



“Inclusion at our Heart”

24th March 2016

Dear Parents & Carers

We are currently at the end of another very busy term at Garlinge and it is also the end of my first year as Headteacher - what a busy and exciting year it has been! Over the course of the year we have achieved record SATs results at each Key Stage, taken ownership of our beautiful new building for years 3 and 4, welcomed new classes as part of our expansion and are very close to the completion of the fantastic outdoor play and learning area for Key Stage 1. It has been a brilliant year and one which has just confirmed the pride that I have in our whole school community. Thank you sincerely for your ongoing support.

Since our last newsletter we have continued with the parent learning sessions, which have proved very successful. These were started as a direct result of parental feedback and we hope that you have enjoyed them as much as we have hosting them. We have also held the amazing Year 4 assembly, which was performed to over 700 people, and our latest parents evening at which there was a lovely atmosphere. Thank you all for continuing to support your children in their learning.

I have also unfortunately received several complaints about parents using foul and abusive language in and around the school grounds. Clearly this is unacceptable around your children and I ask politely that all parents refrain from using such language. If there are incidents that need to be discussed with members of our staff, we would always welcome you into the school where such things can be discussed in private.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a restful and enjoyable Easter holiday. It has been a busy period with lots of sickness and illness and I hope that everyone has a good break and I look forward to seeing you all in the new term.

Many thanks

J. Williams

Mr J Williams
Headteacher

Garlinge did their bit for Sport Relief 2016! Our Year 6 prefects sold Sport Relief merchandise, the pupils wore their sports kit and donated 50p and all the students took part in a skipping competition. The child in each class that skipped the most in 1 minute was awarded a Sport Relief cup in our end of term assembly. As a school we raised £279.07 FABULOUS GARLINGE!





Year 6 Skip To Be Fit Event – Ramsgate Sports Centre

Recently, Garlinge Primary School was invited to attend the Skip 2B Fit Challenge. An excited group of Year 6 children attended this active afternoon at Ramsgate Sports Centre alongside many other schools from Thanet. The afternoon was great fun, with all children skipping their best for a timed two minutes, whilst enjoying the up-beat music. All of the children worked hard as a team to represent Garlinge and everybody improved their scores throughout the afternoon, all deserving to be congratulated. Pupils returned to school with their own skipping rope and will now be able to keep on practising to improve their score whilst keeping fit! All pupils were a credit to the school and to Year 6, well done Garlinge!



Garlinge Primary School and Nursery working with UNICEF

Our school has been very busy working on a new project with UNICEF focussing on rights and responsibilities. We, as a school, are very excited to be starting our journey with the Rights Respecting Schools Award and there will be more news to follow. If you would like to look at the work that UNICEF RRSA does and what it is all about, please take a look at the link below <http://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/>

Festival of Song

A total of 15 choir members from Years 5 and 6 took part in the Festival of Song at the Winter Gardens on Tuesday 15th March. They joined choirs from 16 other Thanet primary schools and sang a selection of songs from 'Oliver' and 'Matilda'.

Year 4 Trip to Museum of Kent Life



On Tuesday 8th March, Year 4 enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Museum of Kent Life in Maidstone for a Roman Day. They all dressed up and took part in a variety of workshops to reinforce their learning about Romans and their way of life. The children got the opportunity to make leather amulets and learned how to fight as a Roman soldier. Everyone was excited to meet Boudicca and she taught the children many tips on how to scare the Romans. An exciting day was had by all.

Year 4 Easter Assembly

This term the children and staff of Year 4 have worked hard to prepare an Easter assembly; Easter Children. The children thoroughly enjoyed all the preparations and took their roles within the play seriously. Despite some nerves, the children did a wonderful job during all four performances and all who watched the play were impressed with their enthusiasm, lovely clear voices and beautiful

singing. Huge thanks to all staff involved in the performances and to the parents who have supported their children with learning lines and songs.

Also, a very big thank you and well done to all the Year 4 children.



Thanet Primary Schools Cross Country

On Saturday 27th February a team of Garlinge children took part in the Thanet Primary Schools Cross Country at Quex Park. This was the second of two annual events and was once again a great success. We had one of our largest teams taking part with most of them from Year 4. All the children taking part did very well and everyone completed the course winning a well-deserved medal. Thank you to everyone who supported this event and all the children who were a credit to the school. All results and pictures are on the Thanet AC website.



Inter- School Boccia Festival

On Thursday 17th March the children from our school Inclusive Club took part in a Boccia competition against Foreland and Laleham Schools. The children have worked hard towards this event which they thoroughly enjoyed. Everyone received a certificate and a trophy kindly donated by Laleham Gap School, was presented to the winners, The Foreland School.

Thank you to everyone, especially Mrs Taylor who was involved in organising this event and hopefully we will be able to make this the first of many.

Stagecoach Bus Company Presentation for Year 6 Children and Parents

On Thursday 21st April there will be a presentation by Stagecoach to explain everything your child needs to know about using the buses to travel to and from secondary school. This will include information on Freedom Passes, timetabling, bullying and citizenship. A letter with more details will be sent to Year 6 parents on the first day back of the new term.

Reminders

Please keep collecting the **Sainsbury Active Kids** vouchers.

Team Shirts - If anyone still has a school team polo shirt please could they make sure they are returned before the end of term.

Scooters/Bikes - We have received quite a few complaints from parents regarding children riding scooters/bikes whilst in the school playground. Due to health and safety risks to pupils and others this is not permitted. Therefore can we please ask you to ensure your child does not use these until they have left the school premises.

Thank you

Dates for your Diary 2016- (23/03/2016)

Wednesday 23 rd March 2016	Parents Evening
Thursday 24 th March 2016	Last day of term
Friday 25 th March 2016	Good Friday – School closed
Monday 28 th March 2016	Easter Monday – School closed
Tuesday 29 th March – Friday 8 th April 2016	Term break
Monday 11 th April 2016	INSET – School closed
Tuesday 12 th April 2016	Return to school
Wednesday 13 th April 2016	KS2 SATS Information Evening – 5:30pm
Monday 2 nd May 2016	Bank Holiday – School closed
Monday 9 th – Thursday 12 th May 2016	Key Stage 2 SATs
Wednesday 18 th May 2016	Gaveston Hall Year 6 Residential Visit Parents Meeting 5:30pm
Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June 2016	Term Break
Wednesday 1 st June 2016	Kent Tests 11+ Registration Opens
Monday 6 th - Friday 10 th June 2016	Year 6 Gaveston Hall Residential Visit /Activity Week
Saturday 16 th July 2016	Summer Fair
Thursday 21 st July 2016	Last day of term – Normal finish time
Friday 22 nd July 2016	INSET – School Closed

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