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Summer Term

Newsletter 12

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

The children have been working hard on their pencil grip and pencil control in **Nursery** this week. They either independently wrote their name, or they traced around the letters of their name and then copied these letters underneath. All children showed evidence of good pencil control and letter formation. Well done, Nursery children, we are extremely proud of your writing and mark-making skills!



This week has been another amazing week in **Reception**! We have made the most of the lovely weather by spending lots of time learning and exploring outdoors. As we approach the summer holidays, we have chosen to explore a topic based on the children's interests - Space. The children have been full of excitement and curiosity as they learnt about planets, stars and astronauts



Year 1 were introduced to the poem 'Queue for the Zoo' and explored its structure and language features before creating their own versions. They began by choosing the animals they wanted to include in their poems and then selected a wide range of carefully chosen verbs that matched each animal's actions and characteristics. Once they had written and illustrated their poems, the children confidently performed their work to the class, using clear voices and expression to bring their poems to life.



This term, **Year 2** became young scientists as they investigated which materials are best for making plant pots. The children tested a variety of materials by constructing their own plant pots and observing how well they held their shape and supported a plant. They carefully compared their results, discussed their findings, and drew conclusions about which materials were most suitable. The class showed excellent teamwork, enquiry skills, and scientific thinking throughout the investigation.



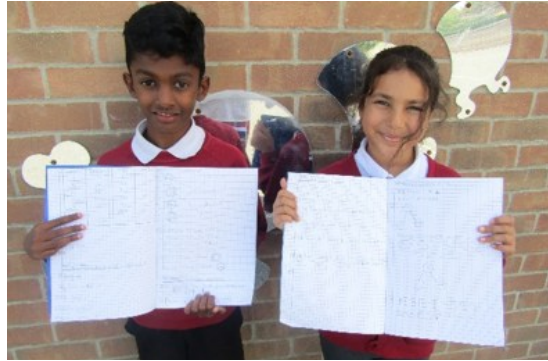
*"Act as if what you do
makes a difference. It
does."*

- William James

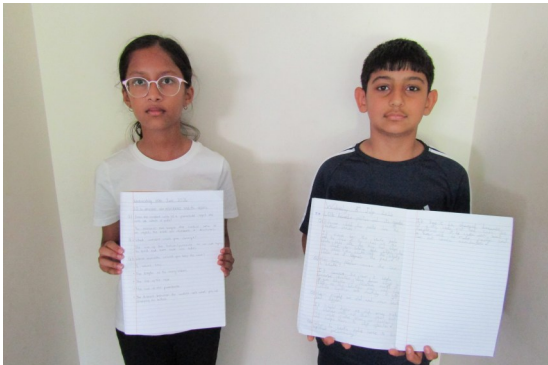
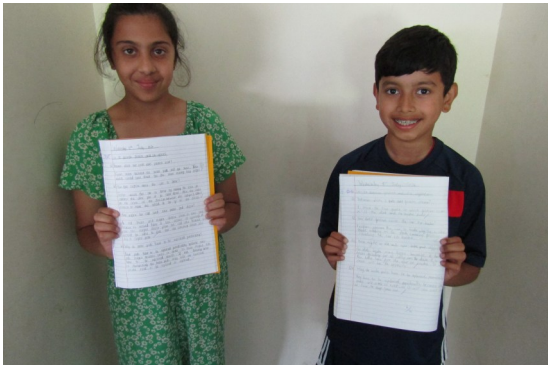
In RE this week, **Year 3** explored how fire and candles are used in the Jewish faith to remember important people, events and beliefs. The children learnt about the Ner Tamid (eternal light), the Hanukkah candles, and the Yahrzeit candle, discovering how each flame symbolises remembrance, hope and connection. They enjoyed creating their own symbolic candles, decorated with words and images representing something special they would like to remember. It was a thoughtful lesson that encouraged children to reflect on how symbols can help us honour memories and celebrate what matters most to us.



This week in English, **Year 4** began exploring the wonderful poems of Valerie Bloom. The children discovered that many of her poems are written in Patois, a dialect often spoken in Jamaica, and discussed how poetry allows us to hear different voices, celebrate diverse cultures and share stories from around the world. They enjoyed reading, listening to and discussing her poems, developing their appreciation of language and rhythm.



This week in Science, **Year 5** have been learning all about friction and how it affects our everyday lives. We explored how friction is a force that acts between two surfaces and can either help or hinder movement. Through exciting investigations, we tested different materials to discover which created the most and least friction. We also discussed real-life examples, such as how friction helps us walk safely, stop our bikes, and grip objects. The children enjoyed making predictions, carrying out fair tests, and explaining their results using scientific vocabulary. Well done, Year 5, for your fantastic scientific thinking and enthusiasm!



This week, **Year 6** enjoyed reflecting on their favourite memories from Castleview School, writing about special friendships, exciting experiences, and proud achievements. They also created inspiring posters about their future aspirations, showcasing their dreams and goals as they prepare for the next stage of their journey. This thoughtful activity gave the children an opportunity to celebrate how far they have come and look forward with confidence to the future.



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

- Jim Thompson

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Alan Mackenzie - Our Online Safety Expert!



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Alan Mackenzie Updates

This week, Alan shares three important updates.

Roblox, the most popular game in the world, has been making some pretty big changes over the last few months. Midway through June they announced their new age-based Kids and Select accounts where children are being automatically placed into more specific age categories. Then, over the last few days, Roblox has announced big new changes to in-game reporting tools. To find the link to the update, please visit our website.

Techno-tantrums - what every parent dreads when asking their child to end a game or activity. Many online activities that children enjoy, such as games, YouTube and (in particular) social media are designed to be engaging, persuasive and grab attention and this is what often makes it particularly frustrating. Please find the article on our website for options to consider.

AskAboutGames has always been an incredibly useful resource for parents with lots of advice and guidance for parents in relation to children and gaming. Recently they have released two new resources. You can find the links to the resources 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



BERKSHIRE School Games

On Wednesday, some very ecstatic and determined Year 3 and Year 4 children represented Castleview School in the Berkshire School Games at the Braywick Leisure Centre in Maidenhead! All the children showed courage and perseverance as they took part in the main Cricket Skills event and also other physical activities such as; roundnet, speed stacking, archery and Finnish skittles. The day provided an exciting opportunity for the children to develop and enhance their cricket, physical and teamwork abilities.

It was amazing to see the children challenge themselves and grow in confidence within each activity throughout the day. Each and every child portrayed the Castleview School values for themselves, towards other children in the group and towards other children from different schools. Our Castleview superstars left the venue with a great sense of achievement, self-satisfaction, a great boost of confidence, a medal and a memorabilia t-shirt. Well done Castleview children - you have made yourselves and us, as a school, feel very proud!



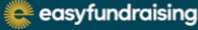
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- Jim Rohn

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Head Teacher's Award

Mehtaab, Aarav, Riaan, Ismail and Musa, Couper, Year 5, were awarded the Headteacher's Award for their incredible attitudes towards writing. This half-term, the boys have produced multiple books in their own time on themes such as, World Cup and Cambridge United (Mr Macgills favourite football team). A big well done to other children that have shown extra writing this half-term from Couper class. It's great to see so many budding writers in Year 5



Message from the Head Teacher

The start of the week saw our children meeting their new teachers for September. The buzz around the school was incredible, and it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces and hear the excitement as children began looking ahead to the next academic year. I spoke to several children afterwards and loved hearing their enthusiasm about their new classes, teachers and the opportunities that lie ahead.

Ahead of the Summer Fair, I would like to say a huge thank you to our fantastic PTA, who have gone above and beyond to organise what promises to be an incredible event. Not only have they had the challenge of planning around the hot weather, but they have also spent countless hours liaising with external companies, coordinating volunteers, sourcing prizes, arranging stalls and ensuring everything is in place for a fun-filled afternoon. Their commitment, enthusiasm and dedication to our school community are truly appreciated, and events like this simply would not be possible without them.

I would also like to thank all of the parents and staff who have volunteered their time to help before, during and after the fair. Your support makes such a difference and is a wonderful example of our school community working together to create memorable experiences for our children.

We also had our Sensory Day this week, which was a wonderful opportunity to bring staff, children and parents together in fun, sensory based activities. A huge thank you to the SEND Team for organising such a wonderful event for everyone to enjoy.



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Star of the Week Awards

This proud Stars of the Week are: Ariyana (Saturn), Annabeth (Mercury), Geraldine (Jupiter), Jovan (Neptune), Reyansh (Andromeda), Marwah (Orion), Daniel (Pegasus), Laiba (Scorpius), Alhumd (Copernicus), Abeeha (Couper), Srita (Galileo), Arjun (Herschel)



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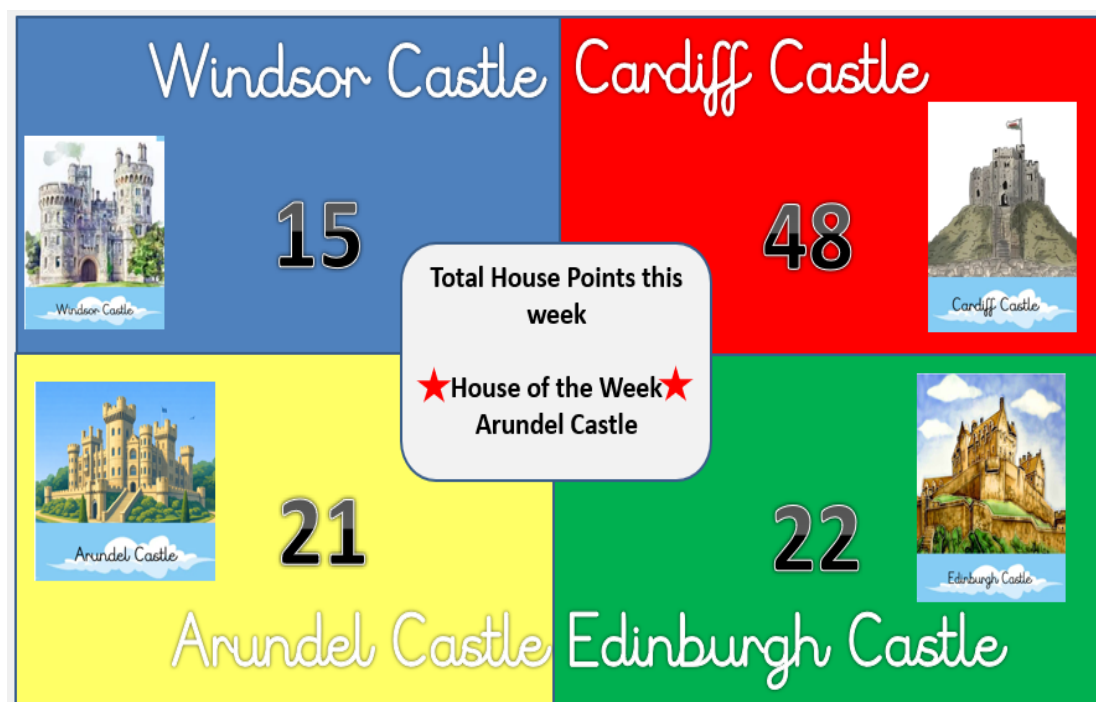


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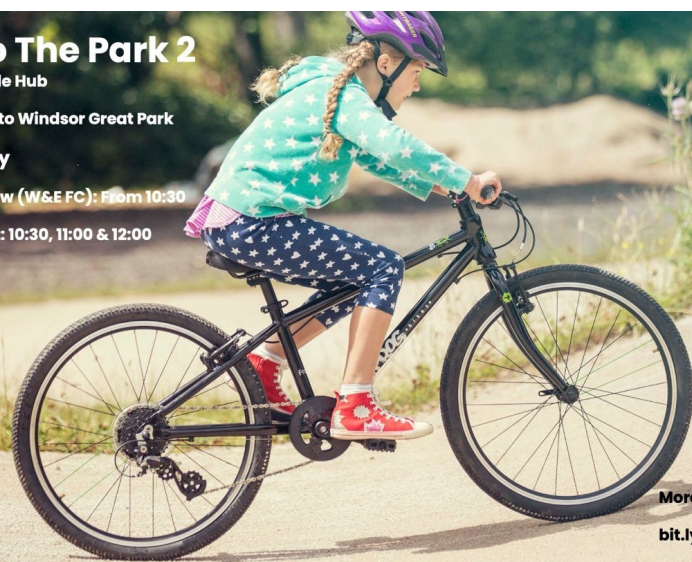
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