

THE CAVENDISH NEWS

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SPRING TERM 2012

Dear Parents,

Starting with the most important news of the week—congratulations to Michael and Stacey Blakey, at 11.22 this morning a baby boy, Harris Blakey, weighing 6 pounds and 14 ozs. Mother and baby well!

With the last of the Year 6 entrance examinations now behind us and many girls still coming and going for interviews, some lucky candidates have received offers of places already. More news of these will follow shortly.

It could be another month until all the places have been offered and accepted but then Year 6 girls and their families will be able to relax and enjoy their remaining time at The Cavendish and the many exciting events and opportunities still to come.

There have been some memorable trips out of school this week. Year 2 visited the Little Angel puppet theatre and following this they will be constructing puppets in future workshops.

Year 3 visited the French café La Belle Epoque. Mme Nougé was impressed with the way parents and pupils requested all their orders in French. Reception visited London Zoo and met the Gorilla they adopted as a Christmas present. The Florence Nightingale Museum was the destination for this week's Year 1 outing and again, work they have been covering on this topic was brought to life.

We have bought a subscription for all pupils from Reception to Year 6 to join Mathletics which is an online Maths challenge facility. It allows teachers to allocate teaching material to individuals and classes and pupils to consolidate and improve their maths skills by competing against themselves and other users. The site can be accessed from school or home and parents who are interested in more information should contact the school office.

The Eco committee held a meeting this week to be continued next week and will be presenting a report of their proceedings in a future assembly and Newsletter.

I mentioned to pupils in an assembly this week that two of our PGCE student teachers will be showing Years 1-6 slides from a Nursery in Sierra Leone where one of their tutors has been involved. She has asked her students to see whether the children in their placement schools have any unwanted toys they might like to donate. If your family has any unwanted toys suitable for Nursery aged children, please bring them to the school office.

Have a very enjoyable weekend!

Teresa Dunbar

Diary

Week commencing 30th January

RE THEME: Going for Goals

COMPOSER OF THE WEEK



GEORGES BIZET

Tuesday 31st January

- ◆ BALLET
- ◆ 8.00 Netball Squad

Wednesday 1st February

- ◆ 8.00 Swim Squad
- ◆ Dr Jasmine's Amazing Science Show for KS2

Thursday 2nd February

- ◆ Year 4 to West Stow
- ◆ 8.45 School Council
- ◆ 8.45 ECO Committee
- ◆ 14.30 Year 6 swimming

Friday 3rd February

- ◆ 8.00 Swim Club
- ◆ 8.45 Assembly—Year 2 R
- ◆ Year 3 to the Canal Museum
- ◆ 15.15 Cake Sale—Year 2 G

Chinese New Year



Reception children made a Chinese dragon.



Jeanine's mum came to Nursery and told us the story of Chinese New Year, the year of the dragon. Jeanine wore her beautiful new dress and showed her friends her dragon toy and Chinese calendar.





On Thursday Year 1 visited the Florence Nightingale Museum. The children were excited to meet the “real” Florence and find out all about her life **(MB)**.



Library News

Thanks to **Hannah** in Year 3 for donating two books to the Library to mark her birthday on 19th December. These were taken from the Cavendish Library wishlist on Amazon:

How to Draw Horses by L Smith

The Artists who Painted a Blue Horse by E Carle

The Library also received gifts from former pupil, **Rowan Lennox**, who left the Cavendish in 2004. She selected three books from the wishlist which arrived with the following gift note:

“My passion for learning was stirred by the excellent education I received at the Cavendish. I am now going to Oxford, and would like to recognise the part that the inspirational staff played in this.”

Thank you, Rowan, and good luck with your future studies.

LW



The mums were very happy to get some professional tips from M. Rousseau.

La classe de Year 3 à la La Belle Epoque

On Wednesday morning the Y3 girls visited a French boulangerie-pâtisserie in Newington Green. They ordered food and drinks in French and visited the boulangerie where Monsieur Rousseau explained how he makes his bread. He also told the girls about the hard job of being a baker, working around the clock: “the bakery is the shop that never closes!”

<http://www.belleepoque.co.uk/>

Le boulanger monsieur

Rousseau explained how to make bread to the girls and gave some tips to the mums who came with us.



Caroline: *J'adore les croissants! Miam!*





FOC NEWS

FOC Planning meeting

Many thanks to everyone who attended this lively meeting. Your Reps will be letting you know the information relevant to your class. If you wish to see the minutes or the budget, please contact Carmen Morris-Coulson (Year 3).

Forthcoming Events

Friday 3rd February: Year 2G Cake Sale



Wednesday 29th February: Concert at Frances Holland School (Years 4, 5 and 6).

The refreshments at this lovely event are organised by the parents, so please support your Reps!

Thursday 22nd March: The FOC Spring Event will be a **Barn Dance** and chilli. Tickets will be on sale shortly.

The ever-popular **Second Hand Uniform Sale** will now be taking place after the half term break, but please continue to donate your good quality, unwanted uniforms (we're talking summer clothes now, please!) Donations can be given to Fran Browett or the inimitable Mrs. Jones.

Parents' News

Clarissa Hulse (mother of Angelica in Year 1) is having a huge sale at her studio in Highbury, clearing out silk satins, dupions and crepe, suitable for clothing, scarves and cushions. Plus cushion covers from £5, wallpaper from £15 a roll and lots more products reduced.

For more information see www.clarissahulse.com

Sale on Friday 27th Jan, 8.30am - 8.00pm and Saturday 28th Jan, 10.00am - 6.00pm
At 29 Corsica Street, Highbury, London N5 1JT Tel: 0207 226 7055

A note from the Editor: to list an event of interest to other parents, or to make an announcement in Parents' News, please email me by the preceding Monday at lydia.pendlebury@gmail.com.

App of the week

In another first for FOC News, Sen Atureliya, father of Anouska in Year 3, will be bringing us his picks of fun, educational phone apps to explore with your children over the next few weeks:

Our two children, aged 5 and 7, get a lot of enjoyment out of some of the many free and inexpensive iPhone/Android apps available. Whilst board games have considerably more charm than their electronic equivalents, the latter also have their place. There are no pieces to tidy up afterwards, a good app can keep the children occupied while you're driving, and keep them learning while they're still having fun.



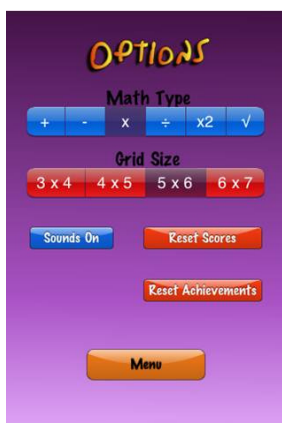
By downloading only those apps which add value, have high feedback ratings (and no annoying music!) you can build a learning ecosystem on your smartphone or tablet.

Whether it's the best way to memorise the numbers on the screen, divide up a number or discuss the plot of a story, the right apps break down educational activities into short, points-motivated challenges that hold children's attention and appeal to their competitive spirit.

Week 1: Math Master

This is one of Anouska's favourites and she spends up to an hour on it at a time. It can be played as a pure arithmetical challenge or as a combined memory game where the answers are hidden after a short interval. The grid size and function (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) can be selected to suit children from Reception up until about year 4.

The app is advertising funded, so free to download. An ad-free version is available for 69p.



Do please let me have any feedback about this app or any suggestions for other educational apps that your children enjoy.

Sen Atureliya

Next week: Chess

