

# What A Busy Term!

Well done to the Gardening Club members who have recently been awarded bronze status as part of the 'blooming schools' initiative. The club is made up of children from the eco committee; they meet each Monday afternoon with Mrs Morgan, a professional gardener parent volunteer. Together the club developed garden areas around the school and are growing lovely plants, flowers, fruit and vegetables, all helping to develop mini-beast and wildlife areas. Thank you to all the hard work and effort from Mrs Morgan.



A big thank you to the Friends of Joy Lane for all of the hard work and effort put in to organising this year's Summer Fair; the day was a huge success and enjoyed by all of those who managed to attend. A record breaking amount of money was raised—over £8000!

The Race For Life this year was enjoyed by all of those who took part; many thanks for all of the sponsorship money raised—this amounted to over £3000!



# Happy Holidays!



# Summer Times

*I am delighted to share you with our latest edition of our 'Term Times'. Miss Lewis has created this magazine so that you can see snippets of all the fun and enjoyment the children have experienced in their learning.*

*This year our Reception children moved into their brand new classrooms and our School community is over 510; we are expecting our new build for an additional six classrooms to start in January 2016. The Governors and I are delighted with the progress that our children have made in their learning, with Staff and children rising to the challenge of the new Curriculum; we are now converting to our new assessment procedure for children's learning – we will be sharing this with you on our return from the summer break.*

*This year we have focussed on building resilience in our children; one of the most important gifts we can offer young children is a positive view of themselves and we will continue to work hard on this as their well-being is as important to us as their academic success. As ever, our excellent Staff have ensured that our children are offered inspiring learning opportunities.*

*I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very healthy, happy summer break and look forward to welcoming you back to Joy Lane on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015.*

*Ms. D. Hines*



## An inspiring visit from the fastest British female 100m sprinter!

During Sports Week the children of Joy Lane were fortunate enough to have the wonderful opportunity to meet Dina Asher-Smith, Britain's fastest female sprinter of all time. Dina kindly came to Joy Lane to share the story of her fantastic sporting achievements to date. The children had the chance to ask questions in a Q&A session with Dina - in which Dina explained how important it is to be dedicated, resilient and work hard to achieve your goals. The children were very excited to see the medals that Dina has won so far in her amazing sporting career.

A huge thank you to Dina Asher-Smith for taking so much time to answer all of the questions from the children of Joy Lane.

## Sporting News

### Splendid Sports

This year has been outstanding for sport at Joy Lane. More children than any previous year have participated in some kind of after school club. We hope this number will increase again for next year.

We have had a record number of teams entered into a variety of tournaments with some teams progressing further than ever before. These have included: Basketball, Cricket, Athletics, Netball, KS1 & KS2 Football, Tag Rugby, Swimming and Wake up and Shake up.



### Tag Rugby

For the first time, Joy Lane entered two teams for the annual Tag Rugby Festival, held at Whitstable Rugby Club. Both teams played some high quality rugby while scoring some fantastic tries. One of Joy Lane's teams qualified for the Kent Rugby Finals through the fair play system, something that has never been achieved by a Joy Lane team!

The Kent Tag Rugby Finals took place in June at Aylesford Rugby Club and consisted of the best tag rugby teams throughout Kent. After losing by a single point in each of our group games, Joy Lane was placed into the bowl competition, a tournament for schools finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in their group. After four amazing victories, Joy Lane won the bowl competition and was presented with the trophy. Huge congratulations to all the children who took part.

### Football

Our football teams did exceptionally well this year, unmatched by any other Joy Lane team before them. The year started by reaching the semi-final of the N-Power children's FA Cup.

This was followed by another semi-final at the annual football competition run by the local sporting network which consisted of 30 schools. The football season came to an end with the top teams from each group progressing into the knockout phase where Joy Lane reached the final but lost in extra time.



The final tournament of the season was held at Joy Lane and was a big success. Both teams representing Joy Lane managed to reach the semi-finals with Joy Lane A team defeating Davington Primary School in the final courtesy of a Dillon Barman goal. What an incredible way to end the season!

I think it's safe to say that Mr Good can keep his job for another year!

## Year 6 Residential - A Recount

### Y6 French Residential Trip:

#### Day 1: Friday

We started our long trek on a coach from Joy Lane with some tearful yet excited farewells. After an hour of travelling on the coach we arrived at Dover docks where we took a ferry across the channel to the chateau. Once we got to France, we left to go to the manor via Nausicca, an awe inspiring and vast aquarium of fish and aquatic animals. Our great expedition in the grand aquarium meant we were able to see sharks, penguins and manta rays which were all amazing in their own bizarre and exotic way. After the wonderful travels of Naussica's expansive underground tunnels, we headed to the chateau where we slept after a very busy day adventuring.

#### Day 2: Saturday

On Saturday morning, we left early to go Rouen. As we approached the cathedral we saw houses that looked like they had been there for centuries. Finally we arrived at Notre Dame, which stands for 'Our Lady'. We then learnt that while the building was tall, it wasn't like that when it was first created. Over decades, people had built a different section to it, we were told to keep quiet as we crept in because people were either praying or paying their respects, so as we walked through we didn't talk or mess around. After, we went to the ossuary and we were told, much to the girls' horror, that underneath us were dead bodies! Then we went to the Joan of Arc cathedral where she was found guilty of being a witch after leading the French to victory against the English and burnt at the stake! Then we went back to the chateau to change for the beach. Next we walked through the country side to get to a very stony beach where we built a stone fort!

#### Day 3: Sunday

Waking up for a very busy and educational day out, we had breakfast and made our lunch before then leaving on an almost two hour journey to the Albert museum. The museum showcased many of the unusual and obscure weapons and equipment used in the trench warfare of WW1. Continuing our long trek, we left to the Devonshire war cemetery of the Somme and then travelled to the great Loch-nagar crater, a colossal ditch in the ground that spanned over 90m in length. Finishing our journey, we went to Beaumont Hamel as well as Thiepval - a massive monument dedicated to the Great War casualties; here Joy Lane left a message to appreciate the sacrifice of our brave men in WW1. Arriving home, we enjoyed steak as well as juicy garlic snails and frogs legs before we had a great disco in the evening.

#### Day 4: Monday

Waking up a little later on Monday, we had a breakfast before going to a different building to practise archery where, yet again, Mrs Harkins got a bull's-eye! Next we continued our trip to the chocolate factory and witnessed the creation of this most precious and tasty of treats. After a little detour to the store to buy a few sugary goods, we left to the Euro Tunnel and took a 40 minute long trip under the ocean to then travel to home.

#### By Ethan S. and Ami M. (Year 6)

The France trip was great because I escaped the country and we went to Rouen where a sweet shop is called Glups and it's got a lot of sweets and going to France was fun. By Ben S. Oysters SRP

I ate frogs legs and snails and I loved the chocolate factory. It had lots of chocolate there. The next day we went to see lots of famous buildings. Then we went to an aquarium. We saw some sharks and clown fish and a jelly fish and a funny looking blob fish. After that we went to the gift shop. I bought one bouncy ball. By Alfie G. Oysters SRP

I liked the chocolate factory. By Adam C. Oysters SRP

# Year 6 Memories of Joy Lane

Joy is an emotion you will you feel at this school  
**O**ver time you will build precious memories  
 You will laugh and cry at leaving such a special place  
**L**ooking back will bring a tear to your eye  
 A vivid image of your times at Joy Lane will be engraved in your mind  
**N**ot a single regret will be left in your head  
 Every pupil will have a place for Joy Lane in their hearts  
 By **Chloe B.**

## Good Bye Joy Lane

Joining with sports and groups,  
 On that day I will remember you all,  
 You have been the best.

Leaving will be hard,  
 All the good times will not be forgotten,  
 Never forget me.  
 Even when I'm gone, I will still be with you.

Points that I will give to the school out of 100 is 400,  
 Rousseau was my last class.  
 In all the time I was here, you were there for me,  
 Maybe I'll come back. Who knows?  
 A long time but it felt like two days,  
 Results show that I will miss this place,  
 Young to old.

Sharing all the time we had,  
 Can't go but I've got to,  
 Honestly, it will never be the same,  
 Only a few weeks left.  
 One or lots of tears will trickle down my cheek,  
 Lots of memories but not enough time.  
 By: Ruby S. Rousseau

Playing with Crystal when I was in year 1. Going out to the old AP playground with bikes and scooters. When I played for the school football team.  
 By Adam C. Oysters SRP

The first time when I joined Joy Lane was in June 2011. One of my best parts at school was 2014 Sports week because we played some games that were fit. I will miss Joy Lane.  
 By Ben S. Oysters SRP

# Sporting Stars

## Cricket

As the football and rugby season came to an end, the cricket season approached. After some excellent training sessions, we were ready and decided to take two teams to the annual tournament consisting of 14 schools. One team, made up of mostly years 5 children, had a tough start but ended up winning their last 3 matches to finish 9<sup>th</sup>. Our second team won every game except one and finished second in the group on their way through to the finals, consisting of four teams. After one win and one loss, we needed a victory in the final game to be crowned champions. Joe Clements required 2 runs from the final ball but was dramatically caught by a diving fielder. What a game! Well done to both teams who took part.



The standard of PE and sport that takes place at Joy Lane improves year on year. This year was no exception. Huge congratulations to all the children who took part in representing the school over the course of the year. I am sure next year we will improve once again.



## **Our most successful period EVER!!**

Having won our section of the Canterbury & District league, winning all 6 matches, scoring 20 and conceding only 5 goals. At the Area finals at UKC we won our semi-final 2-0 versus Swalecliffe and then lost a close final 0-1 against Blean in the final.

This seasons N Power Kids FA Cup saw us reach the local semi-final (we were one game away from playing at Priestfield Stadium - the home of Gillingham FC).

The successful squad are all added to the Legends JLPS football hall of fame:  
 Joe C, Freddie O, Alfie B, Daniel V, Jacob T, Matty S, Dillon B, Jorge K, Harvey K, Owen W.

Frankie Y joined after the season but in time to help Joy Lane A achieve victory in our own hosted tournament. Sam J played also for the A side in this event; a sweet victory over Blean in the final capped a great afternoon.

Player of the Season - Jacob T. Sportsmanship Award - Dillon B. Most Improved Player - Sam J.  
 The future of our school football is strong with significant competition for places, my message to all hopefuls is to play as a team; as a TEAM Together Everyone Achieves More!!  
 Horizon players / ones to watch: Levi T. year 4, Stanley Y. year 4, Josh M. year 3, Charlie B. year 2 and Hayden R. year 1.  
 Have a Super Summer  
 Mr Good, Football Co-ordinator

## Class Activities

### Oyster Bay Nursery

We have had another successful year in the Oyster Bay Nursery with twenty-eight children leaving to start school. We held our annual graduation on Thursday 23rd July to say our fond farewells and celebrate all of their achievements this year. It was lovely to see so many parents, carers and relatives join us and we thank you all for your continued support of the nursery.



### Reception

On Monday 29th July all of Reception went to Wingham Wildlife Park. The children were so happy and excited to go on a coach and see all of the animals. We were lucky enough to have some close encounters and some of us stroked a snake and lizard! The sun shone all day and the children thoroughly enjoyed their picnic lunch and had some time in the play park.



### Year 1

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June, year 1 went to the Rare Breeds Centre in Ashford. We set off on the coach at 9.15. The children were very excited and enjoyed singing songs to make the time pass quickly. Once we arrived we were given our entrance stickers. We started off looking at some of the lovely animals in the children's barn. In the barn we were lucky enough to stroke a rabbit, hens and guinea pigs. Next we walked round to find the new baby piglets, which were quite smelly and the mum was making lots of noise to protect them. We enjoyed having lunch altogether in the picnic area and running off our lunch at the play park. In the afternoon we had the opportunity to visit the butterfly house and go on a walk around the centre to find a variety of plants before it was time to head back to the coach and get back to school to go home. Everybody had a brilliant day and we are very grateful to all our parent helpers who made the trip possible.



### Year 2

We been 'Walking with Dinosaurs' this term! The children became palaeontologists and investigated various dinosaurs and their characteristics. During this exploration we wrote detailed descriptions in Literacy and read texts featuring dinosaurs.

The children have worked very hard in Art/Design Technology, in designing and creating their own dinosaur bones out of clay. Using various tools and techniques we sculpted the clay to create many different parts of a dinosaur skeleton, which we then painted and glazed.

### A visit to the beach, by Ella F, Year 2.

One sunny day we went on a school trip to Herne Bay beach and played in the sand. There were also some exercise things. Suddenly when we were washing our hands it started raining so quickly we went to eat our lunch. I had a sandwich, a packet of raisins, some fruit, a bag of crisps and a cheese string. After that it had stopped raining so we went to a huge park and had so much fun! Then we got an ice cream on the harbour near to a gigantic, curly slide. On the way back we saw lots of shops. Also me, Mr Wilson, Ruby, Oscar, Liene and Nuo Ting played the yes no game until we got back. When we got back my Nan was here and I walked with her and the group until we got to the gate back at school. It was a great day!



## Events at Joy Lane

### Lounge on the Field.

Friday 3rd July saw Joy Lane's first ever music festival, Lounge on the Field. The crowds flocked in armed with picnic blankets, camping chairs and suntan lotion to enjoy two hours of music and food, provided by Ms Lloyd and her catering team.

Hullabaloo opened, complete with their trademark double bass, and warmed up the crowd before Joy Lane's finest musical talent took to the stage, with over 70 children performing.

Hockney Rock and Black and White Headlined; Mrs Godsell led an enthusiastic choir, while Mrs Rawlings oversaw her junk orchestra and groups of singers performing popular chart hits. Mr Rawlings took charge of technical matters, whilst Mrs Godden and Mrs Birkett ensured that back stage and front of house ran smoothly, with the amazing Mrs Crocombe as MC, keeping the crowds amused.

The penultimate act Black and White rocked the crowd with a sensational version of Sweet Child o' Mine, which featured Mr "Axel" Cliff on vocals, Mr "Duff" Williams on bass, the highly-talented Billy on drums and Luca L, sporting a Slash wig, with a perfect rendition on lead guitar, despite sporting a broken collarbone! Thomas E. from year 2 was the youngest child to perform, and James G. from year 4, a guitarist who had only had 20 lessons (well done boys!).

A drum duel between twelve children, led by Mrs Rawlings, rounded up the event, where people could also enjoy iced drinks, seafood paella and burgers and sausages. No doubt in a few years, Lounge on the Field will rival Glastonbury in the music calendar!



On 30<sup>th</sup> April Joy Lane was represented in the Year 5 Mathematics Challenge at Junior Kings School in Canterbury. Joy Lane had three teams who performed superbly and did very well in this challenge comprising of 50 teams. The teams had to stay calm and focussed in a busy environment. They had to read the questions carefully and work out how to solve the answers. Then solve the problem against the clock. Well done Yasmin, Sigurd, Dillon, Adam, Freddie E and Freddie O and thank you for being splendid Mathematical Ambassadors. Mrs Clothier and Miss Bell were very proud to witness such a mature approach to problem solving.

## General News / Outings

### Key Stage 1 Football Tournament

Huge congratulations to all the children who took part in the Key Stage 1 football tournament held at Whitstable Community College. After a wet afternoon, Joy Lane quickly qualified through their group, outscoring all of their opponents. This was followed by wins in the quarter-finals and semi-finals before reaching the final. After full time and extra time, the match was still goalless which meant one thing... penalties.

Unfortunately, Joy Lane lost 3-1 in the penalty shootout but deserved to leave as winners. All the boys who took part in the tournament played with superb team spirit and I'm sure we will see this team representing Joy Lane when they enter Key Stage 2.

Mr Rogers



### Year 6 Science Jamboree, by Thomas D and Daniel V

We went on a science jamboree to Pfizers where we did three fun activities! First we watched a science show on transport and how it has evolved. The introductory show was about transport. We went back in time to see who invented the first engine and how the first type of vehicles were designed.

One of the three activities was coding a bee bot to get to different continents on a map. The second activity was about fireworks and we got to see lots of explosions. Finally, the last activity was about static energy so we had to rub a balloon on our heads and try and pick different things up with static energy. We had a great time learning about new things! I was happy to see lots of people joining in and also excited that we got to go in the new minibus!

May we also thank Douglas Buchanan and Junior Kings for arranging this challenge and an enjoyable tea afterwards – delicious!



### Coastal Art Workshop

As part of the Coastal Art Alliance, eight of our talented pupils were invited to participate in an art workshop at Herne Bay Junior School. The morning was led by Miss Penfold, the art teacher at Herne Bay High School, and assisted by year 11 pupils. Our artists were shown techniques of blending, colour mixing and creating textures based on work created by the artist Kurt Jackson. Their skills were then relayed back to Joy Lane as a starting point for our own school project of 'Coast'. The whole school was inspired by the subject and amazing work has been created. KS2 work is on display in the main hall and the KS1 'aquarium' sculptures and artwork will be used as part of the Oyster Festival in Whitstable.



## Class Activities

### Year 3

The summer term in year 3 started with healthy eating week and its highlight was very much our trip to Pizza Express. On arrival we were greeted by two chefs and the promise that we'd each be making our own pizza. Faced with a ball of dough and expert teachers the children were encouraged to knead, pull and toss their pizzas into shape before adding a ladle of tomato sauce and a good helping of mozzarella cheese to complete the job. Whilst we waited for our pizzas to cook the chefs brought food to our table for us all to taste. New and unusual foods like basil, olives, capers and artichoke were tasted and mostly enjoyed by our adventurous children. Once the pizzas were ready it was time to leave, each child left with their own pizza and the satisfaction of having learnt a new skill. On the way home we stopped on the beach to eat our new creations, the perfect end to a perfect trip.



### Dreamland

Year 3 were lucky enough to be amongst the first to visit the revamped Dreamland theme park in Margate. After having a talk on the history of the park, we travelled by double decker bus to enjoy a day in the sunshine. Exploring the theme park in groups, the children (and adults!) faced their fears, pushed their courage to the limit and screamed and laughed their way through rides such as the Twister, Big Wheel and Caterpillar Rollercoaster. Our tour of the traditional fairground attractions was followed by lunch on the golden sands of Margate and a dig for treasure - the discovery of a mobile phone



buried in the sand caused much excitement! The children behaved beautifully, and it was wonderful to hear their excited accounts of the day on the bus ride home, with sand between our toes and windswept hair.

### Year 4

Hirst and Holbein thoroughly enjoyed a trip to Wildwood on June 17th. A workshop all about how animals adapt and evolve to survive in the wild helped to consolidate our learning about habitats in science. The children got their hands dirty and sticky pretending to be birds with different types of beaks, competing against each other to see who could pick up the most food with their beaks. We then went on a tour around the grounds, observing the variety of animals in their enclosures...we were even lucky enough to catch a glimpse of the new bears!

As part of our **Healthy Eating** unit, year 4 had a very informative visit from the dental hygienist, Sarah Piggot. We were shocked to learn about the hidden sugars that are in some of our favourite drinks and foods; the children chewed a purple disclosing tablet to help see how much plaque is on their teeth and were given advice about how to brush their teeth and gums most effectively to protect their teeth from decay.



## Year 5 Have Been Out and About



### Chatham & Clarendon Grammar School

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of June, year 5 hopped on the train in the direction of Ramsgate. For the second year in a row, we had been invited to spend the day at Chatham Grammar School. The children took part in a range of activities including design and technology, food technology and science where they dug for gold and purified dirty water.

The children had a wonderful day and got the opportunity to experience a day at a secondary school. As always, the children were impeccably behaved and excellent ambassadors to the school.

### French Pen Pals

On 11<sup>th</sup> June, year 5 boarded a coach bright and early for a day trip to see their pen pals in Arras, France. After writing and talking to their pen pals all year, they finally had the chance to visit them in their home town.

A sunny morning was spent exploring the cobbled streets of Arras's historic centre, buying gifts to practise their French and visiting the town's famous belfry with its family of giants.

At the school, we were treated to a delicious, traditional French meal before the children spent time playing and chatting with their pen pals. The day ended with a rather thrilling game of



football that saw England and France draw 1-1!

### Year 5 residential to The Isle of Wight

On March 18th, year 5 pupils set off on an exciting adventure, travelling to The Isle of Wight where they would spend the next four days. Although the trip was originally planned for Ashford, the children thoroughly enjoyed the thrill of crossing The Solent by boat and having the opportunity to visit The Isle of Wight. Throughout the trip, the children were able to experience new activities and challenge themselves like never before. This included Jacob's Ladder, 3G swing, Go Karting, Leap of Faith, Aeroball and not forgetting making their own bed. The children loved the independence given to them which I believe they thrived on.

In the evenings, the children had the opportunity to relax after a long and tiring day. An enjoyable pool party was followed by a cinema night where the children got to unwind with some popcorn and sweets. The last night was the one everyone had been waiting for. It was time for the disco. All the children had brought something special to wear and demonstrated their unique dancing moves showing that Joy Lane is unmatched when it comes to dancing.

Even though all the children pushed themselves in some way, two of my personal highlights were watching Harry M defy all the odds and climb to the top of Leap of Faith and observing Owen W wheel spinning around a corner and outrageously crashing his go kart into the barricade but still continuing to have the biggest smile on his face.

The year 5 residential was full of exciting, memorable and unforgettable tales that I know as teachers we will never forget and I think it's safe to say that the children will never forget. The children were well behaved at all times and showed what a wonderful year group they are!

Mr Rogers



## Outstanding Opportunities

### Year 2 and Year 3

#### Science Event at CCW 24th June 2015 organised by the Science Coastal Alliance.

Mrs G Smith and Mrs L Clothier accompanied 10 lucky 'Ambassadors' from Joy Lane Primary School. They were greeted by the 'whole' Science Team. Children from Joy Lane Primary School were paired up with Whitstable Junior School and had 4 activities to complete over the day:

1. Acids and Alkalis using natural substances as indicators
2. Chromatography to show mixtures can be separated
3. Air pressure can be so strong it crushes a can
4. Electricity produced from lemons/static electricity

At the end of each activity, a set of stickers was given out as an award for completing the task and these stickers were placed in a 'Science Passport' or booklet. All the children were exceptionally well behaved and were delighted to receive their personalised booklet and certificate in the final presentation.

The staff at CCW were extremely helpful and went out of their way to make the whole day an enjoyable experience. Thank you.

Children said, "Science can be clever and fun. I want to be a Scientist!"



**Congratulations!** Dominic in Rodin had the fantastic opportunity to go to the Turner Contemporary Gallery in Margate after winning a competition to attend the finals of the Perfect Packed Lunch awards. His design was a packed lunch based on Rodin's thinker, which he chose as a way of representing his class. He used bread for the body, tomato for the sun and carrots for the sunrays. He went to the Gallery with his mum and brother and was very nervous but excited as he waited for the winners to be announced. He eventually came third overall out of 16 children from different schools.

Dominic said, "I was amazed that I got that far. It was a good experience. I want to try to do more amazing things like this. My picture will be up in the Turner Gallery for everybody to see. I'm happy that I got the opportunity." Well done Dominic!

### Buzzy Bees Champions, by Jake S and Jerin S (Year 6)

Joy Lane Primary School chose four pupils (Jerin S, Jake S, Cleo R, and Sam B) to participate in a Mathematics competition. Two year 6s and two year 2s had to answer a series of questions. The year 6 team came 1<sup>st</sup> out of nine schools in the team champions! Jake also came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the individual contest and Jerin came 3<sup>rd</sup>! Cleo from year two had a massive score of 17 points and Sam had an amazing score of 16, both coming 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in the individual contest out of 17 students. They also came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the team champions.

"I felt really anxious when everything went black apart from the spotlight on me and the person speaking. I also got annoyed because I accidentally rushed and got one wrong so I lost by one little, annoying point." Jake Smith,

"When I saw all the people sitting there, I was worried if I was good enough to actually win and come 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in the team champions. I also got a bit nervous when it took a long time to do the last one whilst everyone was staring at me." Jerin Shaji

