

# Cogenhoe Primary School / Newsletter



Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2008

## Happy Holidays



I hope you had a lovely Easter weekend with your families. The children had lots of stories to share about the fun times they had ☺

## Feedback from Parents' Questionnaire

Thank you for your responses to the questionnaire sent out earlier this term. We received 43 completed forms.

100% agree or strongly agree that the school has high expectations of staff and pupils.

90% agree or strongly agree that someone will listen to their concerns.

95% agree or strongly agree that most pupils have a positive attitude to the school and want to do well.

A few additional comments were:

*"The school, staff and children are wonderful; please keep up the good work."*

*"The car park needs improving" (see Travel Plan section).*

*"I feel the school could be made more secure eg. extra security fencing."*

The responsibility for security fencing actually lies with the Local Authority, and we are not deemed to be a high priority school. Quotes to have the work undertaken ourselves have been taken, but they are very expensive.

*"More notice for meetings and events would be appreciated."*

*"Letters are often sent out at the last minute, this can make it very difficult to provide items needed or attend special events."*

These comments have been noted and will be acted upon.

We value your comments and opinions and look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you.

## Cambridge University here we come!

The second day of our collaborative Enriching Maths Project with Earls Barton and Little Harrowden Upper Key Stage 2 children took place last week. An inspiring and interactive lecture at Cambridge Mathematical Sciences College was thoroughly enjoyed.

As one Year 6 pupil told me, "I want to come here, it's brilliant!"



We were then invited to tour the roof of the college- an amazing piece of architecture built in 2000. Stephen Hawkins has his office there.

## Bikeability



18 children from Year 6 have decided to participate in the new Bikeability scheme run by the County Council. They will be trained by 2 Accredited Cycle instructors in 4 sessions. The scheme gives the children the essential skills to be confident and safe when using their bikes on the roads.

## Ancient Greeks

On 2<sup>nd</sup> April the children in Class 4 went to Luton Museum who have loaned some real ancient Greek artefacts from the British Museum. Following on from this visit the children enjoyed the next day dressed as Greeks, performing Greek plays, tasting Greek food and taking part in Olympic Games.



## Action Research

We are working with a student for the University of Leicester to analyse the impact of the media on children. This is an interesting study and we value the involvement of families in year 3 and 6 who have had a separate letter. Outcomes of the study, across several schools and counties, will be shared with you.

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## Travel Plan

Thank you once again for your involvement in the School Travel Plan. Your comments and contributions have formulated a final plan which has been submitted to the Local Authority for consideration. If the plan is accepted, the school will benefit from funding to support our objectives.



One major goal is to provide secure bike racks to enable more cycling to school- over 50% of children stated this as their preferred method of transport. The issue of the car park has been debated at length with the Village Hall Committee, who own it. The car park does not belong to school. Quotes to improve the surface are being gathered, but this will not be tarmac as the costs are tens of thousands of pounds- a prohibitive amount.

## Whole School Photograph

We had a blustery time gathered outside for our whole school photo. The first in the school's history I am told! Every picture tells a story and this is a lovely memory for the children, families and staff of our school in 2008.

## Grendon Hall

An extremely informative evening was held at Grendon Hall for parents of children in Year 6, sharing their views on helping with homework and supporting their children with their learning in a fun and interesting way.

## Wollaston Maths

Children from year 3 to 6 were invited to join Ashby Cluster schools to enjoy higher level thinking in Maths and ICT this term. The children worked on exciting ICT technology, beating the teachers and parents at quick fire maths and exploring shape and number problems. Charlie from Year 3 said, "Really enjoyable, I loved using the hand held remote controls to give the answer, at the press of a button, to the problems."

## Drugs Awareness

We will be holding a Drugs Awareness session on 1<sup>st</sup> May from 7 pm to 8 pm. Please come along and find out the facts. Do you know what a drug is? Do you know what the illegal ones look like? Please support this and help to keep our children safe.

We will send a reminder out to you after the holidays.

## Dates

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April**- School closes for 2 week holiday

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April**- School reopens for the Summer term

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April**- Bikeability for Y6

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May**- Bikeability for Y6

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May** - Drugs Awareness Evening

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May**- School closed for Bank Holiday

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May**- Bikeability for Y6

**Wb Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May**- SATs week

**Wb Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May**- Y6 Residential trip to Isle of Wight

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**- School Association Fun Night

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**- School closes for half term

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June**- School Association Fathers' Day Stall

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**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June** - Class 1 Assembly

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July**- School Association Stalls at the Football Club Event

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July**- School Association Summer BBQ

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** - Family Fun Day at Grendon Hall (details to follow)

Finally, to remind you that School closes tomorrow, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April, and reopens on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

With kind regards

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