



SPRING GROVE SCHOOL

WYE : KENT

SG Messenger



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From the Headmaster

Today is the 11th of the 11th of 2011. At 11am this morning we stood in silence in front of the school as an Act of Remembrance for those who have given their lives in past wars. Mrs Saxby read verses from Ecclesiastes, Isabelle Hobday read Laurence Binyon's famous lines of poetry and Alex Rowe and Polly Langworthy (both in Prep 5) played The Last Post. This followed Prep 6's moving assembly presentation which focused on the part that animals have played in wars. The children from Nursery to Prep 6, together with staff and parents stood respectfully silent as the flag was lowered before Mr Jones signalled a return to class with a rousing Reveille.

In our morning assembly, the children told us about the horses, the donkeys, the pigeons and the dogs amongst other animals who had no choice in being sacrificed in the cause of war. In fact, 8,000, 000 horses were killed in World War I and dogs, today are used on the front line in Afghanistan. We heard a moving extract from Michael Morpurgo's "War Horse" and we were led in prayers for peace before singing a rousing version of the National Anthem.



*They shall grow not old, as we that are left
grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

War Graves in Wye

Earlier this week by way of preparation for today's events, Prep 6, Mrs Rafferty and Mr Jones visited Wye Church to locate the war graves of those men from Wye who fought in both wars. At the memorial cross we met Mr Lord and Rev Dickie Cleveland who showed us into the Tower Room and a map of the churchyard that identified the owners of the graves.



The Last Post

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We read the inscription to the fallen on the memorial cross and learnt that the names are of the men are found inside the porch of the church. It is sad to discover that vandals have stolen the metal from many churchyard memorial plaques and we could see that some grave stones in the churchyard had been violated in this way.



We found the headstone of Thomas Slaughter who must have been one of the first men to die in WW1 in September 1914. Rev Dickie told us how whole families of brothers were killed and how the village must have been devastated by the loss of its young men. We also found the grave stones of the airmen of the Royal Flying Corps who were killed mostly in training accidents on Wye aerodrome which was situated on the farmland next to Bramble Lane. These early (WW1) fliers were brave men who took to the skies in some of the earliest and most dangerous flying machines.

Having learnt something about the men, we set to work to tidy up the various military gravestones. Out came the brushes, rakes, shears and



trowels as the boys and girls worked hard to pay tribute to these men. We were shocked at the young age at which these service men lost their lives in the cause of



Simon Lord tells the children about his research into the World War I airmen of the RFC who lost their lives.

war and far from home and set about our gardening with a determination to play our part in keeping their memories alive.

We Will Remember Them.

I am very grateful to both Dickie and Simon for their enthusiasm and inspiration for this excellent piece of history and to Simon especially for locating a small wooden grave that turned out to be that of Blanche Halsey, wife of Capt. Halsey RN MC, one-time owner of Spring Grove (from 1902)



and Church Warden at Wye who leased the house to Joseph Conrad in 1919. My research tells me that Blanche Halsey died in 1917.



A very happy music teacher...

A message was received and read out in last Monday's assembly. It read:

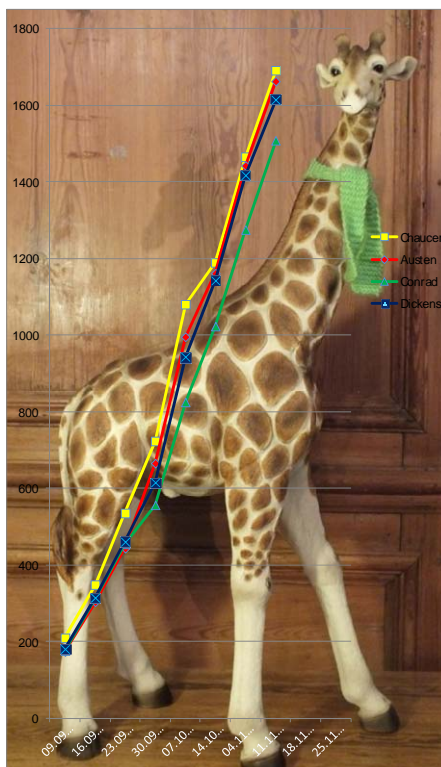
"Congratulations to the Spring grove pupil heard practising the keyboard at 7.15am on Saturday morning.

You made your teacher VERY HAPPY!!"

Heard this week:

Teacher: Why do we wear poppies?

Form 1 child: *(after some thought)* To remember the Romans!



**Jelly the Giraffe—
CONRAD WIN**
Conrad House are this week's winners of Jelly, who has been out and about posing for pictures with the children in locations around the school ready for a forthcoming publication!

SG Sports

Lorenden 1 SG 3 (goals: George Barton, Fred Sharp and Rowan Brough)

Lorenden 0 SG Under 9B 0 (lots of chances but no goals!)

Dover College 0 SG 3 (Rowe 3)

Dover College 1 SG 5 (Brough 3, Sharp 2)

Hockey

Ashford U11 0 SG U11 1

Ashford U10 5SG U10 0

Ashford U9 0 SG U9 0

Lorenden U9 0 SG U9 2

Ashford U8 0 SG CU8 3

Cross-Country...

We have 42 runners representing the school this weekend...

Results to follow...

The children in Form 3 are really enjoying their weekly dance lessons taught by FTD. Sophie Sweetland, a talented dancer and Springgrovian, has been involved in choreographing their efforts. She has places in her Friday afternoon dance sessions. Please contact the office.





HOLD THE DATE

Christmas Drinks

PTA AGM

Pantomime—Cinderella

Christmas Fayre

Postponed

(alt. date tba)

28th November

7th December

9th December

The PTA are busy preparing for the **Christmas Fayre**. It will be held on Friday, **9th December** at 2.30pm. It is such a popular event that you would be nuts to miss it! Father Christmas will be in his Grotto and there will be crafts, cakes, Christmas puddings, face painting, chocolate to win and games to play. You might even spot an elf or two!



School Calendars

The PTA are producing a school calendar that will be sold at the **Christmas Fair** held on Friday, **9th December** at 2.30pm. We have been taking photographs of your children – January birthdays for the January picture etc... We hope that you will buy one or maybe two, they will make great presents.

Christmas Card Project

We hope that you all remembered to hand in the Christmas card designs to the office, if not sorry..... it's too late now!

Spending ££££££££££

The spending of all the cash that YOU help us raise is considered very carefully by the PTA. Don't forget that YOU are the PTA and if you have any ideas or suggestions for spending it then please let us know. You can email your suggestions to: pta@springgroveschool.co.uk. You could even come to a meeting!

Dates for your diary.....

Friday, 18th November Prep 6 will be holding a cake sale in aid of Children In Need

Friday, 25th November Parents Christmas Drinks Party is **postponed** – new date WILL follow!

Monday, 28th November PTA AGM – 7.30pm. If you are interested in what goes on and/or have something to say, come along. Everyone is welcome.

Thursday, 1st December – 3.30pm. Pre-Xmas Fayre meeting. Are you helping? Would you like to help?
WE NEED YOU.

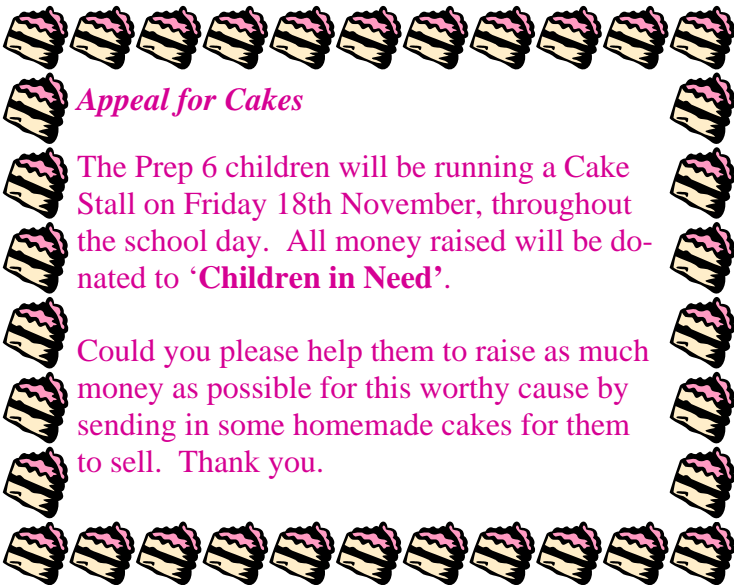
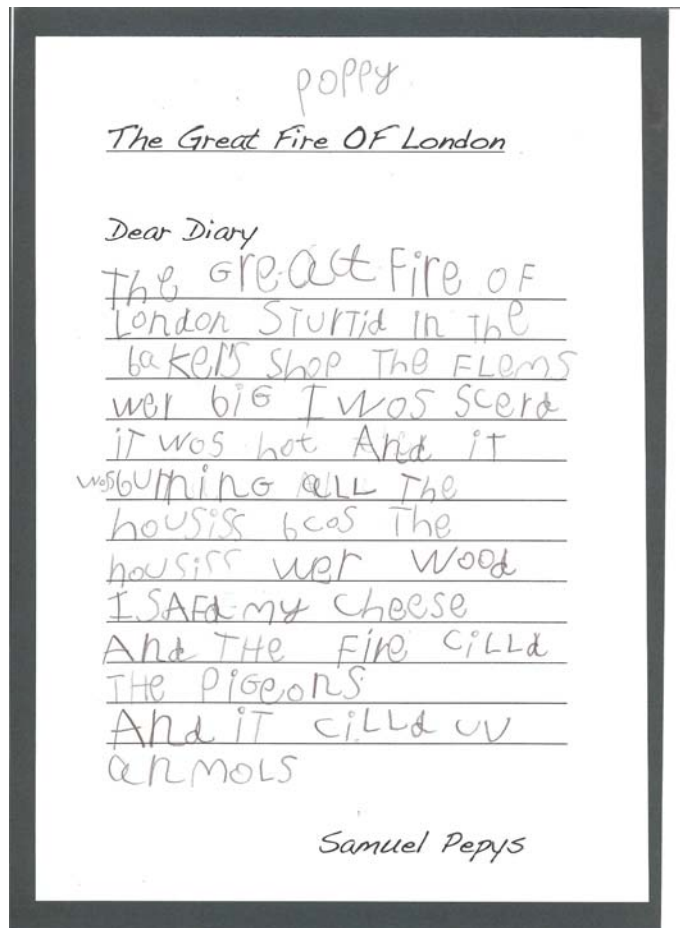
Friday, 9th December – 2.30pm. SG PTA Christmas Fayre.

Kate Fenwick invites you all to her
 Christmas Fair on Tuesday 15th November from 10 to 4pm at
 Court Lodge, Egerton, Ashford TN27 9AN.

There will be coffee and cakes and lunch available and the opportunity to buy lots of your Christmas presents from a wide range of exciting and original stalls. All profits will go towards epilepsy and neurological research.

News from Form 1

The Great Fire of London has been the topic of study for Form 1 and the girls and boys have retold their own version through the eyes of Samuel Pepys. The following is Poppy Falcon's version:



Appeal for Cakes

The Prep 6 children will be running a Cake Stall on Friday 18th November, throughout the school day. All money raised will be donated to 'Children in Need'.

Could you please help them to raise as much money as possible for this worthy cause by sending in some homemade cakes for them to sell. Thank you.



Terrier puppies for sale. For more information, please contact Kate Emson on 07837381983

School Carol Service

The school carol service takes place on Tuesday, 13th December at 6.30pm in Wye Church. New this year is a chance for parents to join the choir! Mrs Jones would like to form a parents' choir to add ballast to the already robust singing of the children! We plan to hold two rehearsals for this event prior to the day. The repertoire will not be too challenging and the choir is open to both enthusiastic amateurs as well as skilled readers. Whether you own a stratospheric soprano or a deep, Russian bass, your sound will be welcome. If in doubt consult Mrs Jones or the Headmaster!

If you would like to read further entries from Pepys' Diary then please see the fine wall display outside Form 1's classroom.

School Carol Service Rehearsals
 Tuesday, 29th Nov & Tue 6th Dec
 7.30—8.30pm (baby-sitting available)

Congratulations to:

Headmaster's Stars

Austen

Chaucer: Ben Falcon, Edward Norton

Conrad: Lauren Ayton, Milo Charles

Dickens: Silvia Courage, Tilly Ley

Rosettes and certificates to Anna Bromley

Swimming awards to Alice Goodman, George Goodman and Caitlin Paschalides

Karate Cup and Award to Robert Rix

Canterbury RFC Medals and Plate to Johnny Newman and Bodhi de Moubray

Lost Property

Alex Rowe Navy polo shirt
Jonathan Rowe One Bootleg Active Air Black shoe, blazer

Daisy Lord Navy cardigan
Charlotte Clark one Navy school coat, games sock, navy polo shirt

Austin Moran One Active Air Black Shoe, navy tie

Minnie Dunbar-Johnson 2 navy PE tops
Olivia Standen Navy School Coat

A new lost property basket is now situated in the porch.

Please check at home and in your cars. Thank you.

Informal Concert

The next Informal Concert will take place on Thursday 24th November at 4.45pm

We hold a stock of navy ties in the school office priced at £4.50 each.

Diary

Monday 14th - Friday 18th November

Mon 14th

Tuesday 15th Prep 5 to Kent Life Museum

Wednesday 16th U11 Girls Hockey v Kent College (A) 1.30pm
U11 Football v Lorenden (A)

Thursday 17th U9 Girls F'ball v Lorenden (A)
U9 'A' Team Football v Kent College (H)

Friday 18th Prep 4W Assembly

Menu

Monday 14th - Friday 18th November

Mon 14th Chicken Goujons, Jacket Potato and Baked Beans
Rice Pudding and Jam

Tue 15th Lasagne and Sweetcorn
Fresh Fruit

Wed 16th Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Gravy
Flapjack

Thu 17th Sausagemeat Pie, Salad and New Potatoes
Apple Crumble and Custard

Fri 18th Fish Chips and Peas
Choc Ices

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Alice Goodman
Edward Geering

Eleanor Martin
Oscar Berisha
Mr Curtis

Two forthcoming concerts feature top class musicians:

In Folkestone on 26th November, international star pianist, Freddy Kempf will be performing one of the great piano concertos. Our own singing & piano teacher, Mr Lowen, will be conducting.



FOLKESTONE & HYTHE ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY

Celebrating its 50th Anniversary proudly presents

Freddy Kempf at the Leas Cliff Hall

featuring Folkestone Choral Society

Polovtsian Dances (with chorus)	<i>Borodin</i>
Piano Concerto No.2	<i>Rachmaninov</i>
Blest Pair of Sirens	<i>Parry</i>
Serenade to Music	<i>Vaughan Williams</i>
Mastersingers Prelude	<i>Wagner</i>

Conductor: *Andrew Lowen*
Leader: *Floriane Peycelon*

Saturday 26th November 2011 at 7:30pm

Leas Cliff Hall,
The Leas, Folkestone,
Kent CT20 2DZ
Ticket Office: 0844 871 3015
www.leascliffhall.co.uk

Tickets: £20 | £15 | £11
Children: Half Price
Booking Fees may apply
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ASHFORD MUSIC SOCIETY

ZEPHYR ENSEMBLE OF LONDON

**Emma-Louise Hible (flute), Helen Barker (oboe),
Charys Green (clarinet), Evgeny Chebykin (horn)
and Thomas Oxley (bassoon).**

Mozart: 'Magic Flute' Overture (arr.)
Debussy: Suite No.2 (arr. Davies)
Hindemith: Kleine Kammermusik, Op.24.2
Holst: Quintet in A flat, Op.14
Patterson: *Westerly Winds*

and other pieces by Berio and Ibert.

MONDAY 5 DECEMBER 2011

at 7.30 p.m.

NORTON KNATCHBULL SCHOOL

Hythe Road, Ashford. TN24 0QJ

Tickets: Adults £12; Children & Students £3;
Obtainable from Soundcraft Hi-Fi, 40 High Street, Ashford;
Ashford Tourist Information Centre, Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford;
Hilary Pittock on 01233-623700; or at the door on the evening of the concert.

The Ashford Music Society concert is recommended as an ideal opportunity for our young orchestral players to hear their own instruments in performance...