



SPRING GROVE SCHOOL

WYE : KENT

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From the Headmaster...

An eventful assembly this morning included some excellent drama in Prep 6's Rainforest presentation in which they provided some excellent facts and also presented us with a challenge about our responsibilities for the future. In addition, Millie Rimmer and Daisy Lord played a delightful clarinet duet and Oliver Langworthy played "Kemp's Jig" on the violin.

The Headmaster presented Lauren Ayton with her Aikido yellow belt. Aikido is a martial art that requires discipline and strength. Lauren was able to demonstrate her skills and showed that she could easily throw Mr Jones if she so wished. The Headmaster kept his distance but was floored by her deft and cunning skill.

The audience was treated to a glimpse of the excellent Prep 4 book projects. The standard of the work was very high and all the children demonstrated their love and enthusiasm for the books that they had chosen to study. The projects will be on display over the next week. Millie Rimmer, Maddy Exell, Sofia Harden, Alex Rowe, Elizabeth Fraser and Grace Paine all received Headmaster's Certificates of Excellence for their work.

Laurie Cobb deserves to be singled out this week. He scored 100% in recent English exam and then scored 100% on his Maths paper. He too receives a Headmaster's certificate. Well done, Laurie.

Anousca de Moubray received her full cross-country colours this morning in recognition of her fantastic progress through the winter. We are looking forward to some fine running over the coming weeks.

Holly Fielder rounded off the assembly with a delightful Allegro by Riedler!

Have a great weekend!

Nursery

In Nursery this week we have been learning all about Chinese New Year. We began the week by reading a story about a little boy who didn't like school because he felt he was no good at anything but when it came to eating food with chopsticks he was able to show the other children how to use them and that with practise they could use them as well. The other children then helped him to learn how to tie his laces and button up his coat, 2 things that he found difficult. The children in nursery decided that it was good to help others when they were stuck and that if we wanted to learn how to do something new we sometimes have to practise before we are able to do things properly. We then looked at pictures of China and talked about the Year of the Rabbit, Chinese Dragons, Chinese Writing (which the children found amazing and thought we would need to practise lots before we were able to do it). We made Chinese Dragons and Lanterns and then on Thursday enjoyed a Chinese Feast in our classroom.



Reception

The Reception class topic is Hot and Cold countries. We have looked at Egypt and the lovely necklaces that the Ancient Egyptians wore.



Sport

Rugby

The Under 11 Dover college fixture resulted in a very tight and entertaining encounter between two committed sets of players. For Spring Grove, Oliver Langworthy and Webb, Alex Wanstall and William Moon were all outstanding in the quality of their support play. Jonathan Rowe courageously picked himself up after suffering a clothes-line tackle! William Moon was thoroughly deserved his man of the match award. The final score was 15-10 to Dover.

The Under 9As and Bs took on Ashford and whilst our B team was somewhat overpowered by a group of bigger boys, the A team enjoyed a thrilling contest. It was great to see Fred Sharp return from injury and he celebrated by scoring four excellent tries. Ashford scored a last-minute equaliser to make the final score 30-30.

Girls Football

Owing to confusion over venue the girls' Under 10 and 11 football fixtures against St Faith's did not take place yesterday. St Faith's had prepared tea for us; we had prepared it for them! Consequently, both schools waited in vain for the arrival of the opposition! In the end, our Under 11s enjoyed a match against the Under 10s and then a lovely tea in which everyone had more than enough! I can confirm that St Faith's did confirm by email, received at the start of the week, that they were coming to us!

Tennis Club

Could you please send in cheques for Tennis Club? The fee is £45.00 per term, per child and they should be made payable to Hayne Barn. Thank you.

More news...

Active Cricket Coaching

We are delighted to inform you that Active Cricket will be running their holiday camps again this year. Please find dates below. We will also be restarting our Friday After School Cricket Club from after the Easter break. The first session will be on Friday 6th May. Once again this will be from 4.00pm - 6.00pm and will cost £80.00 per child for the term.

Booking form to follow shortly.

Easter Holiday 2 Day Camp -
Thursday 14th & Friday 15th April

Summer Half Term Camp -
Thursday 2nd June & Friday 3rd June

Summer Holiday Camp -
Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th July



The Chinese New Year—in Year 2

We had a Chinese workshop in the morning where the children had great fun learning some phrases and taking part in a chopstick competition. The children had a fantastic lunch at the Golden Wye Chinese Restaurant and behaved well.

We tried a variety of foods, including duck, noodles and egg fried rice. They were keen to use their new Chinese phrases thanking the staff and wishing them a Happy New Year!



Well done, Year 2 and thank you to Mrs Brogan-Jones and Miss Surtees.



Prep 3 and 4 Parents' Evening - Monday 7th February

The consultations all take place in the hall and each parent will have an opportunity to meet with the various subject teachers as well as their child's form teacher. There are no specific time-slots for the interviews with individual teachers. Instead, you should aim to come during the times as indicated below. Short interviews lasting up to 7 minutes should provide ample time to discuss your child's present progress. If more time is needed then an extra meeting can be arranged on a separate occasion. I have provided here a list of teachers who will be present.

5.30pm – 7.00pm All of Form 3C and Prep 4C\T

7.00pm – 8.30pm All of Form 3P and Prep 4 W

Staff available: Mrs Wood 4W, Maths
Mr Dankert Director of Studies, Maths
Mrs Rafferty French
Mrs Jones 3P, Music
Miss Rogers English
Mrs Taylor Art and Games
Mr Williams Boys Games
Mr Jones Headmaster, 3P Maths

Prep 5 and 6 Parents' Evening - Thursday 10th February

5.30pm – 7.00pm Prep 5

7.00pm – 8.00pm Prep 6

Staff available: Mr Dankert Director of Studies, Prep 6, Maths, Games
Mrs Rafferty French
Mrs Jones RE, Music
Miss Rogers Prep 5, English, History, RE
Mr Williams Boys Games
Mrs Taylor Art, Games
Mr Jones Headmaster
Mrs Wood Deputy Head

If you need to bring your children with you our Gap students will run a "crèche" facility during the evening.

Term Dates

Thank you to Sue Hanlon for spotting that the return date on our calendar shows Thursday 2nd September when it should be Thursday 1st.

There is also a change to our finish date in December. End of term will now be Wednesday 14th December.

Autumn Term 2011

Begins: Thursday 1st September – Wednesday 19th October
Half Term: Thursday 20th October - Friday 28th October
Ends: Monday 31st October – Wednesday 14th December



Prize Draw

We will be holding a prize draw during this term, with some tantalising prizes.



Look out for tickets in the book bags and sell as many as you can. There will be a prize for the class that sells the most tickets. The draw will take place at

HOLD THE DATE!

Bag2School collection	15th February
Lunch at the Secret Garden	25th March
Quiz Night	20th May
Summer Ball	25th June

VIP Package

At last year's SG Ball, Lydia Rimmer placed the Highest bid in the auction to the the SG VIP Package. This has entitled her to:

- ◆ A VIP parking space next to the front door of the school
- ◆ Front row seats for all school events
- ◆ A school lunch each term.

In today's assembly, Mrs Rimmer was presented with a plaque to mar her much coveted parking space. The VIP Package will be available again to the highest bidder at this year's Summer Ball on 25th June.

Summer Ball

You know the date: 25th June 2011 and this year's theme is "Music and Movie Awards". Our chosen charity this year is the Meningitis Research Trust

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There is a recycling collection box in the school entrance hall for old laser cartridges, ink jet cartridges and mobile phones.



Your name could go here!

Bag2School collection date is **Tuesday 15th February at 9am**, but you can start bringing in your bags after assembly next **Friday 11th February** and leave them on the stage in the Hall.



By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided. This can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, bags, soft toys, curtains and bedding (not duvets or pillows). The heavier the better as we will receive **£500 per tonne or £0.50/kg**.

If you fill the donation bag and still have more then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well.

If you have any questions, please contact the Helen Langworthy on 07866 433841.

The PTA pages on our website have been updated, have look and let us know what you think. <http://www.springgroveschool.co.uk/parents/pta2.html>

For Hire...

Are you aware that the school is available for hire? It is used regularly by Le Samedi Francais, the National childbirth Trust and Theatre Train. In addition, it is regularly booked for parties and weddings. For Booking Conditions please speak to the Bursar.

bursar@springgroveschool.co.uk

GAP Students

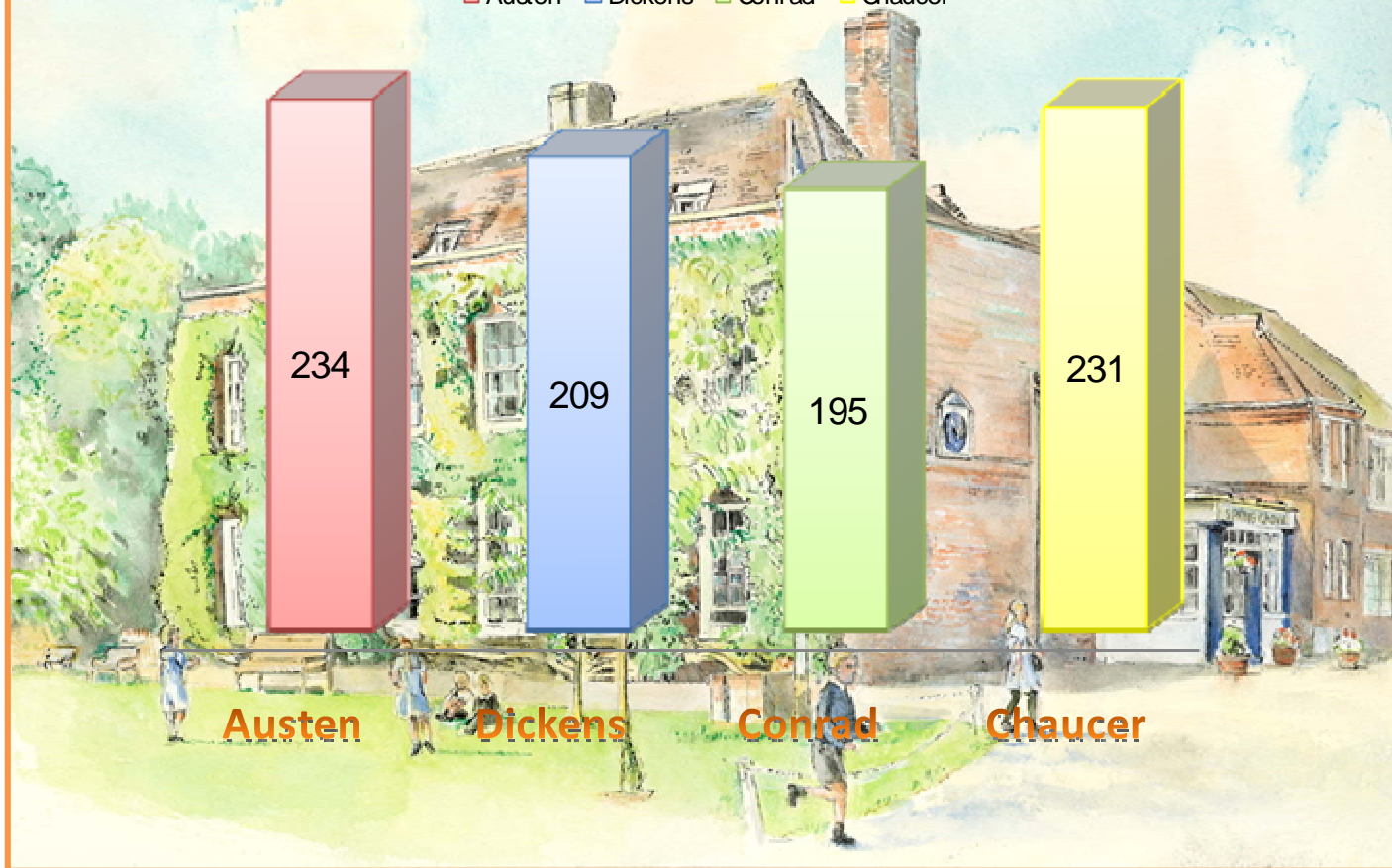
Our GAP students Chloe Chadwick and Aidan Smith are available for babysitting. Their mobile numbers are: Chloe - 07508135019 and Aidan - 07816564352. They are both very happy to provide a babysitting service at a competitive rate.

A bright red scarf once again adorns the graceful neck of Gerry the Giraffe.

Well done to all children in Austen who just managed to pip Chaucer!

House Points for Spring Term 2011 (4th February 2011)

■ Austen ■ Dickens ■ Conrad ■ Chaucer



MENU

7th - 11th February

Monday 7th	Lasagne and Sweetcorn Chocolate Sponge and Chocolate Sauce
Tuesday 8th	Risotto and Salad Yoghurts
Wednesday 9th	Roast Turkey, Roast potatoes, Carrots and Gravy
Thursday 10th	Chicken Supreme, Rice and Green Beans Syrup Sponge and Custard
Friday 11th	Sausage, Mash and Baked Beans Cake

Diary - Week Commencing 7.2.11

Monday, 7th	Parents Evening Years 3 & 4 From 5.30pm
Tuesday, 8th	House Country Years 3 - 6
Wednesday 9th	Café de l'Ecole U11 Netball v Lorenden (A) U11 Rugby v Wellesley House (A)
Thursday 10th	Year 3 to Roman Museum 10.00 - 12.00 Parents Evening Years 5 & 6 From 5.30pm
Friday 11th	Year 4 C/T Assembly

Congratulations...

Headmaster's stars:

Conrad: Alex Rowe, Emilie Knights-Toomer, Victoria Ayton

Dickens: Georgie Bird, Rebecca Blundell

Full Colours: Anousca de Moubray - Cross Country

Half Colour Badges were awarded to: Oliver Langworthy and William Moon - Technology

Aikido Yellow Belt: Lauren Ayton

Headmaster's Certificates awarded to: Millie Rimmer, Maddy Exell, Elizabeth Fraser, Grace Paine, Sofia Harden, Alex Rowe: Form 4 Book Projects

Laurie Cobb: 100% on both Maths and English papers in January's exams.

Lost Property

Eloise Hoyle - Named Blazer
Sofia Harden - Navy Blue Fleece
William Hobday - School Navy Coat
Harry Linch - One shin pad, Royal Blue Fleece, Track Suit Bottoms
Elizabeth Drummond - Navy School Coat, Navy Duffle Coat.
Laurie Cobb - Named rugby shirt and white shirt.

Charlotte Clark - A silver chain with a silver teddy bear.

Please check at home for these items.

Happy Birthday

Marie-Louise Bird
Piers Courage

Alex Rowe Johnny Newman
Saskia de Giles