels as part of the end of year report in Maths, English and Science. Year 6 assessments are more formal and will take place most days next week in the main hall (timetable below) — these levels will be used as a guide for the secondary schools when setting the children in Year 7. Therefore can you please ensure your Year 6 child has a restful weekend in preparation for next week to enable them to do their best and achieve their potential. Breakfast will be served from 8.45 am each morning to ensure they are fuelled and ready to go. A member of staff will collect the children from the playground at approximately 8.40 am.

Monday 11 May—Reading Paper (Level 3-5 Paper am and Level 6 Paper pm)

Tuesday 12 May—Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Paper (Level 3-5 Paper am and Level 6 Paper pm)

Wednesday 13 May—Mathematics Paper A

Thursday 14 May—Mathematics Paper B (Level 3-5 Paper am and Level 6 Paper pm)

I would imagine our Year 5 parents/carers are starting to think about secondary transition and which school would best suit their child—as you know in Kent we have selective and non-selective schools. To assist in making the choice the school will be holding a 'PESE (11+) Information Evening' on Thursday 4 June at 7.30 pm. This will focus on which schools are selective and the process involved. Please note this will be the second year of the new type selection tests for secondary admission in September 2016 and would encourage all parents/carers who would like their children to take the 11+ to attend. Preceding this meeting at 7 pm, will be an opportunity to view and discuss the lesson content for our topic on 'Relationships and Human Biology'.



PTA Meeting

There will be a PTA meeting next Thursday, 14th May, at 7.30 pm in the Staff Room. Plans for this year's Summer Fair will be discussed.



Science Curriculum Evening

Date reminder. Thursday 11th June 2015, 6.00 pm to 8 pm.

Swattenden

Last weekend, Year 4 visited Swattenden Activity Centre and as you will read from Isaac and Gurpreet's report, the children fully enjoyed the experience.

Super Swattenden



On the way to our residential visit to Swattenden, some of us were chatting about what we were going to do. After making our own beds, Gary (Instructor), gave us a tour. We then went on the obstacle course. It was quite challenging but we all completed it. We all really needed a good nights sleep in the mansion but some of us were awake later than others!



On Saturday morning, we were excited and couldn't wait for our activities to start. Each group sprinted off to the different areas. The activities included:



- Zip Wire
- Climbing
- Night Line
- Orienteering
- Flag Raiders

We all tried everything and felt amazing. The food was delicious and we could have as much as we could eat (without getting ill). It was a splendid success!

By Gurpreet and Isaac

Nepal Disaster Fund. How Tomas Got The Nepal Money



Tomas in 2W started to raise money when he ran the Tonbridge Park 5k run which raised £10. Two of Tomas's friends gave him another £10. Then another gave him £20! Then he started a website, Tomasc.com, which also raised £50. Tomas started off very slowly until... His grandfather gave him £100! At this point he had been given £190. Tomas wanted to raise as much money as he could. Then he and his mother went around his block asking for Nepal earthquake money but sadly he arrived back home with nothing. So he asked his mother for some money and she gave £5. Then he looked back at his website and people had given him a whole lot more money and Tomas ended up with well over £200 for the Nepal earthquake. Well done Tomas! After discussion with Mr Garthwaite we have decided to hold a non-uniform day next Friday, 15th May, with a suggested donation of £1, going to the Nepal earthquake fund.

By Mattie and Angel in Year 6, with Tomas

Next newsletter will be published on Friday 5 June 2015.

Yours sincerely

G Garthwaite, Headteacher