



# SPRING GROVE SCHOOL

WYE : KENT

## SG Messenger



Friday, 21st October 11/12 No. 8

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### *From the Headmaster*

#### KENT TEST

Half Term week began with the publication of this year's Kent Test results. We are proud of all of the children who persevered through months of preparation and maths revision for their efforts paid off in their achievement of their own best scores across the three papers. Those who have experienced the trials of preparation will recognise the enormity of the challenge, not least in the maths paper which requires the children to be performing at least two years ahead of a normal Prep 6 pupil.

- We have 5 successful candidates—Isabelle Hobday, Jonathan Rowe, Anousca de Moubray, Oliver Webb and Saskia de Giles.
- Isabelle was our top performer scoring 416 out of a possible 420 marks across the 3 papers.
- We had 6 maximum scores (140)
- The VR average score was 135 (out of 140)
- The Maths average score has risen for the 3rd year in succession to 124.

Congratulations also to Jonathan Rowe who has been awarded a Music Scholarship to Sutton Valence School.

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This Half Term gives us all the chance to enjoy a few days away from school and be refreshed ready for our return. Please help your child be ready for a busy second half of term by observing the following:

- Hair should be kept neat and tidy. Please ensure, when necessary, that your child has had his hair cut.
- Uniform should be worn correctly: blazers rather than fleeces are the default item to be worn over a school jumper or cardigan.



*At least one young man has enjoyed his trip to the Victorian Museum and is looking forward to a lovely half term break.*

*INSIDE: Reports and photographs of House Entertainments and Form 1's Vic-*



*Best wishes to all for a refreshing half term break.....*

# Year 1 News

On Monday 17th October, Form 1 went on a visit to Kent Life Museum near Maidstone. As part of our topic on Victorian children we experienced a Victorian school room and played with toys from 150 years ago. We also enjoyed a delicious packed lunch and had lots of fun in the adventure playground.



## ***Cross-Country***

On Monday 21st November all the children in Year 1 & 2 will be taking part in a Mini Cross Country Fun Run here at Spring Grove. We will be joined by Ashford Friars and St Faith's. The fun run will start at 1.45pm with a group warm up with the first of 4 races starting at 2.00pm. Parents are invited to come along and enjoy the afternoon.

## ***Uniform***

After half term, all children should return to school in winter uniform and it is essential that every child has a pair of wellingtons in school at all times.

There will be no swimming after half-term as the air temperature is too cold.

## ***Bonfire and Fireworks Evening***

We are holding our annual Bonfire & Fireworks evening on Friday 4th November. This is always a wonderful, family event, enjoyed by everyone. The evening starts at 6.00pm when food and drink will be served and the fireworks will start at approximately 7.00pm weather dependent. Tickets are on sale in the school office - £7.50 per adult and £2.50 per child.



We had St Trinian's girls, we had Ant and Dec, Baloo and Bagheera, and many more unexpected delights in this year's outstanding House Entertainments show which took place last Wednesday.



The children and staff gathered together in their houses on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning and feverishly and enthusiastically sharpened their jokes, perfected their dance steps and loosened their larynxes as they put together their musical offerings. Older children encouraged the younger ones, everyone had a part to play.



Those who witnessed the events will be able to appreciate the value of working together, of sharing ideas and enjoying each others' acts. Rehearsals and performances together included some very hard work, high degrees of skill, enormous enthusiasm and evidence of talented children.



We saw talents, hitherto unseen, begin to emerge and so many clearly enjoyed their moments of stardom. It would be unfair to mention one or two names without listing all the many who sang, danced, joked, acted and made us laugh. These selected photos give a clue to the fun that we all had in producing the shows.



Many thanks to the House staff who worked so hard in inspiring and allowing the children to produce their best: I saw one child who was eaten up with nerves just hours before the show gain confidence through the patient encouragement of his teachers. Thank you to parents who shared in the support and encouragement of the children. Above all, hearty congratulations to the children and to Austen, Chaucer, Conrad and Dickens for the rich entertainment that they provided.



# House Entertainments 2011



## *HOLD THE DATE*

PTA Meeting  
Bonfire Night  
Christmas Drinks  
Pantomime—Cinderella  
Christmas Fayre

18th October  
4th November  
25th November  
7th December  
9th December



## **PANTOMIME TICKETS CINDERELLA at The MARLOWE THEATRE 7TH DECEMBER—7PM**

Christmas cards last week and Pantomime tickets this week... can't we just have Halloween and Bonfire night first. On this occasion no, as to get our £9.50 tickets we need to book and purchase by 14th October.

We have had to reserve seats at the 7pm performance this year because term finishes on 13th December and we were unable to obtain any seats in a matinee performance after that date.

If you would like tickets please come to the office with payment by Friday 14th October. Tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis.



A huge  
**THANK-YOU**  
to everyone who brought  
in Bags2School We  
raised an amazing £410  
for the school!

### **Class Reps**

Prep 6 – Nicky Bromley  
Prep 5 – Helen Langworthy and Charlie Rix  
Prep 4 – Kirsten Moon, Lucy Thompson  
and Nicola Eastern  
Year 3 – Lydia Rimmer and Claire Harden  
Year 2 – Mairi Goodman and Anna Geering  
Year 1 – Sarah Martin and Francine Morrissey  
Reception – Jenny Hill and Serena Courage  
Nursery – Lydia Rimmer and Phillipa Elliott  
Teddis – Sally McNair and Judy Curtis



*If you didn't receive your  
Christmas card info pack this  
week please come and collect  
one from the office.*

## Congratulations to:

**Kent Test Candidates for their successful efforts in passing the Kent Test :**

**Isabelle Hobday, Jonathan Rowe, Anousca de Moubray, Oliver Webb and Saskia de Giles**

**Jonathan Rowe for being offered a Music Scholarship to Sutton Valence**

## Diary Monday 31st - Friday 4th November

Mon 31st  
Tuesday 1st  
Wednesday 2nd Girls House Football  
Thursday 3rd U9 Football v Wellesley House (A) 2.30pm  
Friday 4th Prep 4C Assembly  
Bonfire & Fireworks Evening

## Update on Wye Free School

Please visit <http://www.futureofwyecollege.com/> to gain an update on the progress of Wye's proposed Free School...

This is an important development for our local community. Please get involved by taking part in the online surveys.

I would also be keen to hear your views: email me on [headmaster@springgroveschool.co.uk](mailto:headmaster@springgroveschool.co.uk)

## *Informal Concert*

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

## *Lost Property*

Alex Rowe	Navy Polo Shirt
Jonathan Rowe	One Bootleg Active Air Black Shoe, Blazer
Oliver Webb	Grey Trousers
Lucy Henderson	Navy Fleece
Daisy Lord	Navy Cardigan
Fred Sharp	<b>Brand new</b> named grey shorts and a white shirt.

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

## Menu Monday 31st - Friday 4th November

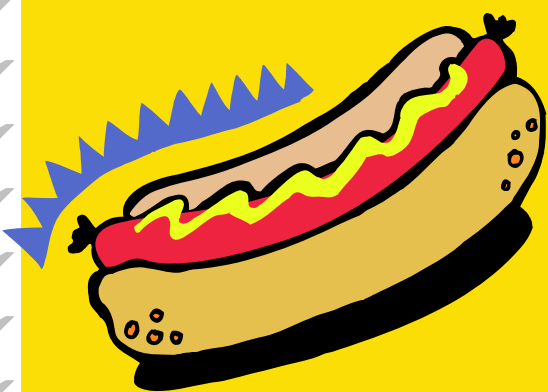
Mon 31st	Sausage Cassoulet Halloween Biscuits 'Bats and Pumpkins'
Tue 1st	Chicken Enchiladas & salad Jam Roly-poly and Custard
Wed 2nd	Roast Beef, Roast Potatoes, Green Beans and Gravy Fresh Fruit
Thu 3rd	Mince Pie, Potatoes and Green Beans Pears and Chocolate Sauce
Fri 4th	Fish, Chips and Peas Choc Ice

# Bonfire and Fireworks Evening - Friday, 4th November



Starts 6.00pm -  
Fireworks start at 7.00pm

Tickets : Adult £7.50  
Children: £2.50  
(Includes soup and hot dogs.)



Lots of glow in the dark  
gifts on sale.

Tickets on sale in the school  
office.

