



Garlinge Primary School and Nursery Newsletter "Inclusion at our Heart"



April 2022

Message from the Executive Headteacher, Mr J Williams

The year continues to speed by and as we head into April, with the lighter evenings and hopefully warmer temperatures, I hope that you are all remaining healthy and looking forward to a little more normality. As you will see from this newsletter, as usual there has been a lot going on at Garlinge over the past term.

Once again, our sporting skills have been on display and we have seen pupils represent Garlinge brilliantly in hockey, rugby, cross-country, netball, and squash, reaching the finals of several of these events. Well done to all involved! We have also achieved the very prestigious Artsmark Gold Award, more of which you will be able to read later in this newsletter.

I would also like to thank all staff and pupils at Garlinge. It is just over two years since we started the first of the lockdowns, with little idea how long it would last or what the impact on our lives would be. We now know, of course, the huge difference that the pandemic has made to everybody, but despite all of the challenges faced, I have been amazed by the flexibility, the resilience and the sheer hard work of our school community, which is a credit to all of those who are a part of it. I wish you all an enjoyable Easter break and look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on **Wednesday 20th April 2022**.

Message from the Heads of School, Mr S Cope and Mrs A Northrop

Once again, we have had a very eventful and exciting term involving a range of activities across the school. You may have seen some of these in the media with many news articles over the last term sharing how busy we have been.

It has been wonderful to see children venturing off site to visit places of interest linked to their curriculum learning. Year 4 had a very successful visit to Lullingstone Villa where they learnt about Roman life and had the opportunity to interact with real-life artefacts, Year 6 developed a range of life skills linked to their transition to secondary school at the Safety in Action event at Dreamland and Year 6 also attended 'Easter Cracked' at St James' Church, Margate. We look forward to hearing about all of the exciting trips that teachers have planned in Term 5 and 6.

We hope you enjoyed receiving your child's school report last week. We certainly enjoyed reading about your child's progress and positive attitudes towards their learning. It is encouraging to see so many children taking part in all of the wider opportunities that are provided both inside and outside of the school day. The buzz at parents evening is always a pleasure to be part of and it was lovely to see you all.

We continue to be amazed by the generosity of our children and families having held two enjoyable fund-raising events this term. On Friday 18th March we raised a total of £504.10 for Red Nose Day and on Friday 25th March we raised a total of £506.87 for Brain Tumour Research. Thank you very much for your support of these worthy causes and we know that your donations will be gratefully received.

Year 4 produced a brilliant performance of 'E A S T E R spells Easter' where children sang, danced and celebrated the Easter Story. Well done to all the children and staff involved.

Finally, we would like to wish you all relaxing and restful holiday and have a very 'Happy Easter'.



Garlinge Primary School and Nursery receives prestigious Artsmark Award

Brilliant News! Pupils and staff at Garlinge Primary School and Nursery are celebrating after receiving a prestigious Artsmark Award in a momentous year for the programme, as it celebrates 20 years of arts, culture and creativity in schools.



**Artsmark
Gold Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

The Artsmark Award is the only creative quality standard for schools and education settings, accredited by Arts Council England. They will support us to develop and celebrate our commitment to arts and cultural education. Artsmark ensures every young person can be creative and access a diverse, high-quality cultural education. In order to achieve their Artsmark Award, our school had to develop their arts and culture provision to embed a broad and ambitious curriculum. This was achieved by creating an overall plan that was committed to and delivered across the whole school.



Year 6 pupils proudly holding the Gold Artsmark Award



Pupils admire our creative displays

World Book Day March 2022

Garlinge Primary School and Nursery was filled with a range of different story characters as they celebrated World Book Day 2022 on Thursday 3rd March.



Children across the school took part in a number of fun and inspiring activities aimed at promoting a love of reading. This included children dressing up as their favourite book characters, paired reading between older and younger classes, class quizzes and artistic paintings of their favourite stories or characters. Children in Early Years and KS1 also had the exciting opportunity to meet a local author, Paul Deslandes, writer of *The Garden Monster*, who shared his fictional story with the children and talked to them about what life is like to be a children's author. "It has been an absolute pleasure to visit Garlinge and to see the children in their wonderful costumes on World Book Day. I loved sharing my book with the children and they thoroughly enjoyed becoming illustrators themselves. Thank you to Garlinge for being so welcoming and I look forward to coming back again in the future".

Eco News

The Eco Warriors have had a very busy year so far, taking part in the Big School's Bird Watch and the first What's Under Your Feet? Dig in October. We are looking forward to undertaking our second dig very soon to see what invertebrates are in our soil and sending our findings off for the British Trust for Ornithology scientists to explore!

We are also taking big steps to gain our Bronze Eco Award so watch this space!

You can find more information on our dig here: <https://jointhepod.org/campaigns/campaign/51>



Wellbeing Workshops

Garlinge Primary School and Nursery were delighted to host a series of well-being workshops for all classes in Year 1 to Year 6, during the week commencing Tuesday 22nd to Monday 28th February. These were enjoyed by all and were a fantastic opportunity for pupils to actively learn well-being methods and mindfulness.

The sessions were facilitated by 'Open View Education', specialists in children's well-being and were organised in conjunction with the PSHE curriculum and 'Children's Mental Health Awareness Week'. Every class had the opportunity to practise a variety of personal and team mindfulness activities which were thoroughly enjoyed by children and adults alike. The workshops in KS1 included drama, performance, puppetry and storytelling. In KS2, children learnt simple self-care techniques, helping them to build resilience and boost their well-being.



Red Nose Day

A **HUGE THANK YOU** and big well done for Red Nose Day, on Friday 18th March, we raised a fabulous **£504.10**.



Year 4 trip to Lullingstone Roman Villa

On Monday 7th and Friday 11th March, Year 4 visited Lullingstone Roman Villa to enjoy a day of fun and hands on learning linked to their Roman Britain history topic. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to engage in various exciting activities throughout the day and learn about life in Roman Britain. Expert historians delivered a fantastic workshop to the children and guided them around the villa, showing them a range of interesting artefacts. They even got to be archaeologists and had great fun trying to solve a range of historical puzzles. All of the children and adults had a fantastic day and it was lovely for them to be able to be involved in activities and extend their learning from the classroom. The children were a credit to the school with their excellent behaviour and manners and they certainly came away with some great memories.



Kitchen Assistant Vacancy

CH&CO Education, our catering provider, have a vacancy for a Kitchen Assistant at Garlinge Primary School and Nursery.

The vacancy details are as follows:

Monday – Friday (5 days per week)

11:15 - 13:45 (2.5 hours a day) 12.5 hours per week

Term Time Only + 5 days (39 weeks per year)

Hourly rate: Minimum wage (Currently £8.91)

Start Date: ASAP



To request an application form or for further information, please contact either:

- Lisa Wild, Junior Operation Manager, 07795238593
- Maggie Barnes, Kitchen Manager, 01843 296248 (between 08:00 – 11:30)

Dates for your Diary 2022

Friday 1st April - Last Day of Term

Monday 4th – Monday 18th April - **EASTER TERM BREAK**

Tuesday 19th April - **INSET DAY**

Wednesday 20th April – Pupils Return to School
Term 5 Starts

Monday 2nd May - **May Bank Holiday**

Thursday 5th May - Year 3 Wingham Trip (3A & 3B)

Friday 6th May - Young Voices

Monday 9th – Thursday 12th May - Year 6 SATS Tests

Thursday 12th May - Year 3 Wingham Trip (3C & 3D)

Monday 23rd May – Nursery & Reception Sports Day

Tuesday 24th May – Year 1 & Year 2 Sports Day

Wednesday 25th May – Year 3 & Year 4 Sports Day
Year 6 Train Awareness Safety

Thursday 26th May – Year 5 & Year 6 Sports Day

Friday 27th May - Last Day of Term

Monday 30th – Friday 3rd June - **May Half term**

Monday 6th June- Pupils Return to School
Term 6 Starts

Wednesday 8th – Friday 10th June-Year 6 Residential Trip



Happy Easter Break!

