

# Term One @ Cage Green

We have had a fantastic start to the 2011/12 academic year at Cage Green School. Throughout the term visitors to the school and members of the public have consistently praised our children for their excellent behaviour and attitudes. We are very proud of them and their achievements and would like to take this opportunity to celebrate with you the events and achievements that have taken place across the school.

## School Visits



This term began with our ambitious plan to take all children to visit their 'houses'. We were blessed with beautiful weather and the visits to Ightham Mote, Chiddingstone Castle, Penshurst Place and Hever Castle were interesting and engaging. Year six have also visited the River Medway in Tonbridge and Reception children have taken the Harvest produce to Pennruddock House.

## Extra-Curricular Activities

We are very fortunate to be able to offer children a wide and varied range of additional activities to enhance their learning experiences at school. This term 150 children have been able to participate in clubs before and after school including, tennis, football, dance, netball, drumming, multi-skills and running.

## Harvest Festival

Across the school Harvest celebrations took place at the beginning of October. Reception and year one children performed to parents in the school hall collecting food which was given to Pennruddock House and Crossways, years two and three also performed in school and collected produce. Years four, five and six took part in a service at the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul and raised over £85 for our school charity, The British Red Cross. At each of the services the children behaved beautifully and their performances were interesting and engaging – well done everyone!



## Kent Golf Captains Donate To Cage Green Autistic Centre

Towards the end of the term we received a generous donation of £1000 from the Kent Golf Captains who meet several times a year and collect money which they use to support schools with specialist units in Kent. Joshua in Class Three chose new bikes and scooters which have since been purchased.

## Curriculum Sporting Activities

As part of our commitment to the Healthy Schools Programme all children in the school now take part in Physical Education a minimum of three times a week. Children in year four have been learning to swim at the Tonbridge pool, children in year three have been playing cricket, children in the centre have also been learning to play cricket, are able to go horse riding and swim weekly, while gymnastics, hockey, football and dance have all been taught across the school.

**Celebration Assemblies**  
Every Friday our assemblies focus on our achievements during the past week. This term we have celebrated the exceptional achievements of over 250 children at the school!

## Able Writers @ Stocks Green

Seven children from years five and six took part in a poetry writing day at Stocks Green school and produced excellent work which we hope to have on display in school next term.

### **New Children @ Cage Green**

This year we have welcomed a new cohort of reception children who have settled well into school life. We have also welcomed Connor Pearson, Xiaofeng Huang and Freddie Hand in year four, Morgan Knight and Emily Barsby in year five and Edward Smith-Dunlop and Lily Boylan-Simonitsch in year six.

### **Book Fair**

The recent book fair at school was an overwhelming success and gave children the opportunity to choose books that they would like to read. Thanks to your generosity we raised £470 which will be paid to the school in books!

### **SportingSuccess...**

The Cage Green boy's football team got the year off to a flying start beating Longmead 8 – 2 at home. We took a team of boys and a team of girls to Hawkenbury recently to take part in a seven-a-side tournament. Everyone played well and the girls narrowly lost on penalties to Claremont in the final!

The school netballers have been practising hard too although this term Miss Crump suffered a fractured elbow during the adult team's training! We are glad to say she is now fully recovered.



### **New Library**

This week saw the furniture fitted for our new library which looks amazing. We are grateful to the PTA for their generous contribution to the facility which was designed by children at the school.

### **Music Tuition**

This term children in year three have all been learning to play the recorder. We are also able to offer music tuition with peripatetic music teachers and we currently have over 50 children learning to play piano, clarinet, saxophone, flute and guitar.



### **Singing Festival**

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October children in the school choir took part in a Singing Festival at Sevenoaks School. The children had a fabulous time and experienced performing to a live audience which is quite different from singing in the school hall!

### **International Primary Curriculum**

We have continued to deliver the foundation subjects through the IPC this term. Children across the school have studied the themes: I'm Alive, My World, Active Planet, Chocolate, Our Place in Space and Go with the Flow. In school we have seen cake sales, dinosaur digs and aliens and spacemen!

### **Coming Up @ Cage Green**

Next term will lead us up to Christmas and we will be celebrating in a variety of ways. There will be performances in school by children in reception, year one, year two and year three, and years four, five and six will perform a carol service at Tonbridge Baptist Church on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Our annual Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Term Two will also see mathematics will take priority in Maths Week from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November and the following week is Anti-Bullying Week where we will address this important issue in meaningful and accessible ways for children.

