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Summer Term

Newsletter 10

Friday 26th June 2026

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

At the beginning of the week, **Nursery** made full use of the beautiful, hot weather! We conducted many activities such as; paddling in bubbly, cool water, building dens and shelters, washing babies with sponges and bubbles, and sunbathing in the garden. The children had a fantastic time engaging in the different activities and the activities kept them nice and cool!



This week in **Reception** has been amazing! We have continued to explore our 'Little Red Hen' topic and the children have had lots of fun taking part in a variety of exciting activities linked to the story. We enjoyed retelling the story together, talking about the different characters and discussing the importance of helping others and working as a team. The children also enjoyed a range of creative activities, including arts and crafts, role play and hands-on learning inspired by the story.



The **Year 1** children had a wonderful educational trip to Kew Gardens, where they explored a wide variety of plants from around the world. During their visit to the Princess of Wales Conservatory, the children discovered fascinating tropical and desert plants, observed unusual cacti and orchids, and experienced the different climate zones within the glasshouse. They also took part in an exciting plant workshop. The children became young scientists as they closely examined a daisy using magnifying glasses. They carefully observed the yellow centre of the flower and discovered that it is made up of many tiny individual flowers. By investigating this part of the daisy, they learnt how each tiny flower can produce a seed, helping many new daisies to grow. The children were enthusiastic, curious, and fully engaged throughout the day. Despite the scorching weather, they were exceptionally well behaved and were a real credit to Castlevew School, demonstrating excellent manners, respect, and a positive attitude throughout the trip. Well done children!



This week, **Year 2** have been exploring the exciting world of performance poetry. The children worked collaboratively in groups of five or six to bring the lively 'Hamster, Hamster' poem to life. In groups of six, the class split into two teams: three children performed the friendly hamster stanza, while the other three presented the scary hamster stanza. The children practised carefully, focusing on using expression, tone, and clear voices to reflect the different characters and moods within the poem. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they rehearsed together and supported one another. Each group then performed their poem to the rest of the class, showcasing their creativity, teamwork, and dramatic skills. We were very impressed by their enthusiasm and expressive performances!

"Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence."

- Vince Lombardi



Hamster! Hamster!

We've got a hamster in our class,
as brown as toffees.
He's so sweet, so cute,
with chubby cheeks
for storing nuts and fruit.
He sips from a water bottle
strapped to his cage,
like a little baby!
Awww, he's soooooo cute.
He's got these darling little paws
like a doll's hands,
and a sweet, cute, tiny little tail
like a little piece of spaghetti!
Awwwwww, he is soooooo deliciously cute.

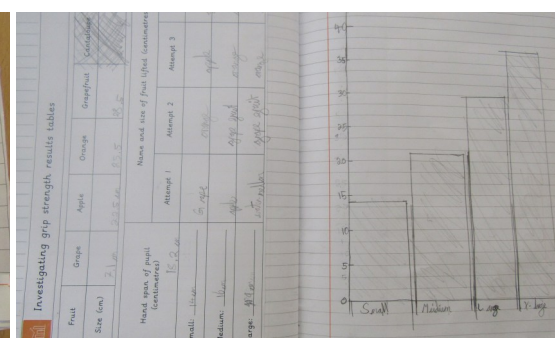
One day I got my finger up to his cage
and he sniffed it with a nose
like a chocolate-chip button
and he... BIT ME!

We've got a hamster in our class,
as brown as a bog.
He is so mean, so horrible,
with fat cheeks
for storing people's fingers.
He sucks at a water bottle
strapped to his cage,
like a greedy cat!
Err, he's soooooo disgusting.
He's got these vicious claws
as terrible as a tiger's,
and a long, wiggly, spiggly tail
as ugly as a snake!
ARRRRR
he is soooooo perfectly horrid.

Year 3 explored grip and friction by testing different types of gloves, including medical, gardening, oven and plastic gloves. They investigated how well each glove helped them hold different fruits such as apples, cherries, watermelon, mango and oranges. The children made predictions, observed carefully and discussed how texture and grip affected friction. It was a very engaging lesson and the children showed lots of curiosity and enthusiasm throughout.

Monday 27th June 2026
Castlevew School Year 3

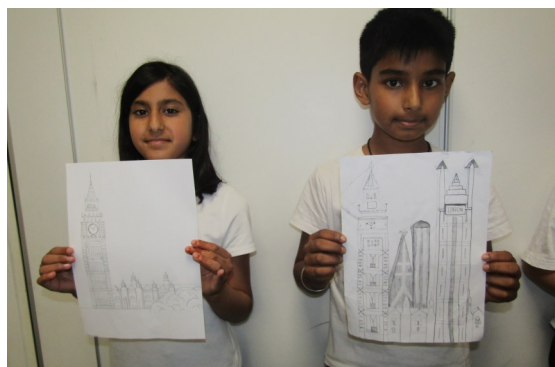
Glove	Name of fruit lifted
No glove	Mango (nice grip)
Medical glove	Apple (not grip)
Rubber glove	Watermelon (slipping grip)
Leather glove	Scorpius (not bad grip)
Wool glove	Apple (cracked slightly)
Oven glove	Watermelon (very bad grip)
Gardening glove	Mango (not grip)



This week in History, **Year 4** explored how life changed after the Anglo-Saxon invasion. Although some children attended the residential trip while others remained in school, all pupils took part in learning about this important period in British history. The children examined the British timeline and discovered how Anglo-Saxon settlements, kingdoms, language and daily life helped shape the country we know today. They also brought their learning to life by creating Anglo-Saxon houses and Sutton Hoo-inspired artwork linked to this fascinating period. Fantastic historical thinking, creativity and discussion from everyone this week!



In **Year 5**, our amazing children have been exploring the world of architecture through sketching and creative design. They observed different buildings, discussed shapes, structures and features. They learnt about perspective and depth and the use of dark and light tones and shades to highlight certain architectural features. By sketching their own ideas, they have developed problem-solving skills and an understanding of how architects plan and design spaces. Well Done!



*"If you can change
your mind, you can
change your life."*

- William James

Year 6 have been putting in fantastic effort as they continue rehearsing for their end-of-year show. Every practice brings noticeable progress, with pupils growing in confidence as they refine their lines, songs, and stage movements. There's a real buzz of excitement as costumes, timing, and teamwork all start to come together. It's clear that their hard work and enthusiasm are building towards a performance they can be truly proud of!



Online Safety



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You will find the Alan Mackenzie updates, on the Parent's page, by clicking the button shown below on our page.

Alan Mackenzie - Our Online Safety Expert!



"Online safety has been a passion of mine for a very long time; I love technology and the huge benefits that can be realised through global connectivity and collaboration... I strongly believe if you educate children using the spaces they engage in, they understand more, they're more enthusiastic, they engage and therefore the likelihood of positive impact is greater."

Alan Mackenzie Updates

This week, Alan shares an important update.

Protecting children and mitigating risk at home doesn't just mean applying a filter and changing a few app settings, it needs a layered approach, and this is where the Internet Matters 'Layering Up for Online Safety' comes in. This helps and guides you to set up devices safely across networks, the devices themselves and the apps alongside regular conversations. There is a downloadable guide which will show you how to layer up in a simple, manageable way. You can find this via our website.

We have uploaded the #WakeUpWednesday features from The National College. Please click below to see the highly useful guides on our website. This guide helps educators spot invoice fraud, from urgent payment requests to altered bank details and suspicious supplier emails. Please visit our website to find out more about the these and other valuable updates!

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"I really think a champion is defined not by their wins but by how they can recover when they fall."

-Serena Williams



Music

On Monday 22nd June a group of year 4, 5 and 6 children from Senior Choir performed in the Hexagon, Reading in a school Singing Showcase entitled 'Our World, Our Voice'. They performed songs that reflect and promote unity and love for all nations on our Earth, including 'Heal the World' as part of a Michael Jackson Medley, 'Don't Stop Believing' by Journey and 'A Little Help from My Friends' by the Beatles. Our Manreet surprised us all with her amazing rapping skills in the Black Eye Peas 'Where is the Love?' and performed with such confidence. All the children made us proud with their great singing and contribution to this wonderful event. It was also wonderful to hear the brilliant arrangements of famous classical pieces by the Slough Youth Orchestra, made up of children from schools around Slough and inspiring for our choir members. Well done all those that took part!



"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time."

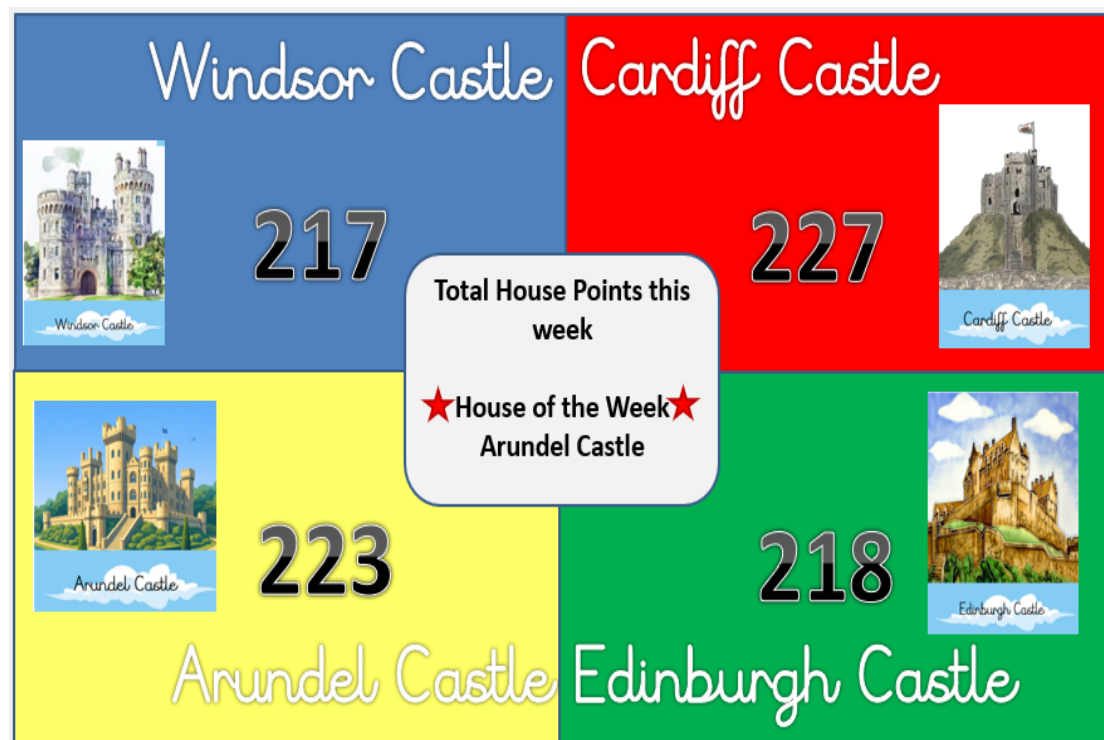
- Thomas Edison

Computing

Last Friday, Dan Warner (Co-creator of Ohbot Robot) along and Liz also from Ohbot, visited Castleview school and ran some coding workshops. During the morning session, the Digital Leader team had fun coding Ohbot to develop Ohbot's personality! They were invited to undertake a series of coding challenges using lists. In the afternoon, Raspberry Pi club were also treated to a similar workshop. An amazing experience for all those children involved. A massive thankyou to the Ohbot team for this incredible opportunity.



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Important Request



Hello!

As Children's Commissioner, I am writing to ask you to ensure all of your children complete my new survey, [The Big Future](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture).

Under the Children Act 2004, it is my role to promote the views and interests of children in England, and I have done this so far by conducting the two largest ever children's surveys: The Big Ask and The Big Ambition.

Now, for the first time, hundreds of thousands of children will be eligible to vote in the next general election, the biggest change to the franchise in half a century. Yet just one in five children say politicians listen to them. That's why I'm launching my final survey, The Big Future.

Your students should complete the survey here:-

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

I want to make sure that I hear from as many children as possible, aged 0-18, from all backgrounds, in all schools and colleges, and in every part of the country. To do that, I need your help.

I am asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. More than anything, I want to know what they think a good childhood should look like today.

I am asking you to share the survey with all the children, parents and carers in your school or college community. Schools and colleges that achieve high participation rates will receive formal recognition for their contribution to amplifying children's voices and encouraging civic engagement, and a summary of their pupils' responses.

To support you to do this, I have created a pack of resources which include an introductory video, a lesson plan, and FAQs, which are available on [my website](#). I would be grateful if you could ensure that every child in your school or college has taken part before the deadline of Friday 23 October.

I will be publishing my findings next year, and they will be used to advocate at the highest level for solutions that children want to see, to the problems that they tell me are most important to them.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Dame Rachel de Souza

Children's Commissioner



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External Achievement

Ved Shreekumar, Jupiter, Year 2 has been awarded the Blue Peter Badge by the BBC in recognition of his enthusiasm for DIY, coding and wildlife. As part of his application, he shared the Newton's cradle he made at home, a poster he created celebrating Sir David Attenborough, and also spoke about his hobbies and interests in cricket and swimming.

He is absolutely thrilled and very proud of this achievement.

His parents would also like to take this opportunity to thank the school, especially Mrs Boubker, for the continued encouragement and support she gives the children. 'We really appreciate the way their interests, creativity and confidence are nurtured, and we feel this has played an important part in Ved's enthusiasm and development'.



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Head Teacher's Message

Despite the unprecedented temperatures this week, we have still managed to enjoy many of the exciting opportunities planned for our children.

Year 1 had a wonderful and informative visit to Kew Gardens, where they enjoyed exploring and learning in a unique environment. Our Ufton Court residential also went ahead successfully, providing children with valuable experiences and memories that will stay with them for years to come. A huge thank you to all the staff who facilitated these events, ensuring the children remained safe, engaged and able to enjoy themselves despite the challenging conditions.

On Monday evening, our choir took to the stage at The Hexagon alongside pupils from other local schools. It was a truly special event and a fantastic opportunity to showcase the incredible talents of our children. We are immensely proud of everyone who took part. A particular well done goes to Manreet in Year 5, who confidently performed a rap solo in front of a large audience. You are all a real credit to yourself and to our school. Thank you to Ms Steele for organising this unique opportunity.

Finally, I would like to thank all parents and carers for your support during this period of hot weather. Your understanding, flexibility and cooperation have been greatly appreciated and have helped us ensure the wellbeing of our entire school community.

Have a great weekend.

Miss Austin



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