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Summer Term

Newsletter 11

Friday 3rd July 2026

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

The highlight in **Nursery** this week was definitely The Basil Farm visit! The children were absolutely amazing with the animals! They listened to and carried out the instructions given by the farmers. We were very lucky to be visited by a donkey, a pony, three baby goats, lambs, ducks, chickens, guinea pigs, rabbits, chicks and a tortoise! The children were given opportunities to feed, pet and stroke each of the animals. The children showed compassion and empathy towards the animals, and their faces were beaming with smiles as they attentively cared for them. Well done, Nursery children, we are extremely proud of your nurturing skills! We hope you have made some wonderful and long-lasting memories of the farm and all the wonderful animals.



This week has been another fantastic week in **Reception**! We have continued exploring our traditional tales topic, focusing on 'Rapunzel'. The children have enjoyed a range of fun activities inspired by the story, including creative crafts, role play and building Rapunzel's tower. The lovely weather meant we were able to spend lots of time learning and exploring outdoors. The children have loved taking their learning outside and making the most of the sunshine.



Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed looking at each other's baby photographs and had great fun guessing who was who. This led to a discussion about whether it is possible to tell a baby's age just by looking at a photograph, helping the children understand that everyone grows and changes at different rates. We explored the idea that although our appearance, bodies and abilities change as we grow, we are still the same person. Working with a partner, the children talked about all the ways they have changed since they were babies, considering changes to their bodies, abilities and personalities. They then shared their ideas with the class before writing ideas about how they have changed since they were babies. The children reflected on how their bodies have grown, how their abilities have developed, and the new skills they have learnt as they have grown older.



This week in English, **Year 2** have been learning all about contractions. We explored how two words can be combined into one shorter word and identified the letters that are removed in the process (and replaced with an apostrophe). The children worked brilliantly in pairs, using their whiteboards to figure out the correct contractions from expanded phrases. They showed great teamwork and reasoning as they discussed their ideas together. To finish, we played a fun "match the contraction" game, which helped to reinforce their understanding in an engaging way. Well done, Year 2, for your fantastic effort and enthusiasm!

*"Act as if what you do
makes a difference. It
does."*

- William James



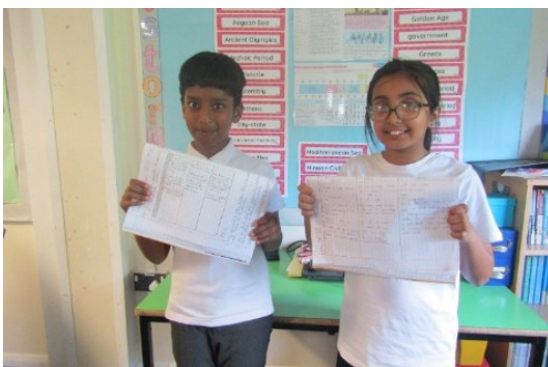
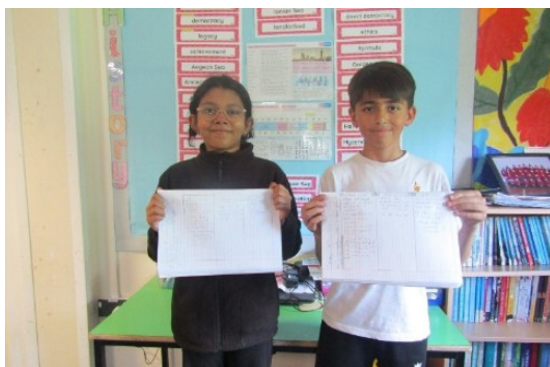
Year 3 have enjoyed a wonderfully creative week in their Art lessons as part of their Ancient Egypt topic. The children have been learning about how the Ancient Egyptians used papyrus to make paper and why it was such an important part of everyday life. Inspired by this ancient technique, the children had a go at creating their own paper by carefully layering strips and using glue to replicate the process. They showed great patience and creativity, producing some fantastic results. The children also put the finishing touches to their Egyptian scrolls, which look absolutely fantastic. We are very proud of their hard work and enthusiasm, and they have loved bringing their history learning to life through art.



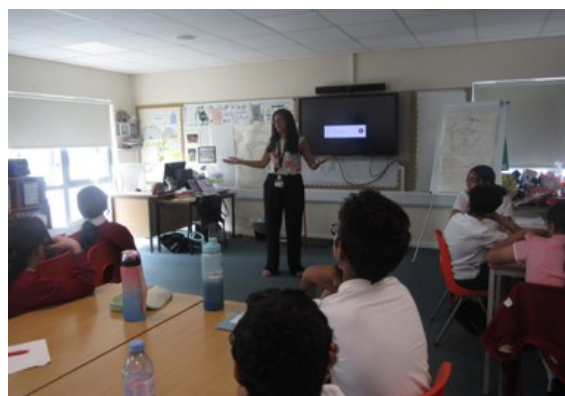
This week in Maths, **Year 4** explored the properties of shapes. The children identified, compared and classified different shapes, using mathematical vocabulary to describe their properties. They enjoyed investigating shapes through practical activities and problem-solving, developing their reasoning skills and confidence. Fantastic mathematical thinking and enthusiasm from everyone this week!



This week in History, **Year 5** have been learning about Ancient Greek civilisation. The children explored where Ancient Greece is located and how its geography influenced the way people lived. They were introduced to key aspects of 'Greek life', including city states such as Athens and Sparta, and how these differed in their values and ways of life. We also looked at Greek achievements, including early democracy, the Olympic Games, and important contributions to art, architecture, and philosophy. Pupils showed great interest in how these ideas still influence our lives today. The class engaged well in discussions and began to understand why Ancient Greece is known as one of the most important early civilisations.



Year 6 were pleased to welcome Guj from SEBDOS, who delivered an engaging session focused on transition to secondary school. She shared helpful advice and practical strategies to support pupils as they prepare for this important next step, helping to build confidence and ease any concerns. The children were actively involved, asking thoughtful questions and discussing their ideas, making it a valuable and reassuring experience for all.



*"Say something
positive and you'll see
something positive."*

- Jim Thompson

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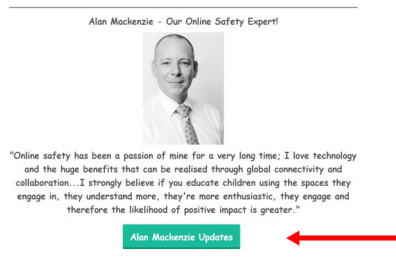


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You will find the Alan Mackenzie updates, on the Parent's page, by clicking the button shown below on our page.



This week, Alan shares three important updates.

5Rights Foundation newest study looks at the so-called 'TikTokisation' of children online, giving a view into what children and young people are experiencing when they are on their devices. Interestingly this study captures minute-by-minute behavioural data directly from their devices which then shows in real time how design features such as infinite scroll, autoplay and algorithmic recommendations shape children's attention, behaviour, sleep and wellbeing. To find out more, visit our website.

The Centre for Young Lives in partnership with Big Tech's Little Victims have released an excellent new report exposing the risk of looksmaxxing covering what it is, how popular it is and much more, including lots of terminology which might prove useful for anyone that has never heard of some of these terms before. To look at the report, please visit our website.

As we're all probably aware by now, the UK government announced a social media ban for under 16's, to come into force from Spring 2027. Whilst many are applauding this, many more are not. Part of the problem is that there are very few hard facts: what does this actually mean in practice, which platforms, what does it mean for families and much more. Internet Matters have put a big article together exploring these questions, which can be found 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 offers practical advice for setting gentle, consistent digital boundaries that support sleep, play and healthy development for under-fives. Please visit our website to find out more about the these and other valuable updates!

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"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."

-Nelson Mandela

Year 3 Learning Showcase

This week, we were delighted to welcome our Year 3 parents into the classrooms to celebrate all the wonderful learning that has taken place this half term. The children were excited to share their learning about the Ancient Egyptians and even treated their parents to a hands-on mummification lesson! Parents had the opportunity to experience the process for themselves by carefully mummifying a tomato, just as the Egyptians prepared bodies thousands of years ago. The children also proudly performed their song about the River Nile and showcased their fantastic artwork, including the beautiful scrolls they had created and the paper they had made themselves. In English, pupils shared their impressive non-chronological reports, demonstrating the knowledge and writing skills they have developed throughout the topic. It was a wonderful afternoon filled with learning, creativity and smiles. Both the children and their parents had a fantastic time, and we would like to thank all those who joined us to celebrate the children's achievements.



"Happiness is not by chance, but by choice."

- Jim Rohn

Castleview Careers Day!

What an absolutely incredible day we had at Castleview for our flagship Careers Day. Our pupils were treated to a morning of unique professional insight and hands-on inspiration. The energy across the school was electric. The focus throughout the day was not on job titles, rather the skills and personal qualities our children could develop so that they excel at whatever they set their heart on in life.

Our children were incredibly inquisitive: thoroughly impressing our guests with their brilliant questions. I am deeply grateful to our five phenomenal volunteer presenters who brought their careers to life for us:

- Mrs Soor, a Senior Planning Manager, who guided students through a hands-on task to redesign our school and neighbourhood for better cyclist, pedestrian, and motorist access.
- Saavan, a professional Magician, who blew the children's minds with incredible tricks that took place right in their hands, whilst teaching them about manual dexterity. @saavmagician
- Mrs Bibra, a Nationwide Bank Manager, who taught vital real-world lessons on money management, saving, budgeting and making smart financial decisions.
- Dr Ismael Khan, owner of the new Berkshire Dental Suite, who helped children understand how different foods affect dental hygiene and how to take excellent care of their teeth. @BerkshireDentalSuite
- Mrs Saund, a Biopharmaceutical Scientist, who explored applied biology by guiding students to construct their very own double-helix models of DNA.

Our pupils left school thoroughly inspired, seeing exactly how the skills they learn today shape their pathways for tomorrow! I am incredibly proud of how our school community came together for the benefit of the children and their futures.

Mr Tamimi



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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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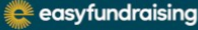


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Head Teacher's Award

Aiyla, Pluto, Reception, was awarded the Headteacher's Award for her amazing independent writing! She has worked incredibly hard to achieve this, and we are extremely proud of her fantastic achievement. Congratulations to Aiyla. Well done, Aiyla!



Message from the Head Teacher

The temperature looks to be creeping up again next week, Children can wear their PE kits for the foreseeable (with the exception of trips). We will monitor the situation closely as we go on.

Year 3 had a fantastic trip to Bray Lake Water Sports! The children took part in kayaking, sailing and standup paddle boarding! A huge thank you to all the staff who facilitated the trip, ensuring the children remained safe, engaged and able to enjoy themselves.

Miss Austin



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Star of the Week Awards

This proud Stars of the Week are: Arvin (Saturn), Hamdan (Mercury), Arun (Jupiter), Daanish (Neptune), Aradhana (Andromeda), Savi (Orion), Avleen (Pegasus), M. Zayed (Scorpius), Dev (Copernicus), Asees (Couper), Alex (Galileo), Zain (Herschel)

Stars of the Week



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House Announcements

Windsor Castle



281

Cardiff Castle



111

Total House Points this week

★ House of the Week ★
Arundel Castle



238

Arundel Castle



15

Edinburgh Castle



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Attendance Matters at Castleview

Every week, each class has a race to who can get to 100% attendance and receive the Attendance Trophy and a MUFTI day.

Attendance Race Winners this week are:-

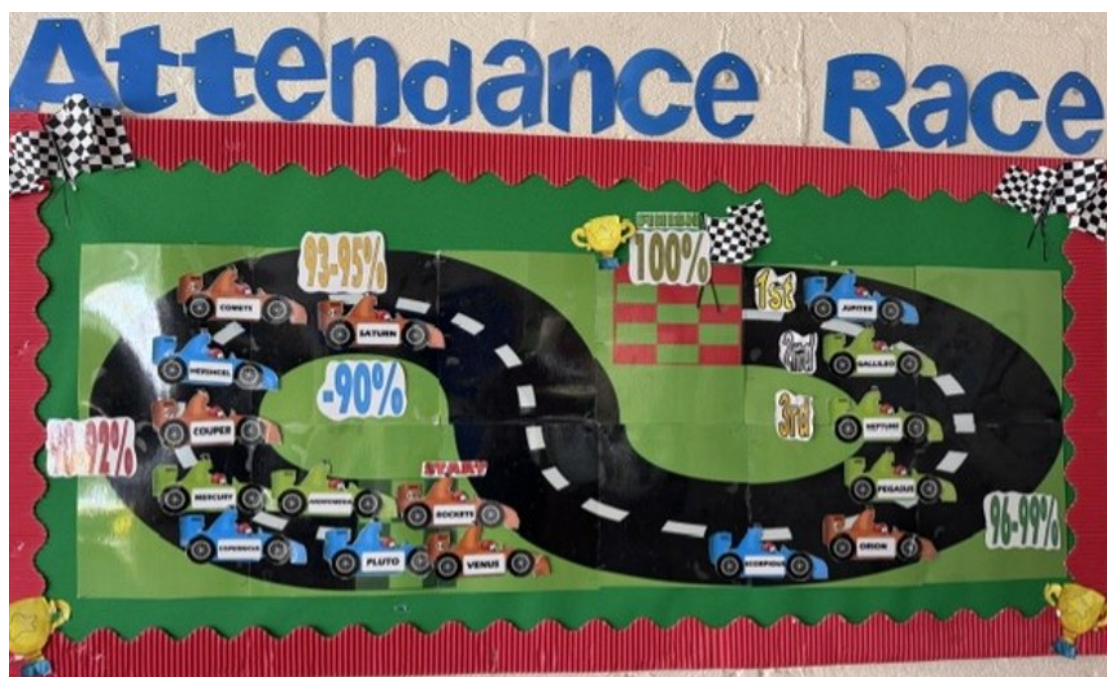
1st Place - Jupiter with 99.3%

2nd Place - Galileo with 98.8%

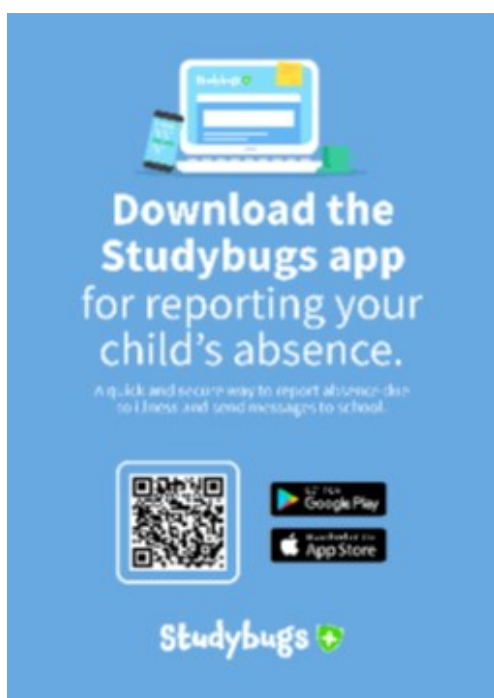
3rd Place - Mercury with 98.6%

Whole school attendance 94.6%, we need to improve this further!

Attendance is low this week, keep coming to school everyday and your class may also get 100 attendance and win the 🏆!



We are using a new school app called 'Studybugs', please download this app to report any absences for your child.



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Dates for your Diary



We would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** again to Councillor Subhash Mohindra for allowing us to advertise the school fair by putting a banner on his gate!

We would also like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to Mr Kapoor for taking the time to create the banner for the school gate and supporting the school Summer Fair. We really appreciate your time, effort and generosity.

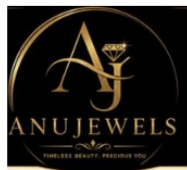
Also a big shout out to all the staff and community members who have allowed advertising the fair courtesy of Oakwoods!

Please make sure you attend the fair and support our fundraising!

Thank you to all the vendors, sponsors and advertisers for your support!

We look forward to welcoming you all to the school next week!

If you would still like to book a place for your stall, please email pta@castlevviewprimaryschool.co.uk



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Ages 4 - 12 years old

Football and GK camps

CAMP 4 - 12TH AUGUST - 14TH AUGUST

Ages 4 - 12 years old

Football and GK camps

CAMP 5 - 19TH AUGUST - 20TH AUGUST

Ages 4 - 12 years old

Football and GK camps

CAMP 6 - 24TH AUGUST - 26TH AUGUST

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