



SPRING GROVE SCHOOL

WYE : KENT

SG Messenger



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From the Headmaster

“Excuse me, may I have a word,” said a parent to me in the car park. “There is a boy in Year 5,” she continued, “who has on three occasions this week--” she paused for effect... “helped my daughter carry her bags downstairs.” Chivalry, courtesy and kindness are still very much alive at Spring Grove.

I am delighted with the boy’s generosity (*I am also delighted when parents come forward and report the good deeds of SG children!*) and I have rewarded him for his actions and I also thoroughly enjoyed Prep 4W’s fine assembly offering this morning in which they emphasized the top quality behaviour that we strive for in all of our children.

- ◆ Monday is for Manners
- ◆ Tuesday for Tidiness
- ◆ Wednesday is for Work (and doing your best)
- ◆ Thursday is for Thoughtfulness
- ◆ Friday is for Friendship

I am certain that our focus on these qualities throughout the week will stand our children in good stead for their future lives beyond SG.

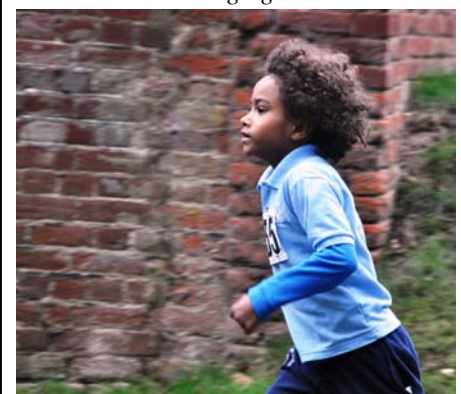


One very thoughtful young lady in Prep 6, Marie-Louise Bird, approached me just after half term with her idea for raising money for Children in Need. She galvanised fellow pupils, staff and parents to contribute cakes to her home baking sale

and this inspired effort raised £200.00. Her leadership and enthusiasm has been an inspiration to others. Well done Marie-Louise! In addition, the Prep 6 boys took up busking for the day and raised £35.36. A Prep 5 bespoke card design venture raised £9.20. Well done to all the children who helped to bring the total to £244.56. A brilliant effort!



42 of our children competed in the Relay Championships last weekend at Kent College. Some were representing SG for the first time. All of them ran with determination and a smile! Some new stars are emerging! See inside....



Kyla Sullivan drew this magnificent picture of Spring Grove School—and two happy children about to enter!



Prep 5 visit to Kent Life Museum

This week Prep 5 had a Victorian day at Kent Life Museum in Maidstone. The children looked wonderful in their costumes; we had the whole spectrum of Victorian society, from the poor miners and school children to some very smart looking ladies and gentlemen. The teachers got involved as well: Mr. Dankert was even scarier than usual, dressed as a Victorian school master, Mrs. Earl was a very smart lady and Miss Rogers was a lowly maidservant.

The children took part in various workshops such as a Victorian school experience, where they learnt how strict the teachers were and what sort of work children did. They also learnt about a Victorian scullery, market, blacksmith, and jobs for children. There was an opportunity to meet the animals and we couldn't leave without a visit to the playground!

It was a wonderful day and everyone learnt a lot. The children were fantastic well-behaved and a pleasure to take out.





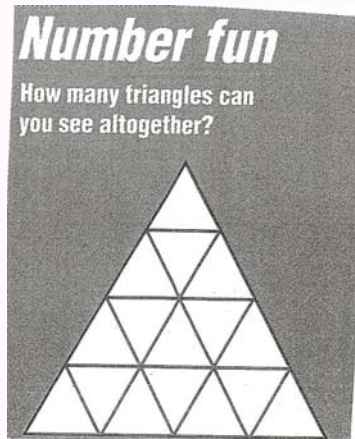
Relay Championships 2011



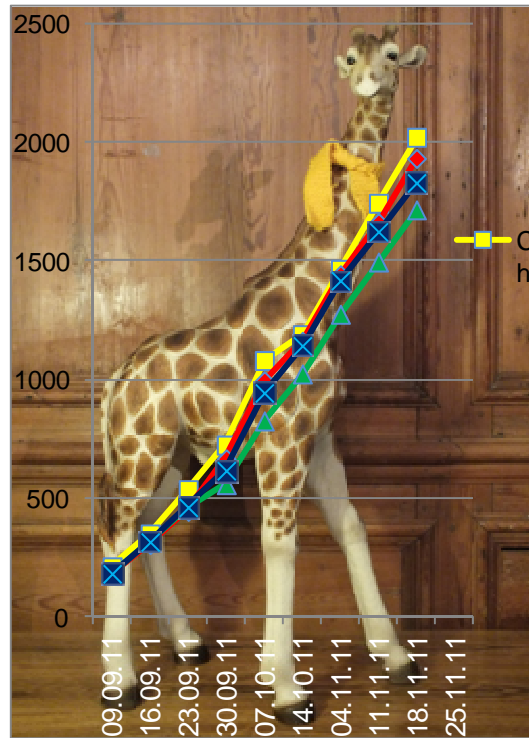
Maths really is fun.....

How many triangles did you find?

Christopher Scrivens' answer: **27**.



Heard this week:



*Jelly the Giraffe—**CHAUCER WIN***

Chaucer 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

Form 1 child: "Michael Jackson died because he carried too many rugs."

Brainteaser: A man walks into a restaurant and the waiter says good day Admiral. Why did the waiter call the man an Admiral? (see Page 7 for answer)

SG Sports

Lorenden 8 SG 0 (note: a somewhat depleted U11 did their best against the strongest team in the area)
SG U9 2 (Brough, Sharp) Kent College U9 5

Hockey

Kent College 4 SG Under 11 1

Football

SG U9 Girls 8 T Holy 3, Lorenden 0

Cross-Country:

Under 9s:

Boys' A Team (Yannick de Moubray, Callum Robison, Laurie Cobb) 5th

Girls' A Team (Lucy Henderson, Francesca Barton, Tallulah Holy) 6th: fastest girls' team

Under 11 Boys'

A Team (Sam Brooks, Robert Rix, Alex Rowe) 17th

B Team (Louis Brooks, Oliver Webb, Tom Emson) 18th

Under 11 Girls'

A Team (Arabella Saliba-Williams, Katie Higgins, Anousca de Moubray) 2nd

B Team (Polly Langworthy, Saskia de Giles, Jade Curtis) 5th

C Team (Grace Paine, Hannah Moran, Elizabeth Fraser) 7th

D Team (Anna Bromley, Libby Ley, Sofia Harden) 13th

Look out for details about our Winter Holiday activity days: GH Camps will be operating here during the holiday..... See Mr Williams for details.



HOLD THE DATE

Christmas Drinks	(alt. date tba)
PTA AGM	28th November
Pantomime—Cinderella	7th December
Carol Singing	8th December
Christmas Fayre	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.

THE MOST DELICIOUS XMAS PUDS

We are once again delighted to be able to offer you the Spring Grove Christmas Pudding, made by the Ultimate Plum Pudding Company in Cumbria. It is probably the finest Christmas pudding you can buy, even winning a gold award at the Great Taste Awards. Those who bought them last year will testify to this - they are delicious, and as good as any home made pudding. It has been labelled for us incorporating the school label, and what's more, every one sold raises money for the school. They come in 2 sizes, 1lb (£6.50) and 2lb (£10.50). A jar of brandy butter costs £2.50.

To order, please leave your contact details, payment and your order in an envelope in the school office, FAO Annabel Falcon/Xmas puddings.

The puddings will be available to collect at the Christmas Fayre or before if necessary. Any queries please contact Annabel Falcon on annablecfalcon@googlemail.com



Dates for your diary.....

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.

Very important calendar news...

The start of next term is presently advertised as Monday, 9th January. I have decided to postpone this to Tuesday, 10th January. Staff will return to school on the Monday in order to prepare for the new term. The children will return for the start of term at 8.30am on **TUESDAY, 10th JANUARY**.

In return I am hoping that as many children as possible will come to school on Saturday, 24th March for a morning of music, drama, art and sport and various academic activities for SG children of all ages. This will be an Open Morning (from 9.30am—12.30pm) and I am hoping that a number of visitors and guests will have the chance to come and see the children in action and also join in the fun. Please note the date in your diary.



We have Café de l'Ecole next
Wednesday at 1st break.

Croissant £1.00

Pain-au-chocolat £1.00

Lemonade or Orangina 50p



The Children in Need fund-raising was a tremendous collective effort. Cake sale, card stand and busking raised £244.56. Well done to all!



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!



Kate Fenwick would like to say a big thank you to everyone who attended her Christmas Fair on Tuesday.

You helped to raise a massive £850.00 towards the charity which supports epilepsy and neurological research.

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

Congratulations to:

Headmaster's Stars

Austen: Thomas Dunbar-Johnson, Rosie Rimmer, Martha Dunbar-Johnson,

Chaucer: Eloise Hoyle

Conrad: Amelie Geens, Lindley Trueblood, Caitlin Paschalides

Dickens: Johnny Newman, Sapphie Paine

Rosettes and certificates to Silvia Courage

Silver Medals: Anousca de Moubray, Katie Higgins, Arabella Saliba-Williams

Lost Property

Alex Rowe
Jonathan Rowe

Navy polo shirt
One Bootleg
Active Air Black
shoe, blazer

Daisy Lord
Charlotte Clark

Navy cardigan
Navy school coat,
one games sock,
navy polo shirt

Austin Moran

One Active Air
Black Shoe, navy
tie

Minnie Dunbar-Johnson
Olivia Standen
Chris Scrivens

2 navy PE tops
Navy School Coat
Navy Hoodie,
Navy Shorts

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

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

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

Diary

Monday 21st - Friday 25th November

Mon 21st

Year 1 and 2 Fun Run
Starts at 2.00pm

Tuesday 22nd

Wednesday 23rd

Café de l'Ecole
House Hockey at Ball Lane
U11 B Team Football v
Northbourne Park (H)

Thursday 24th

U9 Football v St Faiths (H)

Friday 25th

Prep 5 Assembly

Menu

Monday 21st - Friday 25th November

Mon 21st

Tuna Vol-au-Vents,
Sweetcorn and New Potatoes
Fresh Fruit

Tue 22nd

Enchiladas and Salad
Rice Krispie Cake

Wed 23rd

Savoury Mince, Pasta and
Green Beans
Jam Sponge and Custard

Thu 24th

Chicken Curry, Rice and
Naan Bread
Syrup Sponge and Custard

Fri 25th

Sausage, Mash and Baked
Beans
Ice cream and Wafer

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sasha Newman, Alexandra Upton, Emily
Beaugie,
Eleanor Moreno, Rachel Wright, Callum
Sweeney, Mrs Mitford-Slade

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
www.fhos.co.uk
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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 Soundercraft 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...