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Pirate Galleon



A huge thank you to Mr Fitzpayne (Rhys’s Dad from 6E) for this wonderful pirate galleon made for our Tonbridge Carnival procession. The ship is currently displayed in the courtyard and looks fantastic. This is way beyond anything we ever expected. And thank you for manoeuvring it the length of Tonbridge High Street in 30°C of blazing sunshine! We greatly appreciate the time and effort you spent on this. Thank you.

Please see a full report on our fantastic winning success at last weekend’s Tonbridge Carnival attached to this newsletter.

“The pirate ship was enormous!”
Ben, 1WL

“I loved the Carnival! It was the best! I loved the ship. Our costumes were amazing. I am so going to do it again!” Ellie, 3N

The Reading Shed

We would like to thank Sam Pizzey from SJP Constructions and Cage Green parent, for the wonderful Reading Shed he has constructed and donated to our school. The Reading Shed is situated in the Key Stage 1 playground and will be filled with books, writing resources, puppets and outdoor Phonics and Literacy games. The children will be able to access the shed during Playtime and Lunchtime in order to further encourage reading and writing for pleasure. We were overwhelmed by this generous gift to the school as we can imagine how much time and effort went into constructing such a fabulous resource for our children. Thank you to Sam and his two daughters, Nahla (1WL) and Alissa (4S) for all your efforts!



Penguin Class Assembly

Thank you to all who joined us for Penguin Class’s wonderful assembly this morning. The children remembered their lines, spoke well and with confidence. Everyone had a lovely time listening to all that the children shared: the story of the Three Little Pigs; what they have learnt about mini beasts; the ‘Growing Up’ song; and what the children want to be when they grow up. We hope to see many policemen in the future and a space rocket painter and snake hunter!

PTFA Summer Fair

Thank you for your generous donations over the last three weeks. We hope to see as many of you as possible tomorrow to support this year’s Summer Fair which takes place from 11.30 a.m. until 2.00 p.m. Thank you in advance to all who actively take part on the day and to the PTFA for their tireless hard work before, during and after what will not doubt be a marvellous event.

Year 6 Production, Peter Pan

A reminder that performances of Peter Pan are on Tuesday 27th June at 10.00 a.m. and on Thursday 29th June at 7.00 p.m. Entry is via ticket only. If you require tickets (or extra tickets) please contact Mrs Phillips, 6R, for availability.

Volunteers – Thank You’s

Following the amazing victory of the Tonbridge Carnival and the impending successes of the PTFA Summer Fair tomorrow and Year 6 Productions next week, we would like to thank the many volunteers that help make these events and more, possible. We thank; all the hairdressers, costume makers, face painters and make-up artists, etc. Also the parents who give up their time to

do gardening, building, painting and decorating; all the reading helpers and maths and French teachers; all the specialist topic related visitors, all the school visit supervisors; and all those who regularly give their time through the PTFA and as School Governors. Whether you volunteer your help as a 'one off' or if you are a 'regular' - a very big thank you from all the Cage Green School Staff and children. Thank you!

Library Visit

Dragon Class will be visiting Tonbridge North Library next Thursday 29th June. Don't forget your library card if you have one.

Sports Day

A reminder that next Friday 30th June is Sports Day. Key Stage 2 events will take place from 9.30 a.m. until 12 noon. Key Stage 1 and EYFS events will take place from 1.30 p.m. until 3.00 p.m. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school (plimsolls/trainers, shorts and house colour t-shirt) and appropriate sun protection for the day – a water bottle, sun hat and sun cream. Thank you.

Year 6 Class Photos in The Kent & Sussex Courier

A reminder that the Kent & Sussex Courier will be publishing a Year 6 picture special which will appear in the Courier today.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Friday 30th June is our last opportunity to collect Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. If you have any laying around at home, please can we remind you to bring them in to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Kent Test Registration (11+)

Online Kent Test registration opened on 1st June and will remain open until Monday 3rd July. If your child is currently in Year 5 and you would like them to sit the Kent Test you must register at www.kent.gov.uk/ola. The actual test will take place in September.

Water Bottles & Sun Cream

Can we please remind you to send your child in to school with a water bottle EVERY DAY, especially in this hot weather. Please can you also apply sun cream at home or send your child in with a NAMED sun cream bottle, so they can apply it themselves. Many thanks.

Get Arty for Heart of Kent Hospice

Congratulations to Matthieu in 1WL who has won the Get Arty for Heart of Kent Hospice drawing competition. His prize is a family day ticket to Leeds Castle. Well done Matthieu!

Kent Police Open Day

Kent Police are holding an Open Day on Sunday 2nd July from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. The event is free and features activities and stalls to suit all ages, together with exciting demonstrations from skilled professionals. Please visit www.kent.police.uk/openday for further information.

Shrek's Adventure Vouchers

Today your child has been given a half price entry ticket voucher for Shrek's Adventure, a new Dreamworks tour in London. The voucher covers entry for 2-5 people.



Summer Holiday Activities

First Class Football is holding Children's Sports Camps during the summer. Activities include Bubble Football Camps, Inflatable Soccer Schools and Multi-Sport Camps. For information and bookings please visit www.firstclassfootball.com, email info@firstclassfootball.com or call 07740 703397

Premier Sport will be running a number of play schemes at a variety of locations over the summer. Please visit www.premiersport.org or call 01474 703300 for information and bookings.

St Gregory's School will be holding a Ballet and Dance Summer School from Monday 31st July to Wednesday 2nd August. For information and bookings please contact Noel Bradbury at nbradbury@sgschool.org.uk

St Gregory's School will also be holding a Multi-Sports Course. Running from Monday 24th July to Wednesday 23rd August. Contact details are as above.

Tonbridge Athletic Club is running an athletics week at Tonbridge School Track from Monday 21st to Friday 25th August. For information and bookings please contact Chris Hogwood at chris@tonbridgeac.co.uk



How to be a prize-winning carnival float

Report by Mrs Armstrong - Parent, Cage Green Staff Member and PTFA

So, what does it take to win first prize at Tonbridge Carnival? It might only take us 20 minutes to parade up the High Street in all our amazing costumes on a blazing hot Sunday afternoon in June but it all starts a long time before that, when the nights are cold and dark.

We found out about the carnival theme, 'Famous Families' in February. So, thinking caps on. We have lots of children taking part but not many families are that big and we need to have something that will look good, doesn't cost too much and that can be made by hand. The Peter Pan story seemed to offer us what we needed – with the Darling family and some other groups who we could think of as being families.

Recruitment started in March – we needed to know how many people we had. We used the enthusiasm of our Year 5 recruiters - Mia, Jack, and Archie from 5CH - to stand in the playground and get pupils to sign up.

We then identified the different groups and characters and started to think about how we could put their costumes together. There then followed **LOTS** of experimenting – including different sized cardboard boxes for ships, different tops and trimmings for Indians, prototype skirts for mermaids and weapons for pirates.

Mrs Armstrong also asked Steve Fitzpayne (Rhys's dad from 6E) if he'd mind building us a boat to act as a centrepiece. He said he would and we left him to it!

As the weeks ticked by, numbers had to be finalised, so letters got sent after Easter to say what characters people would be. We ended up with about 80 children – our biggest entry ever - and then set to work with getting all the materials together and then asking various people to do the making.

And while you were on your Easter and May half term holidays, staff and other helpers were up at the school painting wooden boxes to be pirate ships. And Miss Csilla and her daughter hand-painted the beautiful title banner to lead off the procession. Meanwhile, rumours started to circulate that our pirate galleon would be coming by trailer!



With June arriving, it was time to pull everything together - out with the staples, glue guns and many trips to the shops to get last minute supplies. Plus the final lists for Carnival Club – three after school sessions where the children piled into the Phoenix Centre to make, paint and stick, producing hats, flags, swords and all sorts.

With the big day in sight, a band of school staff stayed late on Friday afternoon/evening setting up the hall, so everything could be ready for 9 o'clock Sunday morning, when all the children would be collecting their costumes and props. And that needs a small army of parent helpers and staff – including mermaid hairstylists, face-painters and pirate boat fitters.

Two hours later a stream of characters were heading down to Tonbridge to form up in 30 degree temperatures. But everyone was in good spirits, especially when Mrs Dalal (Hirva, 5C/H, and Pratham's, 2A, mum) arrived with boxes of ice lollies! Our jaws all dropped when we saw the amazing pirate galleon (thank you so much Mr Fitzpayne). A few last minute adjustments (a broken pirate buckle here, a slipped boat strap there) and we were off! 75 children plus many parents and carers doing Cage Green proud as we made our way up the High Street chanting, singing and waving.



After all that, what a relief to relax in the sunshine and bask in **ANOTHER** first prize for Cage Green! Well done to Mrs Armstrong and her team who brought it all together and to the many staff, parents and children who supported and participated in this wonderful event!

