



SPRING GROVE SCHOOL

WYE : KENT

SG Messenger



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From the Headmaster...

Scholarship Success

Earlier this year we were able to celebrate the performances of our 11+ candidates, some of whom produced excellent scores in very challenging tests. I am delighted that all of our Year 6 children have received offers of places at high quality schools. Our focus this week is trained on those who have been offered scholarships at independent schools:

Emilie Knights-Toomer has been offered a Sports Scholarship to Kent College. As a fine cross-country runner, footballer and hockey player and as our dedicated sports captain who has risen to the challenge of leadership and responsibility, her scholarship award is a well-deserved reward for her hard work.

Holly Fielder has been offered a Sports and Academic Scholarship to Kent College. In addition to her sporting talents, Holly is a fine musician and artist. In fact, she makes a huge contribution to all areas of life at SG; and on top of that, she happens to be our school captain and very friendly and kind! What a fantastic role model!

Alex Sharp has been offered a Sports and Academic Scholarship to Ashford School. Alex is a very able and bright girl, who loves learning and devours books! She is also a county standard hockey player and a very determined sportswoman.

Our heartiest congratulations go to these three Prep 6 girls!

OPEN MORNING

A recent survey showed that most parents heard about Spring Grove by word of mouth / personal recommendation...

In less than three weeks' time we shall be fast approaching the end of term. By that stage the daffodils will be blooming, the sun shining, the school will look a picture! What better time can there be to ask your friends and neighbours to visit Spring Grove on its Open Morning?

Do you know someone who ought to hear about the fantastic education that we offer and about the great start we give our children?



Spring Grove School

The Headmaster and Mrs Jones

warmly invite you to

*our Open Morning on
Wednesday, 23rd March*

Date/Time

10 am - 12pm

Please RSVP
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SPRING GROVE OPEN MORNING

Wednesday 23rd March 2011, 10.00 - 12.00am

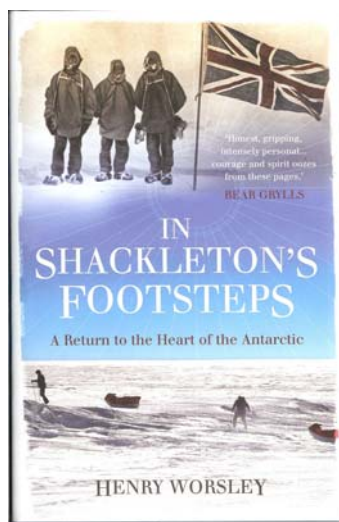
A great place to grow



Sport

Sport this week has been dominated by the bitterly cold weather. Nevertheless, our brave young stars took the field / netball court undaunted and gave a good account of themselves in some tough fixtures. Our Under 11 girls took on mighty Kent College and it was no surprise that weakened by our resting of some of our major players (in preparation for Sunday's running—see right) we were over-powered by our opponents. The Under 8 and 9 girls enjoyed closer contests with Ashford School. The Under 9 boys team fielded a squad of 15 players against Junior King's: the final score of 3 tries apiece reflected the evenness of the tussle—no words could describe the cold wind that bit into the very flesh of the players! The Under 11 boys enjoyed an 40-40 thriller against Lorenden.

Well done to you all for your bravery and commitment!



Older members of the school will recall the visits, two years ago, of Will Gow and Henry Worsley, two of the three men who walked over 900 miles of the Antarctic terrain following the footsteps of their ancestors. Exactly 100 years to the day after Shackleton and his team reached the “furthest south point” just 97 miles from the Pole, Henry Worsley, Will Gow and Henry Adams arrived at the same spot. These three completed the journey and arrived at the South Pole some 10 days later.

I was told by one of them that if it was not for Spring Grove the walk would not have happened! All three have an SG connection and we proudly hosted a retelling of their trek two years ago. The book above, launched this week, provides a revealing account of their journey. It is published by Virgin Books. Our copy, signed by the three explorers has been donated to the school library.

Pupil Correspondent Section -

Our roving reporter's first assignment was to find out about progress on the library. Marie-Louise interviewed Miss Rogers and compiled the following:

Our new school library is probably going to be ready by next week for children to take books out. As a pupil myself we are really excited to be able to have a library at school. Miss Rogers would like to thank the following people: Alex, Ellie and William, the librarians and the following teachers, to Mrs Taylor for the wonderful pictures of book characters, Mrs Brogan-Jones, Miss Surtees and Mrs Saxby. She would also like to thank everyone who donated books.



Cross-Country

Six of our finest cross-country runners are competing in the National Prep Schools Cross-Country Championships in Malvern on Sunday. We wish them all the very best of luck. The runners are Holly Fielder, Ellie Saxby, Emilie Knights-Toomer, Anousca de Moubray, Saskia de Giles and Arabella Saliba-Williams.

Thank you to Mrs Langford and all the parents and supporters who are going to cheer them on their way.

HOLD THE DATE!

School Uniform Sale	17th March
Lunch at the Secret Garden	25th March
Quiz Night	20th May
Summer Ball	25th June

Bag2 School results

Did you know that we donated 625kg of clothing for the Bag2School campaign? 625kg is the approximate weight of Form 4! There will be another collection in September.

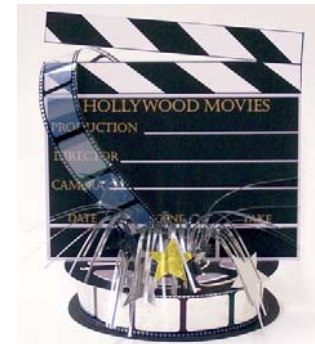
Appeal to Parents

As we hope you are already aware, this year's **PTA Music and Movie Awards Ball** is raising funds for Meningitis Research Trust.



Do you or someone you know own a business that would be willing to donate a prize for the raffle or auction or sponsor an item at the Ball in return for an advert in our programme. So far we have sponsors for:

- ◆ The marquee decorations
- ◆ The marquee
- ◆ The main course
- ◆ A photographer



STOP PRESS – SAVE THE DATE Ladies and Gentlemen's Lunch Friday 25th March – Midday onwards

The P.T.A. are organising a lunch for past and present parents at The Secret Garden (www.secretgardenkent.co.uk) and would love as many of you as possible to join us. Rumour has it that a certain Mr Martin will be dressed as a lady and I am sure there may be some other surprises!

The cost is £20 a head to include a glass of sparkling wine on arrival with canapés, main course, pudding and coffee. The main raffle draw will take place during coffee. You are more than welcome to come and join us for coffee if you cannot make the lunch.

Please can you let the office or Kate Fenwick know whether you are able to attend by Friday 11th March. (kate@thefenwickfamily.co.uk). All cheques to be made payable to Spring Grove P.T.A. and handed into the office.

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.



Prize Draw Tickets

Look out for tickets in the book bags today!

There will be a prize for the class that sells the most tickets. The draw will take place at the lunch on 25th March.

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>

See the next page for very important news about our Family Orchestral Day....

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.

Computer problems...

Evan Jones is a student skilled in Computer Repair, IT support and solving any technological problems. He is presently available throughout the week and willing to work anywhere in the Canterbury / Wye / Ashford area.

Contact Evan for more information or questions at...

Cell: 07513 797253
Email: emj07@ic.ac.uk

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

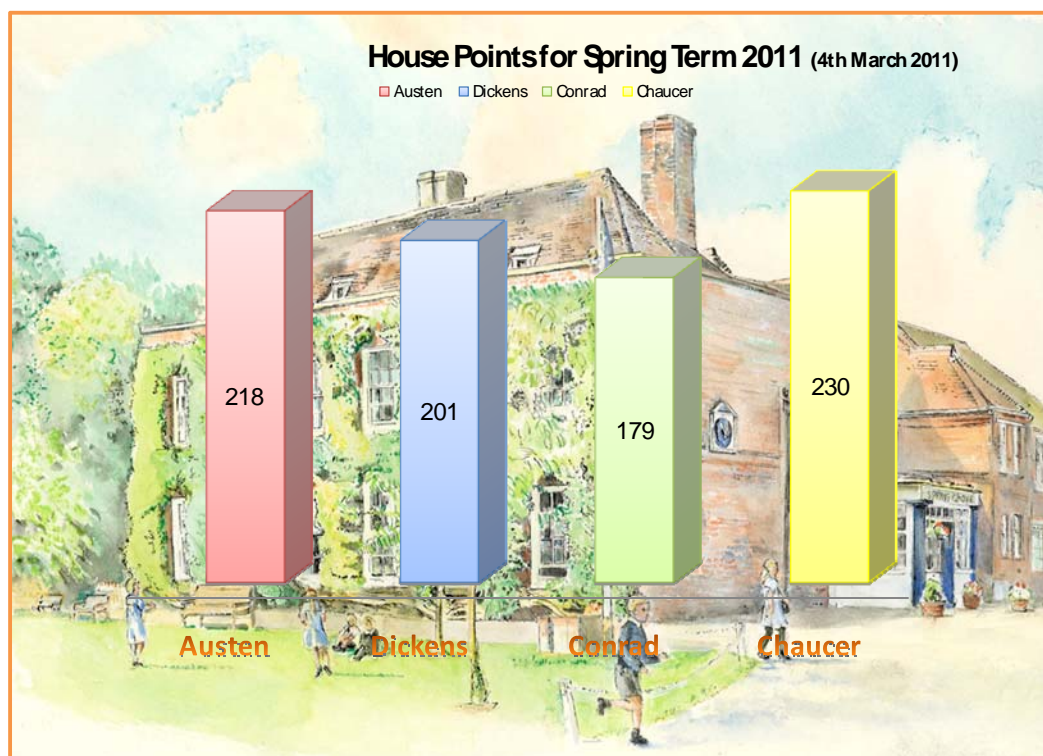
Gerry the Giraffe is yellow again!

Well done to all children in Chaucer!

Competition for Gerry The Giraffe

Up to 4th March

Austen	1326
Dickens	1193
Conrad	1147
Chaucer	1291



Family Orchestral Day: **Saturday, 19th March**

Following the exciting developments of our instrumental music at Spring Grove, we are proud to invite you to our first Family Orchestral Day.

This is an opportunity to meet for extended rehearsals with the aim of putting together a short concert programme which will be performed at the end of the day. A draft programme for the day is as follows:

9.00am	Meet and register in the Assembly Hall, tune up, warm up and prepare for the day's programme.
9.45am	Sectional rehearsals led by music teachers
10.45am	Break
11.15am	Sectional rehearsals continued
12.00pm	Full orchestral rehearsal
12.45pm	Lunch
1.15pm	Warm up for concert
1.30pm	Final Concert Performance

Who is it for?

First and foremost, this day is for all of our instrumental musicians. We hope that the date is already inked into your family calendar. It will serve to boost your child's experience as a player and provide the essential inspiration to practise!

It is also for brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, grandparents and friends of our SG pupils. This is a family occasion and are hoping that some of you who have packed away your clarinet (or similar!) for some years / decades might be brave enough to dust it down and come and join in. Just think of the encouragement it will give your own children!

What are we going to play?

This largely depends on who is coming! We are already rehearsing some orchestral items in our regular Thursday morning sessions but we have ambitious plans for an exciting programme including a composition which we shall create on the day.

The success of the event depends not only on our skilful team of coaches but also on the commitment of our pupils and their families. Please come and join us!

We are asking for a small payment that will contribute towards the cost of the peripatetic teachers who will be helping us. The cost will be £3 per player taking part. To book your place please fill in the form below and return it to the School Office.

Mrs Jones, Director of Music

Mr Jones, Headmaster

A parent recently wrote this short message: *“Just wanted to say what a lovely performance by the brass/wind group this morning in assembly, they all looked like they were enjoying themselves, which was great to see.”*

Booking Form

The following members of the Family will be taking part in the SG Orchestral Day:

Name	Instrument	Age (older family members do not have to divulge this information!)	Standard / Experience
<i>e.g. Joe Smith</i>	<i>Trumpet</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Grade 2</i>
<i>Aunty Mildred</i>	<i>Violin</i>	<i>=</i>	<i>Grade 7 / v rusty!</i>

Payment (cheque payable to Spring Grove School) enclosed (£3 per participant):.....

Signed:.....

Date:.....

MENU
7th - 11th March

Monday 7th	Tuna Vol-au-Vents, Sweetcorn and Potatoes Pears and Chocolate Sauce
Tuesday 8th	Shepherds Pie and cabbage Fresh Fruit
Wednesday 9th	Sausage Pie, Jacket Potato and Salad Natural Yoghurt , Honey and Raisins
Thursday 10th	Chicken Enchiladas with Sour Cream and Salad Jam Sponge and Custard
Friday 11th	Fish, Chips and Peas Choc Ice

Congratulations...

Headmaster's stars

Austen: Martha Dunbar-Johnson

Conrad: Lauire Cobb, Joshua Thompson, Lauren Ayton

Dickens: Georgina Bird, Sebastian Smith, Johnny Newman, Oliver Webb

Chaucer: Alex Harden, Bodhi de Moubray

Tennis Player of the Week: Oliver Marsh

Silver Spring Grove Credit: Alex Wanstall

Geography Commendation Awards: All Prep 6 pupils.

Diary - Week Commencing 7.3.11

Monday 7th	
Tuesday 8th	U9 A&B Girls Football v Lorenden (H) U9 Contact Rugby v Northbourne Park (H)
Wednesday 9th	Book Fair U10 Netball v Ashford friars (at Ashford Senior School) 1.00pm)
Thursday 10th	Prep 6 to Dover Castle U9 Contact Rugby v Wellesley House (H)
Friday 11th	Year 2L Assembly Second Hand Uniform Sale straight after assembly.

Lost Property

Eloise Hoyle - Named Blazer
Sofia Harden - Navy Blue Fleece
Harry Linch - One shin pad, Royal Blue Fleece, Track Suit Bottoms
Elizabeth Drummond - Navy School Coat,
Hannah Moran - Kilt
Austin Moran - 2 navy blue PE tops
Jade Curtis - Navy skort.
Sasha Newman - Navy blue PE top, royal blue fleece.
Emilie Knights-Toomer - 2 navy polo shirts
Emily Stretton - Navy skort, navy polo shirt

If any of these items have been found, please inform Margaret.

Please check at home for these items.

Happy Birthday

Lily-Grace Chandler Wilson Clarke
Yannick de Moubray Hugh Thompson
Chloe Chadwick Jack Hills