

CAGE GREEN NEWSLETTER

"FOR EVERY CHILD TO REACH THEIR POTENTIAL"

May 2016



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 congratulating all the Year 6 children on the dedication and positive attitude they showed whilst sitting their end of key stage assessments. This was the first year of the revised assessments and it was clear that the challenge had increased. Those of you that attended the Parents Information Evening regarding assessment will already know the change in terminology schools will be using when reporting the results. We believe for Key Stage 2 a score of 100 will be 'average' in English and Mathematics with the teacher assessment being recorded using:

- Working towards the expected standard
- Working at the expected standard
- Working at greater depth in the expected standard

Further clarification is available on the school's website using the link below and clicking on the heading 'Parents Information Evening—9 March' (*first link at the foot of my 'Welcome letter' on the home page*)

<http://www.cage-green.kent.sch.uk/home.htm>

Staying with Year 6, they will be off to PGL at Windmill Hill today so hopefully they will be able to relax and enjoy the week. There are a vast range of activities the children will take part in, on land and on the water so there is something for everybody. We will keep you up to date with news of the visits via the Cage Green website. Also those Year 6 children that are with us at school have an action packed week planned, including ten pin bowling, chocolate making and visits to Carrotty Wood.

As you read in last week's Bulletin Year 4 had, to use Jake and Ruby's words, "an epic time" at Arethusa. The weather was very favourable since the Saturday involved water activities all day. I'm sure it was the first time the children had taken part in sailing, rock climbing and kayaking. As I've mentioned previously this was an ideal opportunity to give the children a taste of being away from home on an activity based experience before they have to commit to a whole week in Year 6.

1WK, 3N and 5N/G 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 me every time I watch an assembly. The classes showcased a variety of learning and again, I would like to thank all the parents/carers who attended to make the assemblies such a success. We also had the pleasure of listening to 'Active Volcanoz' on Friday and what a surprise! Tom, Bruno, Jacob and James performed three songs, one of which they had written themselves, and blew everybody away with their talent. We've already booked them for another performance for next term. I'm sure we will see them performing around the local area and beyond over the next ten years. Keep it up boys.

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 an information evening on **Wednesday 8 June at 7pm**. This will focus on the process of applying for a secondary school whether it is selective or non-selective.



Class Assemblies

The list below outlines the Class Assemblies for the rest of Term 5 and 6. Each assembly begins at 9.30am and normally lasts for between twenty and thirty minutes. Everybody is welcome since these are a wonderful opportunity to share in your child's learning.



Term 5

Class 2C, Friday 20 May

Term 6

Chimpanzee Class, Friday 17 June
Penguin Class, Friday 24 June



Mathematics Curriculum Evening

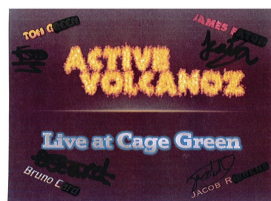
On Tuesday 24th May the school will be holding a Maths Curriculum Evening. It will be an exciting evening where the children will have the opportunity to share a range of topics that they have been learning about in Maths with their parents and carers. They will be able to show the work that they have been doing using the displays along the corridors and can show how they solve problems by visiting different 'workstations' in the school hall.



As part of the evening we have organised workshops for the children (and the adults!) to take part in. These are all drop-in sessions so you can come and go throughout the evening. A timetable for the workshops was sent out last week so if you haven't received it please let the School Office know and we will re-send the email. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Staffing

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Clark is expecting her first child in October. She will continue as 2C's class teacher for the rest of this academic year with her maternity leave not starting until early in the next academic year. Therefore Mrs Clark will be able to stay with 2C for the rest of this year and ensure they have a successful transition to Year 3.



Our next newsletter will be published on Friday 10 June 2016.

Kind regards

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