

CELEBRATION NEWSLETTER
TERM 6 2010

Dear Parents and Carers,

We come to yet another end of term and end of academic year after what has been a very busy and exciting time for the whole school. Everyone has worked hard to make sure that we have been successful and everyone has had an enjoyable time. Our end of term events, particularly those for our Year 6 have left us with many happy memories which will be talked about for a long time. We celebrate some of these happy events in this newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading about them too.

School Redevelopment

While it may seem it has gone all quiet on the redevelopment plan, we have been working hard with Medway and the Architects to forge ahead with our ideas. Our school has been one of the few to have been lucky enough to retain their funding, despite recent cuts to budgets. Plans should be drawn up in the next few weeks, and we will be consulting once again with parents, staff, pupils and local residents early in the new academic year.

Money Week

The aim of this year's Money week was to make all children more financially aware. What a HUGE Success! Not only did all classes take part in creating the best Summer Fayre Ever, but they made a massive profit for the school fund. This was in excess of £560 just for the class stalls!! A prize was given to the class which made the most profit. This was no easy task as children had to carefully plan the cost of prizes and how much to charge. The class that did this most effectively were 1SR who raised about £73 of profit alone!! WOW winners by a huge margin!

Activities didn't stop there with Year 5 and 6 taking part in a Dragon's Den challenge - designing business plans for a new Coffee Shop. It was amazing how fantastic their ideas were, which made the Dragons' choice for overall winner extremely difficult. The winners were 6CC, with their team called 'Dream Coffee' - winners because of their clear vision and slick presentation! The team included Chaidene Small, Roman Kardos, Danish Tayyab, Yazmin Parrish and Ben Robinson.



Year 3 & 4 proved they could bank better than some adults, by taking part in a 'BANK IT' Workshop. Children developed their understanding of bank account forms, writing cheques and paying money in. Children and staff spoke very enthusiastically of this workshop clearly showing the learning that took place.

A special thank you goes to Sandra Latter and her team from MoneySense who helped run the workshops for Years 3 to 6.

Year R to 2 didn't miss out on the excitement with workshops organised by Joseph Payne from the Royal Mint. During this workshop children explored coins both new and old. They compared and described them and found out that in the UK we use to have a 3p and 6p coin! How strange!

The activities didn't end there; children were budgeting, exploring and being totally money mad all week with other activities in class, including money poetry, foreign money and money art!

Napier children definitely ended the week with improved money sense!! So the next time you go shopping why not ask your child to search for the best cost effective option or workout the total!! Go on put them to the test and keep them financially aware!

Summer Fair

Saturday 3rd July was a beautiful bright sunny day. What could possibly make this day any better? A Napier School Fair of course!! Classes worked hard to create a vast array of wonderful stalls to capture everyone's attention, alongside an extremely determined Friends of Napier team led by parent Lynn Smith, who organised even more amazing activities. Stalls ranged from the traditional hook a duck to the bizarre Asteroid Blaster. A huge amount of people within the community attended providing our school with a huge amount of profit to date of nearly **£2000**. Prizes were won by many and fun was had by all. Huge thanks go out to everyone involved and we look forward to investing the money into improving our school.

Unclaimed Raffle prizes

We have a number of unclaimed prizes from the raffle by people who said they would be present for the calling out of the numbers. If you still have your ticket, please bring it along to the school office and claim your prize;

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Year 6 Prom (Thursday 22nd July)

We are looking forward to Year 6 ending their time at Napier with a fantastic time at their Prom night. Pupils will enjoy an evening of dancing and eating with their teachers and friends. The Year 6 Prom is always an enjoyable event when pupils also have the opportunity to dress up. This year's theme is 'Hollywood Oscars' so we should see many stunning outfits and even walk along the red carpet!



Year 6 trip to Paris

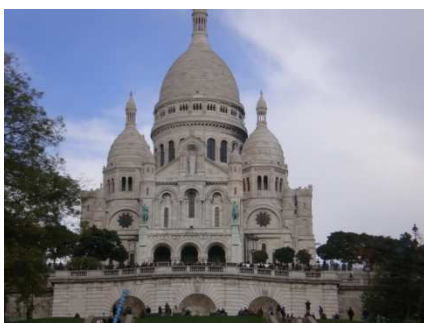
Thirty three excited pupils and four members of staff drove off early on Tuesday 13th July in drizzly rain to Folkestone. During the journey to Paris the pupils sang,

mainly songs from their recent Production of *GEL*. We all cheered as we approached the outskirts of Paris and caught sight of the Eiffel Tower, Sacre Coeur and the magnificent Arc D' Triomphe. We drove along the tree-lined Champs Elysee with all the designer shops, past The Grande Palace, the Louvre and the monument in the centre of Place De La Concorde.

We arrived in good time at the Campus St Therese where we unloaded, found our rooms and unpacked. After dinner we needed to get some sleep. This was difficult at first as everyone was extremely excited about the following day at Disneyland Paris.

Disneyland Paris turned out to be fantastic for everyone; the rides were great fun, even for the teachers! The queues weren't so bad and the shopping was brilliant. The only thing which let us down, a bit, was the rain whilst we were on the train ride. It absolutely poured down and we all got soaked, except Mr Bilton who somehow managed to stay dry!

The following day we packed in a lot of sightseeing; we went on a Seine cruise noting all the key monuments in Paris from the river; we went up the Eiffel Tower and saw the fantastic views of Paris; we visited Notre Dame and Sacre Coeur with their magnificent stained glass windows and impressive buildings and finally we went back the Campus for our much awaited French meal of snails and frogs legs.



Before making our journey back to England the next day we paid a visit to the Arc D'Triomphe, climbed the spiral staircase and again saw the panoramic views of Paris. We stood beside the memorial to The Unknown Soldier with the eternal flame before heading to Cite Europe for that last minute shopping we all had to do.

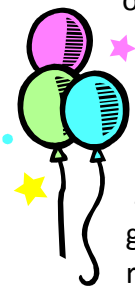
The pupils all have had a fantastic experience of Paris which they will remember for many years to come. Their diaries, which they wrote whilst in Paris, will help to re-capture their memories of the trip. Everyone had a wonderful and enjoyable time.

The staff who accompanied the pupils deserve a huge thank you: Miss Harrison, Miss Rowson, Mr Bilton and Mrs Slade. They are already planning next year's trip to Paris!



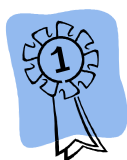
The Great Balloon Race

The pupils at school were so shocked and moved by the earthquake in Haiti and the effects it had on all involved there, members of the School Council proposed and organised a Balloon Race to help raise money for the appeal. Katie James (Year 6) was the main organiser of the event. So on a slightly breezy Friday morning, 19 red balloons were released along with appeal labels in to the clear blue Gillingham sky. In total, 3 balloons were discovered and communicated to the school with the furthest travelling all the way to Southend in Essex! The winning class was 3BV. 5HK claimed that their balloon actually got to space, but this is being verified. The whole appeal, including the balloon race, raised an incredible **£1040!**



Medway Mini Youth Games

We have been extremely proud of all the children who have represented our school in the Medway Mini Youth Games. We have participated in a record 5 events! These were Cricket, Football, Netball, Table Tennis and Athletics. Although we didn't manage to get any trophies, the talent we saw from pupils at our school was extremely impressive! We look forward to attending these events again next year; maybe we might even get a trophy!



Attendance Awards

All of these pupils have achieved 100% attendance for the whole year – a fantastic achievement. Certificates have been awarded to all these pupils for their commitment and dedication;

Suhayal Malik	Chaidene Small	Hopi Fernandez	Robert Beadle
Joseph Tracey	Nimisha John	Jack Doe	Kimberley Divers
Brandon Buxton	Luke Riley	Kyler Thompson	Morgan Taaffe
Cha'ky Donnelly	Josua Doe	Sartaj Singh	Amani Modeste-James
Jaspal Kelly	Callum Harmer	Jacey Birch	Anjeli Kaur
Lewis Tracey	Samuel Doe	Daniel Bodumde	Harmoni Modeste-James
Hayden Whyte	Katie Whyte	Paige Paterson	Shayne Hayes

The Lions Club of Gillingham Good Citizenship Award

This is our third year of taking part in this scheme which recognises those pupils who have demonstrated particular strengths of good citizenship: helping others, caring about the community and environment and being sensible. Teachers have observed and selected the following pupils who have each received a certificate which was presented at the final assembly of the term:

Year 6:

Shauna Pearson
Andrew Bubb
Isha Staunton
Christopher Kinchin

Year 5:

Victoria Harris
Bailey Keane
Rhiannon Hall
Calum Kirkwood

Year 4:

Yasmin Crowley
Conor McCarthy
Dilan Patel
Amelia Harmer

Year 3:

Rebekka Bradley
Joshua Doe
Lauren Marshall
Alfie Ribbon

Year 2:

Caitlin Hall
Nicholas Wilson
Kellis Brownlee
Yukesh Shrestha

Year 1:

Georgia Gilbert
Jack Constable
Millie White
Hari Bamrah

Year R:

Lily Parker
Connor Harris
Elissa Hofer
Lyndon Jeffrey



All these names will be on the Citizenship Shield which will be on display in the main hall. Well-done to all these great citizens!



Our School Environmental / Growing Area

We have recently finished our Environmental/ growing area and it looks great! It is situated in the orchard with four raised beds, a recycled greenhouse, a solar powered water sculpture, bird boxes with cameras and many more interesting and exciting features!

Pupils have been encouraged to go down there during their sustainable schools topic in term 3, as there is lots of re-cycling going on. The children have really enjoyed the hands on approach to this exciting new first hand learning experience. Pupils have grown a variety of foodstuffs that have even been used for school dinners, for example Debbie, our Cook prepared delicious potatoes which Year 3 had grown; they were yummy!

We have the recently set up our green fingered gardening club, led by Mr Gisby, one of our caretakers. The Gardening Club will continue to weed and grow many more things.

We will be building on these successes next year and on into the future.

Staff

We will be losing the following staff:

Miss Karen Rice (Class Teacher – Yr 3)
Mrs Donna Lawton (Teaching Assistant)
Mrs Debbie Clinton (the cook)
Mrs Gant and Mrs Gell (Breakfast Club)



Mrs Paula Kyle (Foundation Stage Leader) and Mrs Sumara Mansfield (Positive Play Worker) will be going on maternity leave. Ms Ros Arnold will be covering the role of Foundation Stage Leader. Mrs Liza Towler will be our temporary Positive Playworker covering Mrs Mansfield's maternity leave.

We would like to welcome back Mrs Charlotte Constable who returns from maternity leave to be a Year 3 class teacher.

Choir



Our 3 choirs have been very busy this term; we have performed at St Barnabas's Church during their recent Flower Festival, and parents have enjoyed performances as part of special assemblies.

A select group from the choirs also recorded a version of the Estonian National Anthem especially for the Modern Pentathlon World Cup that was held at Medway Park!

Sponsored Obstacle

Through a brilliant effort at fundraising for the school an amazing amount was raised by pupils: **£1,142!** Everyone enjoyed their obstacle event and we had the weather on our side too this year. Well-done and a huge thank you to everyone - pupils, parents and sponsors, for all their wonderful efforts at raising this amount. The class which collected the most money in each year group will be receiving a prize. Also, the winner of the sponsored obstacle design was Katie Claydon in 2CD.

Sports days

Upper School

For the second year running the new House Team based format produced a positive and very competitive event. Representing their House Teams, pupils competed in the flat sprint, skipping races and team games, and the event ended on a high with the squadron relay. If that wasn't enough, a scratch parents' race was organised, and not to be out done, a teachers' race took though unfortunately in this case the result could not stand, as Mr Pichowski appeared to have problems waiting for the starting command, and disappeared off down the track before everyone else was ready! A close contest between Snowy and Eagle Owls, but this year, the honours go to Eagle Owls. Well done the Green team!



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Lower School

We had a fantastic morning! Children worked really well in their teams supporting each other during the 16 different activities which involved lots of throwing, catching, rolling, skipping, jumping, dribbling and lots more! We finished with our running races; well done to all those who participated. We would also like to thank all family and friends for their support and we were really impressed with all the fast mummy's and daddy's in the parents races! The winning Owl Team was Barn Owls. Well done the Red team!

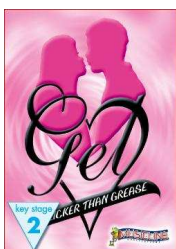


Foundation Stage

It was a great day! Children participated in lots of fun activities including a space hopper race, sack race, relays involving hats and beanbags and even welly throwing! Parents, toddlers and teachers also had their own race; Mrs Arnold won the welly race Mrs Fossey won the running race. A special well done needs to go to Tawny Owls who were the Foundation Stage 2010 sports day winners! Well done the Blue team!



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Year 6 Production

Once again, this term has seen Year 6 working extremely hard on their end of year production. This year the show was 'Gel' (Slicker than Grease!) – a tale of a Youth Theatre Group whose preparations for their latest show are threatened by interference from a local gang of hooligans. However, it all works out in the end and the gang and youth group join together to pull it all off successfully! The singing from all pupils was

sensational, particularly from our main soloists – Jordan Davis Dean, Eloise Dunford, Mya Mills and Danish Tayyab. Under the expert direction of Mrs Harrison, the performances were both fantastic, and everyone involved should be really proud of themselves for what they achieved this term. As usual, the learning in class supported the play, with literacy based on Romeo and Juliet, puppet making, animation and art - all based on the production.

Medway Workforce Awards

Three of our support staff were nominated for the prestigious Medway Workforce Awards this year. The awards recognise the work and commitment of all staff working in education in Medway. We are proud to announce that all three staff were awarded this recognition and received their awards at a special ceremony at the Corn Exchange in Rochester. Jill James, Pauline Tame and Donna Lawton were nominated for their outstanding work in supporting teachers and pupils at the school, and for their commitment and hard work above and beyond their job descriptions! Well done all of you, we are very proud of your achievements!



Our first ever Diamond Award Chess Suprema

At Napier we take pupils through the English Chess Federation's Certificates of Excellence. Many of our talented chess players have passed their Bronze, Silver and even Gold awards. For the first time ever one very expert chess player has achieved the Diamond Certificate. She has been attending Chess Club regularly for the last three years. She has impressed her teachers and family with her skill and determination and she deserves to feel very proud of earning this great accolade. She is Jade Barker in 6DB. Well-done to Jade!



Two other pupils who also deserve a special mention are Louis Unsworth (3DB) and Michael Curran (4RS) who went on to the Chess Giga-finals after qualifying in the Mega-finals. Both boys will hopefully follow Jade's footsteps and achieve their gold and diamond certificates. Well-done to both Louis and Michael!

Just a couple of important reminders....



School Uniform and Smart School Shoes

Can we remind all parents and carers that pupils need to follow our school uniform code. Pupils should be in school in their full school uniform and smart black shoes. It always makes an impressive start to the year when everyone is dressed appropriately and smartly.



Dinner Money

Many of you and your children have commented on the huge improvements in the quality and quality of our school dinners this year. We look forward to even more pupils taking advantage of the high quality healthy meals served by the kitchen.

The cost of school meals is increasing from September. School dinners will cost £1.98 per day, payable, as normal, on a Monday.



Term Dates

Term dates for next year are as follows. Please note that pupils are not in school on Staff Development Days;

Term 1;

Thursday 2nd Sept – Thurs 21st Oct

(Staff Development Days; Weds 1st Sept/ Friday 22nd Oct)

Term 2; Monday 1st Nov – Friday 17th Dec

Term 3; Wednesday 5th Jan – Friday 18th Feb

(Staff Development Day; Tues 4th Jan)

Term 4; Monday 28th Feb – Thursday 7th April

(Staff Development Days; Monday 21st March/ Friday 8th April)

Term 5; Tuesday 26th April – Thursday 26th May

(Bank Holiday; Monday 2nd May, Staff Development Day; Friday 27th May)

Term 6; Monday 6th June – Friday 22nd July

From the above you can see we have had a busy two terms. We would like to wish all our Year 6 pupils every success as they move onto their secondary schools.

We look forward to welcoming all the pupils back on Thursday 2nd September and we hope you all have a healthy, restful and happy summer break.

Yours sincerely

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