



The Cale Green Journal

Issue 5: December 2023

As we draw to the end of 2023, we reflect on what a great year we have had at Cale Green. Starting in the **spring** term, when we had our amazing Poetry Slam, made some great links with the Stockport restaurant, 'Where the Light Gets in!' and welcomed local author Jane Preece. This was in addition to our choir performing at Stockport County, a group getting active at the Chill Factor and updating some of our indoor and outdoor spaces. In the **summer** we had a super Eid party, celebrated the Coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla and hosted a fantastic Summer Fair. Children across the school performed in the Shakespeare festival on the Lowry theatre stage, took part in a very energetic residential on Anglesey and visited the Houses of Parliament in London. In **autumn**, we launched our very own newspaper, written by pupils, visited the recently reopened Manchester Museum, met an Olympian and as usual, represented school in lots of sporting events across Greater Manchester. These are just some of the events and activities from a busy 2023 – I'm sure you can think of many more opportunities that have enriched your child's school life and curriculum offer that sees them go from strength to

As this half term draws to an end, school would like to wish all the children and their families a magical Christmas filled with joy and laughter. To our dedicated staff, thank you for your tireless efforts throughout the year. We wish you a relaxing and joyful Christmas filled with well-deserved rest and cherished moments with your loved ones.

Our KS2 Choir entertaining guests at Walthew House recently



Early Years Nativity - The Sleepy Shepherd



Most of our Reception and Nursery children performed in their very first Christmas Nativities to launch our performance season earlier in the month and what a terrific job they did too! I know that the children enjoyed performing, dressing up as different characters and singing some beautiful songs.

[Nursery and Reception Admissions](#)

Reception places close on 15th January 2024.

Nursery places close on 31st March 2024.

Key Stage 1 - Barmy Bethlehem!



What an amazing Nativity the children in Cedar, Cherry and Chestnut put on. They entertained us with super acting, amazing singing and even some great dance moves! We were so proud of how they performed so well in front of the other children and their families.

The Fireside Nativity



Our Year 3 / 4 classes put on an absolutely charming 'Fireside Nativity'. The singing and acting were both top class and the confidence they showed performing to a packed-out hall was incredible. This was the first time this age group have taken the lead performing at Christmas time and they did a splendid job! Well done to everybody involved.

Golden Tickets



Across the half term, we have spotted or heard about children learning outside of school, thinking about others, showing kindness or supporting someone in need. Well done to Dexter M, Esme B, Wilson, Jack C, Rosie M, Matthew A and Elisia who were all awarded a Golden Ticket and will get to select a book from the Book Vending Machine before we finish for Christmas. Well done everyone!

PE and Swimming Days

We will always try to keep the same PE kit days for at least half a term but there will always be odd changes to the timetable that are late notice and / or unavoidable but we will always try to alert families via Twitter or email about these.

Maple, Mulberry and Magnolia will have PE on Wednesdays and Fridays

Magnolia and Hazel will be swimming on Tuesdays

Cherry, Chestnut and Cedar will have PE on Mondays and Thursdays.

Hazel, Hawthorn and Holly PE on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Beech and Birch will have PE on Wednesdays.

Key Stage 2 Art Club visit to Stockport Art Gallery



Our Key Stage 2 Art Club visited the Stockport Memorial art Gallery last week. They explored a variety of different artworks and voted for their favourite piece from the 101st Stockport Art Guild. In addition to this, they viewed a Retrospective Exhibition of Joan Bradley, who was a Stockport artist. Everyone really enjoyed their afternoon of art.

Writing Oscars



Congratulations to Usman S, Ivy, Elin, Rosie M, Leo A, Ahmed, Imogen G, Amani, Anshumali, Ahmad, Esme-Belle and Alfie T who have all received Writing Oscars for the progress they have made with their writing during this half term.

Well done writers!

End of Theme 2 Class Visits



A reminder of the end of theme 2 parent and carers' class visits. These will take place in your child's classrooms.

Early Years Monday 22nd January 2.40pm – 3.10pm

Key Stage 1 Tuesday 23rd January 8.50am – 9.20am

Lower Key Stage 2 Wednesday 24th January 8.50 – 9.20am

Upper Key stage 2 Thursday 25th January 8.50 – 9.20am

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 8 th January	Start of spring term
Friday 12 th January	'Great Winter Get-Together' event
Monday 15 th January	Year 3 / 4 after-school football club starts
Friday 19 th January	Cedar class Assembly 9.15am
Monday 22 nd January	Parent Class Visits Early Years 2.40pm
Tuesday 23 rd January	Parent Class Visits KS1 8.50 – 9.20am
Wednesday 24 th January	Parent Class Visits LKS2 8.50 – 9.20am
Thursday 25 th January	Parent Class Visits UKS2 8.50 – 9.20am
	Under 11s Road to Wembley competition
Friday 26 th January	Pre-loved School Uniform Sale
Friday 2 nd February	Hawthorn Class Assembly 9.15am

Christmas Card Winners



Congratulations to Darcey and Amelia A-W who were runners-up in Navendu Mishra's 'Design a Christmas Card' competition. Navendu visited school to present both winners with their lovely prizes all the way from the Houses of Parliament!

Whilst Nav was here, Millie and Lilly interviewed him, so keep your eyes peeled for the next edition of the 'Cale Green Chat!'

The team has some other celebrity interviews lined up in the New Year.



And well done to Rowan F in Birch class who came 3rd place in the Totally Local Company Design a Christmas Card competition. Rowan won some monthly book vouchers and £200 of books for school.



Christmas Sing-Along

Our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Choirs both sounded fantastic when they performed to a packed hall after-school recently. We definitely all filled up with Christmas spirit listening to them singing lots of Christmas Songs and Carols.

A great big 'THANK YOU' to the choir teams: Mrs Powell-Gill, Mrs Walsh and Mrs Buckley for the Key Stage 1 choir and Mrs Lewis, Miss Latimer and Mrs Buckley who all freely give up their time after school.



A big 'thank you' to Mr Ahmed from Bridgehall Post Office who gifted the whole school a Christmas cracker! (Inaaya and Henna's uncle!)

School Uniform



Our next Pre-loved Uniform sale will be on Friday 26th January at 3.15pm. We have lots of uniform, shoes, coats and bags for sale. Families are able to buy uniform from Davensport which is on Bramhall Lane. They stock uniform which has the school's logo on. You are able to go into the shop and check the sizes before buying. *Please make sure you label all of your child's uniform!*

We still have 6 big bags of freshly washed 'lost-property' in school so if your child has lost anything, please come into school and have a rummage!

Year 5 / 6 visits to Stockport Academy and Stockport School



We have some strong partnerships with many of the high schools in the locality and this December our Year 5 / 6 classes were invited to watch a terrific Dance Showcase at Stockport School and a performance of 'Frozen, the Musical' at Stockport Academy. Both shows were great and it was lovely to see some of our ex-pupils on stage and acting as School Ambassadors.

Gold Awards



Congratulations to Alice who completed her Gold Award this month. She chose a book and was awarded it during a Friday Family Assembly. Well done Alice! Lots of children are busy working towards their Emerald Badge too now- I wonder who will be the first to achieve theirs?

Cross-Country Races at Woodbank



All Children in Key Stage 2 are invited to run in the cross-country sessions that are held almost every month from September to February at Woodbank Park. Well done to everybody who ran in the races so far this season. (Make sure you give enough time to park if travelling by car as the car parks can become very busy!)

Match 5 Saturday 20th January 2024 10.30 – 12.30pm

Match 6 Saturday 24th February 2024 10.30 – 12.30pm

Presentation Day

23rd March 2024

Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day



Everybody looked very festive for our Christmas jumper day and we even managed to raise £81 for the charity FareShare at the same time! FareShare are a charity who are fighting hunger and food waste across the whole country.

We also enjoyed an amazing Christmas Dinner. A big 'THANK YOU' to Tina and her team for delicious meals all year round!

Key Stage 2 Choir on tour...



On Tuesday, our Key Stage 2 choir performed for the visitors at Walthew House before they had their Christmas dinner. As ever, they sounded beautiful and absolutely filled the building with Christmas spirit.

We have some exciting events lined up for the spring term, including working with Stockport Youth Orchestra as part of Stockport Town of Culture with Tim Crookes, conductor and composer of Manchester Camerata. So, watch this space...