

# Cogenhoe Primary School / Newsletter



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Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2007



I hope you all enjoyed the half term break even if the weather was wet for most of it.

This is, as always, a busy term in school but one we look forward to as we anticipate sunny days.

With this in mind please ensure that the children are protected by supplying hats and sun cream as necessary.

It may also be worth checking that plimsoles still fit as PE will take place outside when possible. Please ensure that you provide PE kit. Thank you.



## **Trips**

The children in year 6 have completed their Statutory Assessment Tests and have enjoyed a residential trip to the Isle of Wight where they studied the geographical features of this area. Mrs Holmes said the whole week was very successful and the children had a wonderful time. Their behaviour was excellent and Mrs Holmes was very proud of them all. Shannan was fascinated looking at the rocks around The Needles. She also enjoyed looking at the habitation when the groups went on walks. Shannan felt they all learnt more seeing it firsthand, rather than learning from pictures in the classroom.

Joe and Thomas both thought the chairlift at Alum Bay was really good, but not everyone remembered to keep a tight hold on their possessions, as they were never

seen again when dropped from a great height!

The boys also found the fossil hunting on the beach very interesting.

Children in year 5 are looking forward to a residential trip to Wales. They will be off on 25<sup>th</sup> June for the week.

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June Class 2 are going to Westlodge Rural Centre for their science work on variations. The children will have the opportunity to look at and talk about a wide range of different animals.

## **Assemblies**

We were very pleased to welcome parents to assemblies. Class 1 were happy to share all the activities they had been doing to aid their understanding of how we and plants and animals grow. On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June Mr Clive Evans will join our Assembly to launch a link with Chemuche School in Bungoma, Kenya.

## **P.E.**

During this term, we have arranged further coaching in cricket for Classes 4 and 5, Children in Year 5 represented our school in a netball competition at Wollaston School where we played other cluster schools and came third.

The children played very well and were excellent in their defensive play. Hotshots Basketball team continue to practise and play in weekend tournaments. Well done to every one of them.

## **Young leaders**

Training for all the children who applied from yr 5 to undertake this will now begin. We look forward to them leading play next year when they will be able to organise small groups and encourage children to play together.

## **New Families**

We are, at present, making arrangements to admit children into school in September. We will be visiting Playgroup and inviting all the children who are joining us in September to visit us in the Summer Term.



## **Transfer Days**

Moving on at the other end of the school, there will be induction days in the coming weeks for our Year 6 children who are moving on to Wollaston, Bishops Stopford, Caroline Chisholm, Moulton, Northampton High School and Northampton School for Boys.



## **Music.**

We are very proud of our musicians.

Many of them have taken exams this term playing their chosen instrument.

Well done to all of them!

We are pleased to be able to offer tuition in recorders, violin, brass and woodwind instruments as well as guitar and drums.

If you are interested in playing an instrument please ask at the office- there are now spaces for you.

We were delighted to receive an electric organ which was kindly donated to us by one of our families.

As you can imagine it will be enjoyed by all the children.



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## School council events

The Council members, led by Mrs O'Connor, are very keen. They have good ideas about how to resolve any problems or difficulties in school. Recently they helped to raise £80 for the Royal Navy Benevolent Fund. At the moment they are planning a sponsored event to raise money for the new wildlife area!

## Repainting in the Playground



We would like to spruce up our outdoor play areas by repainting the wooden equipment. Would any of you be prepared to help on a Saturday morning? Refreshments would be provided in return for your time and effort! If you think you would be able to help please complete the slip at the bottom of the newsletter and return this to school.

## Events

I look forward to seeing many of you at the coffee morning to be held here on July 3<sup>rd</sup> in aid of St.Peter's Church, and School Association events which you will see advertised.



## School Association

We were delighted to receive a donation from the School Association following a request for help with purchasing Musical instruments and ICT equipment.



We have been able to buy some exciting instruments to include mini steel pans, desk bells, boom whackers and tubular bells. The children have already enjoyed using them – Thomas from Class 4 was really impressed with the boom whackers and Claudia in Class 2 enjoyed making different sounds with the new instruments.

The ICT equipment will enable us to further raise standards in this area.

This equipment has been purchased for the control side of the curriculum. Inputting instructions to make traffic lights work and clowns eyes light up. Also the children will be controlling images on screen which will link to a scaled down fairground ride.

We would like to thank The School Association and all parents and carers who have supported events this year. I will make sure that this equipment is on display at the next event for you to see. Thank you again.

## Lunchtime Supervisors

We have a vacancy for a relief Lunchtime Supervisor who we could call on for emergency cover. This position has the possibility of being made permanent in the future. If there is anyone interested in joining our group of Supervisors, either in a relief or permanent capacity could you please enquire at the office.

## Congratulations.

I am sure you would all like to share with us in extending our congratulations to Mr & Mrs Partridge-Underwood who have been appointed Mayor and Mayoress of the Borough of Wellingborough. A very busy year lies ahead for them both. We look forward to welcoming them both into school in their official roles to talk to the children.

## Village News site

Thank you to Mrs Smith who is now putting this newsletter on the village news site should you lose your copy. The website address is:

[www.cogenhoe.info](http://www.cogenhoe.info)

## Future dates.

**21<sup>st</sup> June** - Class 2 to Westlodge Rural Centre

**22<sup>nd</sup> June** - Bungoma link Assembly

**23<sup>rd</sup> June** - Church fete where children will be maypole dancing, and we will be contributing to the flower display in church - Our school then and now.

**3<sup>rd</sup> July** - Church Coffee morning

**12<sup>th</sup> July** - New intake evening

**13<sup>th</sup> July** - Summer Barbecue 6 - 8 pm

**17<sup>th</sup> July** - Sports Day

**18<sup>th</sup> July** - Awards evening and Yr. 6 disco

**19<sup>th</sup> July** - Yr 6 cluster disco evening held at Little Houghton school

Reports will be out later this month.

Leavers Assembly to be notified.

Best wishes

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I would like to help with the repainting of outdoor wooden equipment.

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