

THE CAVENDISH NEWS

Friday 13th January 2012 Issue 1

SPRING TERM 2012

Dear Parents,

Already this year at school we have been enthusiastically auditing our site and activities in the light of a renewed focus on sustainability which involves really important issues for our children and future generations on this planet. The staff took part in an initial session during their training days at the beginning of term and also pooled ideas of ways we might improve our sustainability. I am sure parents will be interested in joining in and following our progress. We have a new display board going up in the Hall to raise awareness and summarise our actions. Pupils will be discussing relevant issues in circle time and the school council will discuss their findings over the course of this term.

We will also be joining the build up to the Olympics which is gathering pace and preparing special events.

We know technology is moving rapidly and electronic systems frequently replacing traditional ones but at the moment we still require you to ensure that pupils give any valuables into the school office on arrival at school. This includes mobile phones and Kindles for which the school will take no responsibility should they be brought into school and lost or damaged.

We wish Year 6 girls every success in the entrance examinations and interviews they are taking part in at the moment and look forward to when they receive their offers, which should be by the end of February.

This morning's Music assembly was delightful with several children playing 'in public' for the first time. I have been reminded of the wealth of artistic opportunities here whilst assisting Mr Pritchett with our latest Artsmark application. We are hoping to achieve our third Gold award.

Have a very enjoyable weekend!

Teresa Dunbar

Diary

Week commencing 16th January

RE THEME: Going for Goals

COMPOSER OF THE WEEK
FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN



Tuesday 17th January

- ♦ BALLET
- ♦ 19.00 FOC Planning Meeting

Friday 20th January

- ♦ Assembly—Year 1 M

Library News...

A big thank you to sisters **Iris** (1B) and **India** (5). India has donated **Ottoline and the Yellow Cat** by C Riddell to mark her birthday on December 12th. Iris, whose birthday was on January 10th, has donated **The Paper Bag Princess** by R Munsch.

Both these books were selected from the Library Wishlist on Amazon.co.uk. If you would like to mark your child's birthday by donating a book to our Library use the following link to find the wishlist:

<http://www.amazon.co.uk/registrywishlist/3EXXY9WNRIVL7>

Or search wishlist for the 'Cavendish School'

Thank you!

Website of the week

This week...

<http://mashlogin.com/cavendish/>

The Cavendish School has now signed up to be part of "Purple Mash", an online educational site with lots of learning activities. The children from Reception to Year 6 will each be given a Username (do not delete the @g11 part on the login page) and password so they can log on to this site from home if they wish.

(Please note the latest version of Adobe Flash player will need to be installed on the computer they are using)

(Mr Blakey)

La Galette des Rois

To celebrate the Epiphany, it is tradition in France to bake a "Galette Des Rois" which Apolline brought into Year 1 this week.



Since the 14th century, 6th January is the occasion in France to "tirer les rois" (decide who is the king of the day). A porcelain or earthenware figurine (a charm, called "la fève" in French) is placed in a traditional flat cake called "galette" whose round shape symbolises the sun.



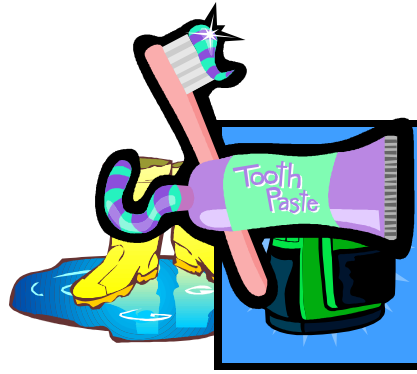
Tradition has it that the youngest member of the class, Daisy, went under the table to distribute the slices to the different people sitting around the class. The person who finds the lucky charm in their slice of 'galette' becomes the king (or queen) of the day. (MB)

Reception classes re-enacted the story of *Roule Galette* this week.

It is similar to the *Gingerbread Man*. The galette is eaten by the fox at the end of the story.

Valérie Nougé





New Year Present from The Cavendish School to the people of Mufindi, Tanzania

Marion Gough, a Trustee of Orphans in the Wild writes: "When I was last there, there was a Bibi afternoon which was amazingly well attended. Several grandmothers hadn't seen each other for years and they came from many villages. Jenny had arranged for me to meet them and give them a present. I knew I had packed about 300 bars of soap and The African Children's Book Box Society had crocheted lots of flannels and dishcloths which hadn't been given out yet, so I gathered about 150 bars of soap and flannels and gave each Bibi a set. You should have seen their faces, and when I left they ululated, which left me in tears! Very moving. We have so much we take for granted it's so special being able to do these things."

If you are able, please will you bring in a new pack of soap, toothbrush and/or toothpaste and leave it in the box in School Reception? I will package it nicely as a present from all of us at The Cavendish School. Thank you!

Thank you so much for all the donations so far received.
We are still collecting:

**Children's clean Black School Shoes
School Back Packs
School Satchels,
White Shirts,
Fleeces, Jumpers, Waterproofs
and Wellies.**



Please leave all donations in the box in School Reception.
There are also two shoeboxes for money donations - the last day
is 26th January 2012.

Many thanks.



For more information about the collection, please contact Mariel Vos at school. For more information about the charity, please contact marion@wildorphans.org or www.wildorphans.org

Or ring: 01386 462 488 or 07759 219 708



ORPHANS in the Wild

Registered Charity 1113719



FOC NEWS

A very warm welcome back on behalf of the FOC. We hope you had a restful break and are looking forward to an action-packed term!

FOC PLANNING MEETING – 17TH JANUARY

The meeting will be held at 7pm in the Dining Room. All parents are welcome to attend. We will be reviewing last term's events and planning the activities for this term. Parenting Consultant Rosemary Lamaison will be joining us to chat about topics that may be of interest to you: for instance, settling your child in to Nursery or helping her prepare for exams. Please come and join in.

CAKE SALE 3RD FEBRUARY

Year 2G will be holding this term's cake sale on Friday 3rd February. Please support it with baked goods (no nuts please!) or simply by breaking those New Year resolutions about going on a diet.

