

118 Not Out!

Old Trafford. August 1981. England v. Australia. 4th Day. England in trouble. Ian Botham strides to the wicket and tonks 118 that ignites another famous fightback.

Spring Grove. April 2009. SG v Lorenden. Lorenden 165 for 3. William Falcon hits a magnificent 118 to seal a remarkable win!



Rarely do cricketers score so many runs at Under 11 level. William's innings is worthy of front page news. He showed patience, courage and intelligence in steering his side to victory after Lorenden had amassed a challenging 165 for 3 off their 20 overs. Our bowlers were all a bit wayward in their delivery and we know that this is an area for further practice. William Clark earned a well-deserved wicket as did William Gregory. Our fielding showed some good moments with Ross Banham achieving a fine run-out with a direct hit on one stump from the boundary (whilst chatting to the umpire!) but at the tea interval we were left wondering how to reach such a mammoth total. The patience of William's team-mates must be applauded as they waited in vain for their turn to bat and they were thrilled to be part of the success and cheered loudly as the winning runs were struck. Hugo Loxton-Barnard also deserves a mention for providing such sterling support for his partner as they set about the total with astonishing ferocity. Twice William hit 22 in one over. He hit 18 fours and 6 sixes. Botham would be proud of him.

From the Headmaster

My apologies for this being only the first Messenger of the term. We enjoyed within two days of the start of term a lovely open morning in which new parents signed up for their children to join the school family. The school could not have looked better in the beautiful late spring sunshine and it is a reminder to us all what a privilege it is to work in such an inspirational environment. I am particularly grateful to the teachers and especially Clive Turner for his excellent repair work undertaken during the holiday.

Rev John Richardson

Some of you will be already aware that Rev John Richardson will be moving on from Wye Church and taking up residency in a new parish in Margate. We have been very grateful for his excellent support during the past 9 years and wish him and Sue our best wishes. He spoke to the children on Monday morning about how our lives can be like running the London Marathon: gruelling and exhilarating; and where the journey might well be more important than the prize. His final service at Wye Church is at 10.30am on Sunday 10th May: please come and support him. Two of our children will play a part in the music-making.



Barnados Assembly



Last term, every class had the fun – and scientific challenge! - of trying to grow the tallest bean plant in the school and the children were encouraged to have their class plants sponsored, to raise money for Barnardo's. Mrs. Saxby and Form 2S proved to have the greenest fingers, producing a plant which measured 99 cm! The money which was collected at the end of the Easter Service at the church in Wye was added to this fund and we were delighted to be able to hand over £303 to Jenny Berridge of Barnardo's when she came to talk to the children in a special Assembly last Tuesday. We gather that the winning bean plant just beat the previous Barnardo's record of 97 cm! The children gave her the money and she presented Barnaby Bear to Mrs. Saxby's class. The children have a great many plans for this very special bear, which will be looked after by each child in turn for a week – and will no doubt be the source of many adventures and experiences which the class will be able to share. Very many thanks to all of the classes for their part in raising this impressive sum of money, which will be put towards improving the lives of some children who are so greatly in need of our help.

Sport

U11 & U10 Netball vs Ashford Friars

In our first rounders matches of the season the girls took the first innings to build their confidence and then they showed signs of improvement in the second innings. The U11 team lost 14 – 9 and the U10 team lost 10.5 – 4.5. I would like to see sharper focus and better tactical awareness in the

matches next week. Thank you to Mrs Thomason and Mrs Parker.

Cricket

Our cricket season got under way with a fine performance against the Junior King's Under 11Bs last week before this week's spectacular Loprenden match. Playing at Birleys the children were able to enjoy the views of the fantastic pavilion opened by David Gower in 2005 and also see the senior Canterbury boys practising in the nets. The game was won by our opponents but not before we had seen some fine performances from William Clark, Alex Wanstall and William Falcon. We are looking forward to the Under 9 fixture against Ashford today.

Athletics

This year Spring Grove is entering the IAPS (Independent Association of Prep Schools) County Athletics Meeting at the Julie Rose Stadium on Friday 19th June. This is our first time entering such a high profile event. We are hoping that the children will enjoy entering and gain some valuable experience of competing on a more professional level.

In preparation for the IAPS event Mrs Langford is coaching the children at our school athletics club on Thursdays at 4.30pm alongside which all the staff will be coaching children during their Games lessons after half term.

In order to further progress in athletics we would like as many children as possible from Spring Grove to join in with Kent College Junior School's open mornings. These mornings are for all children as the races are for infants and years 3 to 6. They are on the following Saturdays: 9th May and 16th May. If your child wishes to join in they simply go along at 9.30am and collect a number and compete

in any event. The events are 90m, 600, 60m, 200m, Long Jump and Turbo Javelin. Parents will need to accompany their children as these events are run by Kent College staff.

Please sign up on the SG sports notice board for the Kent College Saturday open mornings to give us an

idea of numbers (although this does not commit your child).

I do hope as many children as possible take up these athletic challenges.

Mrs Rowe

Friday Morning Swimming Club

Mrs Fenwick and Miss Goss will be running a swimming club on a Friday morning at 7.45 for advanced swimmers, starting tomorrow. The cost is £3.00 which includes a croissant and orange juice. Please inform Mrs Fenwick, the school office or add their name to the list in the foyer if your child would like to join this club.

Spring Grove Soccer School



Our first venture into holiday football coaching proved to be a great success. Hampered only slightly by some wet weather the children thoroughly enjoyed the excellent coaching led by Mr Turner, Mrs Langford and a younger Mr Jones! Mr Turner expressed his delight over the way the children worked so hard to improve their skills. Well done to all!

Sumer Is A Cumin In: those of you who will be supporting Year 4's assembly on Friday will be able to welcome in Summer with a song from Yesteryear! Well, the year 1245AD to be precise. We look forward to seeing you at 8.50am.

11+ Maths

We thought you might like to try out one or two challenging 11+ Maths questions each week. It will help to clarify how challenging the papers tend to be.

1. Mrs Morgan is 5 feet 7 inches tall. Which is closest to her height in metres?
 - 1.3m 1.4m 2m 1.6m 1.7m
2. On holiday, Mr Baker buys some perfume for 12 dollars and a book for 5 dollars. He calculates that the perfume costs £4.80 and the book costs £2.00. How much would a 7 dollar T-shirt cost in pounds?

Bear in mind that our 11+ candidates must tackle 50 of these questions in 50 minutes! Answers to Mr Dankert, please.

Bank Holiday Monday

Are you looking for something worthwhile to do? If so, why not consider the Wye Benefice Church Walk. See <http://www.allsaintsba.org.uk>

Come to admire the bluebells, hear the cuckoo and enjoy this unique walk along footpaths and bridleways. Start at any of the churches on the route, sign on and do as much or as little as you like. This year the route is clockwise, eg Chilham to Boughton Aluph (5m); Boughton Aluph to Challock (3m); Challock to Molash (3.5m); Molash to Chilham (4.5m).

Funds raised are for the participating churches, Kent Air Ambulance and/or Kent Pilgrim's Hospice – you choose. Donations of £5 or more would be welcome.

Mrs Jones and I are intending to start from Boughton Aluph Church at around 10.00am. Join us if you wish. Mr Jones

Health & Safety

Flu Pandemic: Please see the information below re this Pandemic.

Swine Influenza – Information from the Health Protection Agency (www.hpa.org.uk)

Swine influenza is a respiratory disease normally found in pigs but human cases can and do happen.

The current human cases were first reported in Southern California and Texas. Cases of swine influenza have now been confirmed in several countries including Mexico, US, Canada, Spain and the United Kingdom.

This strain of swine influenza contains a combination of genetic material typical to avian, swine and human flu viruses. Transmission of this new swine influenza virus is thought to occur in the same way as seasonal flu. Antiviral drugs are available which can effectively prevent and treat the infection, most reported cases of this infection outside of Mexico have recovered fully without the need for medical attention or antivirals.

The Health Protection Agency is monitoring this situation closely. Further information is available on their website. There is also an excellent Q&A webpage - <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Pandemic-flu/Pages/QA.aspx>

If you have flu-like symptoms and have recently returned from Mexico or another affected area, or been with someone who has:

- Stay at home and contact your GP
- Do NOT go into your GP surgery, or to a hospital, as you may spread the disease to others

Remember, preventing the spread of germs is the single most effective way to slow the spread of diseases such as swine flu. You should always:

- Ensure everyone washes their hands regularly with soap and water
- Clean surfaces regularly to get rid of germs
- Use tissues to cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze

- Place used tissues in a bin as soon as possible

Ecris-Moi French Play

We have, for the last few years, enjoyed some excellent plays performed in French and English by a visiting theatre company and I have always felt these productions to be a most valuable and enjoyable educational experience for our pupils in Prep 4, 5 and 6. Last Monday we welcomed the Onatti Theatre Company to Spring Grove for the first time, to present their play for beginners in French, 'Ecris-moi'. I think it would be true to say that the children have never had their attention held so well by any previous productions and this visit was an absolutely unqualified success! The comedy, based on mistaken identities, was superbly acted and in such a way that all of the pupils from Year 3 to Prep 6 were able to understand everything that was going on, no doubt amazing themselves that they all understood the French so well, thoroughly enjoying the slapstick humour and the moments of high drama and tension. What a joy it was to see the children so relaxed with and so responsive to this French show, thanks to the fact that they have all now been learning this language from such an early age. We shall definitely be inviting them back next year!

Henry Worsley Evening: Friday, 5th June



All parents will need to act fast if you would like tickets for the forthcoming Henry Worsley Evening during which time he will tell the amazing story of his trek "In the footsteps of Shackleton". Tickets cost £10.00 and the office has already received plenty of requests. Apply to the office as soon as possible.

Forthcoming Events

- Monday 4th - **School Closed**
Wye Benefice Church Walk
(all day from 10.00am)
- Wednesday 6th - U10 & U11 Rounders vs
Junior Kings (H) 2.15pm
U9 Cricket vs Northbourne
(A) 2.15pm
- Thursday 7th - Prep 4 to Living Land Farm
Show - Detling
- Friday 8th - Nursery Assembly
- Sunday 10th - 10.30am: Farewell Service at
Wye Church for Rev John
Richardson

Calendar Change

The trip for Reception N\L to the RSPB is changed
from Tuesday 16th June to Wednesday 17th June.

Form 1 Trip to Port Lympne Zoo - Friday 22nd May

**Finally: Golibe is delighted to welcome her new
home-help whom she met last week.**



