

Caen Community Primary Newsletter

Tuesday 1st May 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I am sorry for the late newsletter. It ended up being a very busy Friday!

Thank you for your support last week and kind words regarding Nicola's funeral.

I want to start by saying a big **thank you to** Lindsay Creely, Karen Guy and Lucy Ross who are all stepping down from the **PTA**. They have been a part of the PTA (and fabric of the school) for a number of years and they have helped in raising thousands of pounds for the children over their time. Thank you from all of the school team and children for all of your efforts.

Miss Hockin's class left for **Georgeham** yesterday and have a fun filled couple of days ahead of them and luckily the weather looks like it will be good. I dropped by last night and they were all in great spirits.

Also out yesterday were **Y3** who went to **RHS Rosemoor** for a science workshop about seed dispersal and then toured the gardens. The attached photos are all from their trip.

Last weekend Mr Harvey took a group of children and parents to Cambridge for **Pi Wars** which is a bit like 'Robot Wars' but without the destruction. The team had to program their robot to do a number of challenges such as popping balloons which were attached to another robot. They had a great time and competed against teams from as far as Hong Kong and France and teams that were made up of secondary aged students and older. From all accounts they had a long but inspirational day. Well done to you all.

As mentioned previously Mrs Rivenberg and Mrs Cooper are trained dance teachers and have started **teaching dance across school**. Mrs Rivenberg has just finished teaching a series of street dance lessons to Y2 and Y3 and Mrs Cooper has just completed a series of modern/ contemporary to Y5. All classes got to showcase their efforts last week to each other and we hope to be able to show parents soon as well.

On Thursday a group of Y6 children sat the **UK Maths Trust Junior Maths Challenge** paper. We first entered this national challenge aimed at Y6-9 last year and it's always good to test oneself! If you would like to go the challenge can be found here: https://www.ukmt.org.uk/pdfs/archive/JMC2018_paper.pdf and the answers are now available as well.

Also last week we had a delivery of fertilised **eggs** from Futures Farm which is in Woolacombe. The eggs are now safely in the incubator which is down in Reception and we should (if things go to plan) have live chicks before we break for half-term. Craig has come in today to talk to Pre-school and YR about the stages of egg to chicken and why the eggs we buy in a shop won't turn into a chicken. Craig also brought in a couple of chickens with him as well. Once hatched the idea is that we will keep the chickens in our Forest School area.



Stars of the week

Well done to:

Evie Hopgood, Bobby Maynard, Archie Dickens-Liell, Buddy Shackleton, Matty Watson, Leia Butler, Tilly Thompson, Max Woosey, Daisy Heaton, Sam Talbot, Isaac Pounds, Sky Balmont, Rihanna Gordon-Oke, Alfie Sims.

Reading

Please read with your child daily. Books are sent home in Reception and KS1 (and to some other children). For your child to build on the learning in class and to make secure progress it is really important that you do read with your child.

SAFEGUARDING

If you are worried about the safety of a child you can call 0345 155 1071 and out of hours 0845 6000 388. The **Devon Children and Families Partnership** website

www.devonchildrenandfamiliespartnership.org.uk

has lots of really helpful information for parents and carers and children about keeping safe.

www.nspcc.org also has lots of really good resources.

In the survey **Family Groups**, or the lack of them this year came up in the parent survey. For those new to the school Family Groups are where the school splits into their house groups and then these split three ways. Siblings and cousins are in the same groups and it offers an opportunity for children YR-6 to mix across the school. These will be restarting next year but they will have a STEM focus throughout as they did on occasions previously end-up being more of an extened play or colouring session. Mr Holker and myself will plan a series of challenges like making the strongest bridge out of dried spaghetti and blue-tac or the best paper aeroplane.

Lastly, a group from the village, including some parents, has been established to try and bring and support a family from Syria into the village. Locally this has been done in Georgeham and Bude. There is going to be a meeting at the countryside centre in the evening of the 21st May should anyone want to find out some more. A flyer should be going out with the newsletter and there will be one up in the office as well. More information can also be found at: <http://www.brauntonrsg.weebly.com/>

Kind regards,

Mr Page



GOVERNOR VACANCY

We now have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested in supporting the school to move forwards and to have a key role in shaping its future please do come and see me to discuss the role of being a governor. You may have public or private sector experience, HR/H&S/ education sector knowledge and experience or you may just be keen to learn and have time to give. Please do come and discuss the opportunities as you can make significant difference.

