



## CELEBRATION NEWSLETTER TERM 6 2011

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of another busy school year in which we have celebrated many achievements. This newsletter highlights just some of our successful events which pupils and staff have enjoyed: -

### Money Week

Money Week took place on 27<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July and ended with a very successful Summer Fair on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. During the week children took part in a number of activities in class including some very interesting workshops given by Natwest. These workshops allowed the children to investigate ATM machines and bank accounts. The children were also responsible for designing and making their class stall for the Summer Fair. The children really enjoyed coming up with the ideas and producing all of their promotional signs. 2CV made a profit of £104.00, which was the most profit out of all of the class stalls, on their 'Strike the Cans' stall. The homework competition of designing a money box or piggy bank was really successful with children producing fantastic ideas. All of these entries were put on display in the Site A corridor. The winners were as follows:

Year R – Cameron Hughes

Year 1 – Kieran Lee

Year 2 – Katherine Langhelt

Year 3 – Yukesh Shrestha

Year 4 – Courtnee Thompson

Year 5 – Yazmin Crowley

Year 6 – Megan Bassett



The Junior Play Leaders also led a lunchtime activity where children had to order a number of objects from cheapest to most expensive and the winners were as follows:

Year R – Chantelle Martin

Year 1 – Lily Parker

Year 2 – Caitlin O'Shea

Year 3 – Aidan Small

Year 4 – Priyanka Aulakh

Year 6 – Rhiannon Goudie and Francesca Davis



*Well done to everyone for making Money Week very memorable and enjoyable!*

## Friends of Napier Organised Events

A big thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising events this year; we have had another successful year and we managed to raise £1,385.23 from the Summer Fair.

We had a very enjoyable Fair this year and even the weather was on our side. We had lots of positive comments from people who attended the event. Thanks to the parents, grandparents and friends who helped out on the day. We also supported a few other charities that had stalls this year. Epilepsy Research raised over £100.00, Macmillan Cancer Support over £60.00 and Kent Air Ambulance £115.00. It was great to support other charities whilst fundraising for the school at the same time.

The events which we have organised this year include, the end of year school discos, prom for Year 6, Christmas grotto, Christmas bazaar, Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts, Easter egg hunt for the Foundation Stage, cake days and film club events.

The money we have raised has been spent on various activities – Christmas pantomimes, new wet play games for each class, new doll's prams for Foundation Stage, equipment for Breakfast Club and Oasis Club, Royal Wedding bookmarks for each child, gazebo and equipment for a sensory tent.

As you will see we have managed to pack a lot in this year, we are a very small band of volunteers and are always happy to have new people join us, even if you can only spare an hour it would be very much appreciated. If you can help please leave your name and number at the school and we will contact you.



### Year 6 trip to Paris

Once again this year we went to Paris for four days in June.

Twenty-five pupils and three teachers enjoyed sight-seeing whilst staying at the Campus St Therese.

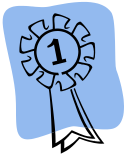
The highlight of the trip was a whole day spent on the rides and attractions of Disneyland Paris.

This year there wasn't a lot of rain and we enjoyed the Eiffel Tower, a cruise on the River Seine, Notre Dame and Arc de Triomphe.

We were very proud of our pupils who were a credit to our school.

The staff who accompanied the pupils deserve a huge thank you: Miss Harrison, Miss Rowson and Mr Bilton.





## 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:

Nursery:	Year R:	Year 2:	Year 3:
Alex Humphries Martin Johns Prisha Mittoo Ollie Bagley Amal Ciji Tyler Darley Lois Gow Jasper Hitchcock	Sean Cushman	Babalola Kuku Millie White Alen Ciji George Anderson Jeevika Aulakh Beth Radford Nathan Wallen	Lewis Tracey Robert-Louis Boakes Adam Clifton Anjeli Kaur
Year 4:	Year 5:	Year 6:	
Jaspal Kelly Hollie Parkes Anthony Youdle Amani Modeste-James Sam Refault Abigee Spree	Isaac Barrell Bethany Small Nathan Smallcalder Alexander Bubb Anjali Cyril Alicia Oakley Jack Smith	Harpreet Kaur Robert Beadle Hopi Fernandes	

## 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:

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!*

Year R:	Year 1:	Year 2:	Year 3:
Patrick De Gray Charlie Baker Alicia Birch Ashleigh McCallister	Thomas Dean Samuel Muntzer Hannah Scott Amy Crayden	Ben Wildey Benyamin Hussain Lacey Byatt Connie Ward	Samuel Doe Raheel Hussain Amber Booth Amarni Chisholm

Year 4:	Year 5:	Year 6:	
Tibor Balog Alexander Butcher Abbie Eastes Faaiza Butt	Oliver Draper Connor Taaffe Anajali Cyril Jade Penny	Mitchell Robinson Andrew Shaw Jessica Bradley Nimisha John	

## Staff

At the end of Term 6 we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Brown, Mr Smith and Mrs Vassan. Mrs Self will continue to work with the Choir and deliver instrumental music lessons to pupils.



The following staff are also leaving: Mrs Benstead, Mrs Green, Mrs Grosso, Mrs Knowles, Miss Maeers, Mrs Martin and Mrs Sandy.

We would like to thank them all for all their hard work over the years and wish them well for the future.

Mrs James and Mrs Tame will both be part-time Learning Behaviour Mentors from September.

Mrs McAllister joins the team as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant in September.

Mrs Kyle (Foundation Stage Leader) and Mrs Loveridge have both returned from maternity leave. Mrs Vincett will be returning from her maternity leave in September.

Mrs McKillop is our new Road Crossing Patrol for Napier Road.

## School Choirs and Instrumental Groups



This term the two KS2 choirs have been learning a selection of songs from 'The Sound of Music' and their parents were invited to the performance in assembly. Everyone enjoyed listening to well known favourites from the musical, including 'Edelweiss', 'Do Re Mi', 'The Lonely Goatherd', 'My Favourite Things' and 'So Long, Farewell'. With both choirs singing together they made an impressive sound.

The KS1 choir also gave an excellent performance in assembly to their parents where they sang 'The Steam Train', 'My Special Friend' and then gave a very lively performance of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'.

We have also had some good performances in assembly this term from the Year 5 & 6 Keyboard groups and the Year 4 Recorder group.

## Bikeability



Some Year 6 children recently took part in another Bikeability course.

The children had to learn lots of different skills during their Level 2 course. The course allowed them to apply their knowledge to different situations on the road. The children had to very much think for themselves and had to link several different skills together on lots of short journeys.

The children were praised by the instructors for their sensible and mature attitude and *we would like to say well done to all of the children who took part.* The children were as follows:

Kia-Anne Burgess, Jaideep Bamrah, Francesca Davis, Jack Doe, Megan Payne, and Christopher Warner.

## Sponsored Obstacle

Sponsored obstacle was another great success this year rising just under a whopping £1,300. All the money raised is very much appreciated and goes towards some fantastic resources for our school.

*Special well dones go to Kieran Yee (PKP), Patrick De Gray (Red), and Ella-Mai Folgate (Yellow) for their huge money raising efforts!*

## Sports days

### Upper School

Firstly, thank you to parents and pupils for your understanding in the last few weeks. As you will be aware, the weather stopped us from having a 'complete' Sports Day and we again offer our apologies for any inconvenience caused. Despite the weather though, the children have really enjoyed completing the team games and the running races and showed excellent team spirit in all of the events.



There were some very close races and the team games were especially competitive - all the children should be pleased with their involvement in this year's Sports Day.

*Many congratulations must go to Barn Owls for winning,* with Eagles second, Snowys in third and Tawnys fourth.

Fingers crossed for sunshine next year!

## Lower School

Lower School Sports day was a huge success! The sun was shining, the children were excited and friends and family were all really looking forward to seeing their children perform. We were all amazed at the skills the children were performing and the amount of points the teams received.



*Especially big congratulations go to our Lower School Sports day winners which this year was Eagle Owls! Well done!*

On behalf of all the children I would like to thank all those who came to watch the children and take part in the races! You helped to make the day!

## Foundation Stage

Year R had a very enjoyable Sports Day on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July in lovely weather. The children all tried hard and showed great sportsmanship. We had relay, bean bag, sack, obstacle, bouncer and running races. Mrs Kyle was our secret spy who gave extra points to the Owl teams of children showing excellent behaviour. These points were added to the points from our Sports Day. *This resulted in Eagle owls being the winners.*

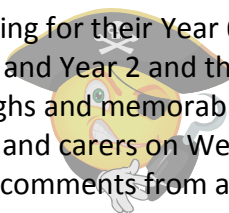


*Well done Year R!*

## Year 6 Events

Year 6 has been very busy recently taking part in a number of exciting events.

During term 6, they have been rehearsing for their Year 6 Production of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'. Cast A performed to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and their parents and carers on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July. It was a fantastic show with lots of laughs and memorable performances. Cast B performed to Year 3, Year 4, and Year 5 and their parents and carers on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. This was also an outstanding show with lots of positive comments from all those who attended.



*Well done to every single Year 6 pupil, we are all very proud of you!*



Year 6 very much looked forward to their Leavers' Assembly and Prom, both of which took place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

The assembly gave the pupils the opportunity to reflect on their time at Napier whilst receiving a certificate of achievement, their profile folders and a range of individual achievement awards. We are sure this proved to be a memorable occasion.

The Prom was a night to remember with lots of dancing, eating and overall fun. The children seemed to have enjoyed themselves immensely!

*Good luck to all of Year 6 and we hope they settle well into life at secondary school. We will miss them!*

## Chess

This term in Chess Club we have consolidated our skills with many children progressing to Bronze, Silver and Gold Certificates of Excellence from the English Chess Federation. We have run the British Land Chess Challenge tournament. A number of players qualified for the Mega Final and one player Alfie Ribbon has gone on to the South East Giga finals. We are all rightly proud of his achievements. We have a number of younger players in Year 2 who are showing clear signs of promise and if they continue to attend Chess Club will become excellent chess players for the school.



The following children deserve special mention for good progress and excellent attendance at Chess Club: -

Michael Curran (Yr 5), Alex Last (Yr 2), Neo Last (Yr 4), Gitto Mathew (Yr 4), Manas Mathew (Yr 2), David Puttock (Yr 5), Alfie Ribbon (Yr 4), Yukesh Shrestha (Yr 3), Luke Whyte (Yr 4)

*Well done to all Chess Club players who make Chess Club such a success.*

## Eco-Squad 2011

We have started up an eco-squad this year, to try and improve how eco-friendly our school is.

We have been growing vegetables which have been used in our school dinners and provided all classrooms with plants to improve air quality. Additionally, we have re-invigorated the use of wombles to clear litter up at the end of our break times.

The squad has raised approximately £175 towards a solar panel for our school (thanks to everyone who supported our Green day); this fund will be added to in the near future from other fund raising ideas/events.

Monitors for lights, doors and projectors have been introduced, for energy conservation purposes. There is a notice board outside 5TP to keep everyone up to date with what is currently going on with our club/school. We take being a sustainable school very seriously and believe that highlighting these issues to our children can lead to sweeping changes about how we view our world and treat it in the future.



We have applied for and are currently awaiting a reply to achieve the Silver Eco-Schools Award. Current active school members are: Chloe Claydon, Rajveer Kaur, Shakiera Knowles, Chloe McCleod, Grace Patterson and Danny Rea.

## Junior Road Safety Officers



We have recently appointed four JRSOs to help remind children about the dangers of roads. The successful candidates were; Oliver Cowell, Yazmin Crowley, Maddie Neale and Toni-Cerise Whitehead from Year 5.

They have run an assembly to upper and lower school about road safety during the summer holidays and they will be given a notice board to keep people informed about their activities.

### Just a few important reminders....



#### **Picking Up and Dropping off Children**

Parents/Carers - please can you find a safe place to pick up/drop off your children. This is for their safety. We have noticed that some parents continue to stop in the road with children being dropped off into on-coming traffic. We have warned about this previously and will report any parents seen doing this.



#### **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 – Price Increase**

The cost of school meals is increasing from September. School dinners will now cost £2.06 per day / £10.30 per week 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;**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct  
*(Staff Development Day; Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept)*

##### **Term 2;**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec  
*(Staff Development Day; Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct)*

##### **Term 3;**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb  
*(Staff Development Day; Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan)*

##### **Term 4;**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March

##### **Term 5;**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
*(Staff Development Day; Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April)  
(Bank Holiday Monday's: 7<sup>th</sup> May & 28<sup>th</sup> May)*

##### **Term 6;**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
*(Staff Development Day; Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June)*

**Finally...** We would like to wish all of our current Year 6 pupils every success as they move onto their secondary schools.

We look forward to welcoming all the pupils back on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September and we hope you all have a healthy, restful and happy summer break.

Yours sincerely

*Z. Slade .*

Zerina Slade  
Headteacher

