



**CAGE GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**PARENT TEACHER AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION (PTFA) &**  
**FRIENDS OF PHOENIX AUTISM CENTRE TONBRIDGE (PACT)**



**Welcome to our June Newsletter!**

It doesn't seem long since our last newsletter, and yet so much has happened! And the fun is not over yet! Read on...

**Tonbridge Carnival**

Last Sunday, an impressive 62 children and many parents and carers from Cage Green took part in the Tonbridge Carnival.

It was our fourth consecutive year in the carnival and we are very proud to say that our colourful walking float representing 'Great Britain', won first prize in the Junior category.

The carnival entry, organised by T.A. and parent Mrs Armstrong was a delightful mix of British Icons including the Queen and Prince Philip, with a large honour guard formed of the Grenadier Guards and the Household Cavalry. Britannia, the Union Flag, Lyon tea-house waitresses and not forgetting a post box were also represented.

All the children who took part attended a 'Carnival Club' to help make their costumes and props. The club was run by Mrs Armstrong along with Cage Green staff who volunteered to help. On the day, Nick, one of our parents, provided expert face painting to add the final touch.



**Textile Collection**



The PTFA has organised a textile collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds towards improvements to the playground.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for our school, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill.

Bags will not be collected until **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June** and school does not have the facilities to store them, so please get them ready but do not bring them into school yet!

All details can be found at <http://www.cage-green.kent.sch.uk/files/Textile%20Collection.pdf>

**Summer Fair Competitions**

Thank you and well done to all the children who entered our Summer Fair Poster competition.

It was great to receive so many entries; judging was very close so we decided to have joint winners.

The winners are:

- Rosie Ann in 2L and Jasper in 2WL, who both receive a colouring pack;
- Jennifer in 4K and Amy in 5CD, who both receive a pack of sweets!

Thanks also go to parents, carers and teachers who supported the competition!



**Summer Fair Volunteers Needed Please!**



As always, we can only run the Summer Fair on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July with your help. **We need volunteers** please to man the stalls on the day, as well as people willing to help set up beforehand and clear up afterwards.

We split the fair into two halves, so you can either help out for the whole thing or just half the time and you can still enjoy the fair yourself. On some stalls it is possible for responsible Year 5 and Year 6 pupils to help out, so if you and/or your child are available to help, then please let us know. All details available here: <http://www.cage-green.kent.sch.uk/files/Summer%20Fair%20Help%20Required.pdf>

## Tonbridge Carnival (Cont'd)

Mrs Armstrong said "It really has been a pleasure to organise and take part in this year. I've had great support from the PTFA, school and my work colleagues who gave up so much of their time voluntarily. I would also like to thank Nick who gave up his Sunday morning to come to school and provide face painting for our 50 soldiers!" More photos available on our Facebook page.

### Summer Disco

Back by popular demand... On Thu 7th July, from 4.15pm-5.15pm for Year 1 and Year 2; and from 5.15pm-6.15pm for Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5. Buy your tickets now! Reply slip available at [Year 1 and Year 2](#) ; [Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5](#).



### Queen's Birthday Celebrations at Cage Green School

As you know, Cage Green Primary school marked the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a party. On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June Cage Green Primary School Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA) and the Friends of Phoenix Autism Centre Tonbridge (PACT), put on a joint community event to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The event was very well attended with around 350 pupils, parents, carers, teachers and friends enjoying the sunshine after school.

A fabulous board, designed and painted by one of our talented mums Emma, proved very popular.



### What you say...

"Perfect afternoon, gorgeous sunshine, plenty to do. Kids fully entertained. Parent relaxed and enjoying the atmosphere. Well organised."

"Fantastic afternoon! Thank you for organising. Such a great atmosphere - can we do it again sometime?"

People of all ages enjoyed decorating a crown with their own design and colouring in flags to wave in celebration. The skilful work of the School's Art Club was on display and everyone enjoyed the workshop.



A free cake raffle featured some wonderful creations from parents.



The Year Six band, Active Volcanoz, played some fantastic covers of songs along with their own composition whilst all enjoyed a picnic and cakes on the school field.



Traditional sports and games also kept everyone entertained. The maypole dancing was a huge success with all (apart from the poor parent who had to untangle it frequently) together with many games of rounders and cricket.



## Langton Ladies Cycle Challenge and Lunch for PACT

As you saw in the last newsletter, one of the mums from the Phoenix Centre and her friends took part in a cycle challenge from Langton Green to Paris in May. The 9 ladies cycled over 300km through torrential rain and challenging roads to achieve their target of reaching the Eiffel Tower in 3 days! Well done and thank you!



On 7<sup>th</sup> June the same group of ladies hosted a Luncheon, all in aid of PACT. Led by Larissa and supported by PACT, the ladies received donations from a number of local businesses for food, drinks and some fabulous auction prizes! The afternoon started with a delicious lunch of salmon donated by Sankeys in Tunbridge Wells, quiches, salads made by the Langton Ladies followed by some wonderful desserts provided by Cook in Tonbridge and fabulous cakes made by Miss Barker from the Phoenix Centre and her mum. The wine and non-alcoholic drinks were donated by Planet of the Grapes and Waitrose in Tonbridge.

David Walsh (Sports Editor for the Times Newspaper) gave an interesting talk about his involvement in exposing Lance Armstrong, which was enjoyed by all the guests. Then followed a book signing by David and a silent auction with prizes such as a meal for two at Pizza Express in Tonbridge, Wagamama voucher, book and bottle of wine, Spa Treatment, Sunday Times subscription before the live auction took place towards the end of the afternoon. This alone raised over £800 with prizes such as 2 private flights to France and lunch, meal for 4 at The Hare.



The weather was as predictable as the British weather can be and despite a thunderstorm and downpour, the lunch was a huge success and enjoyed by all the 90+ guests that attended.

**PACT have recently received a massive cheque from the Langton Ladies for £7,185!** Thank you all so much for all your hard work and commitment and for raising such a huge amount of money for the children with ASD at Cage Green School!

### Other News

PACT have recently been awarded over £2,500 from a Discovery Grant from Santander for horse riding lessons for children in Unicorn class for next year!

PACT have also been shortlisted as the charity to be supported by Holmewood House School in Tunbridge Wells. Watch this space to see if PACT are selected!

### PJs for PACT - A Moonlight Walk

On Friday 16th September Mrs Rooke and Mrs Watmore from Dragon Class are organising a sponsored walk in aid of PACT. Everybody is welcome to join them and other members of PACT but please complete an entry form. Entry fee is a donation to PACT. More details to follow.

### Hayley's Memorial Evening

PACT have also been chosen as one of the charities that will be supported at Hayley's Memorial Evening on Saturday 24th September 2016. This event is held by Dawn (School Cook at Cage Green School) and her family so please come along and have a good evening whilst supporting three great causes: PACT, Great Ormond Street Hospital and Ridgeview School. Tickets available from Dawn. More details available on the PACT Website.

## **Sainsbury's**

### Support PACT in Sainsbury's Tonbridge

PACT will be in Sainsbury's Tonbridge on Friday 1st July 10am-1pm.

Please pop along and say hello, and if you have some spare time, we would welcome the help!

## Dates For Your Diary

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June:**

Donation Day towards Summer Fair

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 8.45am-9.30am:**

Textile Collection

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July:**

Donation Day towards Summer Fair

PACT will be in Sainsbury's Tonbridge, 10am-1pm

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 11.30am-2pm:**

Summer Fair

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 1pm-3.30pm, school courtyard:**

Second Hand Uniform sale

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July:**

Summer Disco: 4.15pm-5.15pm: Year 1 & Year 2

5.15pm-6.15pm: Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July, all day:**

Drinks and snacks will be available to buy during Sports Day

**Tuesday 12th July, 9.30am-11am at Cage Green School:**

Communicate in Print Workshop held by Judi Beggs. Booking is essential. Only open to Cage Green School and Phoenix Centre parents. The workshop is an opportunity to produce social stories of your choice to use with your child.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 3.15pm:**

PACT Cake Sale

### Second Hand Uniform Sale

Our next sale will be on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July from 1pm-3.30pm**, to coincide with school visits for children joining Cage Green School in September 2016 - please spread the word! If you have small, good quality uniform, please hand it into the office, in a bag clearly marked "DONATION." Thank you!



### PACT Cake Sale

Thank you to everybody who supported the recent PACT Cake sale. We raised an amazing £259.89. Our next sale is on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July** in the school playground from 3.15pm. Please pop along and support us!



	<b>WHAT TO WEAR</b>	<b>DONATION</b>
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Uniform & Crazy hair or crazy hat	Children's tombola / bottles (alcohol preferably please)
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Non-uniform	Children's tombola / Cakes

### Summer Fair Donation Days

This year, the donation days will be a little different. The children are invited to come into school wearing their uniform and crazy hair/hat on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June; and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July will be a non-uniform day. In return, we would like donations for the Summer Fair please. Full details available at

<http://www.cage-green.kent.sch.uk/files/Summer%20Fair%202016%20Donations.pdf>

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