



Castleview School



Autumn Term

Newsletter 1

Friday 11th September 2026

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK



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A lovely, warm welcome to the **Nursery** children, parents and carers! The teachers have been amazed at how confidently the children have come into Nursery and adapted to their new environment! The children have loved exploring the different areas of their new Nursery. The children particularly enjoyed reading books in the reading area and creating stories in the role-play kitchen.

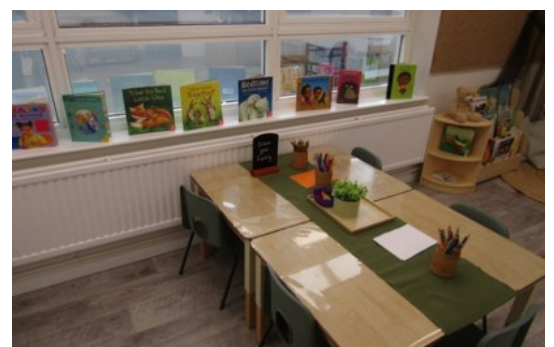


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This week in **Reception** has been truly exciting! The children have settled in beautifully, enjoyed meeting their friends and loved exploring our newly refurbished classrooms. It has been wonderful to see so many happy faces as they begin their reception journey. We can't wait for another week full of learning, laughter and fun!



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Over the course of the week, Year 1 have taken part in a range of exciting activities. At the beginning of the week, the children wrote about themselves, sharing information about who they are, their interests and the things they enjoy. They then created wonderful self-portraits, thinking carefully about their features and what makes them unique. In English, they read the story of "Jack and the Beanstalk" and explored the sequence of events using pictures. They worked together to sequence the story in the correct order before writing about their favourite part of the story. They have also enjoyed a carousel of activities, from construction to creative activities, giving them opportunities to explore, create and develop their skills. We are all incredibly impressed with the children's enthusiasm, effort and fantastic work so far.



This week in PSHE, **Year 2** have been thinking about their hopes and dreams for the year ahead and discussed any worries or fears they may have. We talked about how it is normal to feel a range of emotions when starting a new school year and explored ways to manage worries. The children identified trusted adults and people they can turn to for help and support when they need it. This lesson helped build confidence, resilience, and an understanding that they are never alone with their worries.



"Fools aren't willing to learn from anyone - not even from the wise, while the wise are willing to learn from everyone - even from fools"

- Sofio Archon

In **Year 3**, It has been wonderful to see how well the children have settled back into school this term. They are full of enthusiasm and excitement for the many new topics we will be exploring in our lessons. In English this week, we began reading "Mini Rabbit Not Lost" and used the story as inspiration to start writing our own imaginative tales. The children have shared some fantastic ideas and shown real determination in developing their handwriting skills. We are very proud of their hard work this week!



Year 4 have settled in beautifully and made a fantastic start to the new school year! This week in **Maths**, the children have been exploring place value, using place value charts, Base 10 and counters to build and represent numbers. They worked brilliantly together before confidently applying their learning independently. It was wonderful to hear them explaining their mathematical thinking and sharing their ideas with one another. What a wonderful start, Year 4!



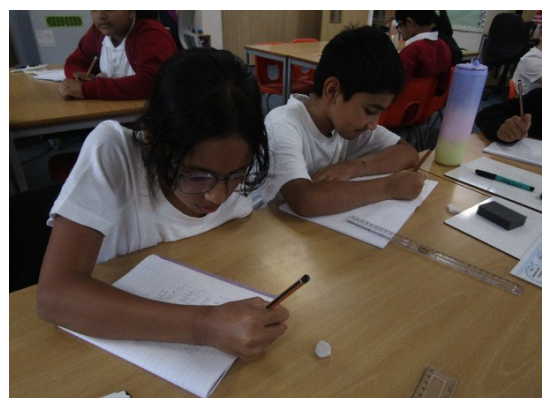
This week, **Year 5** pupils began the new year by investigating the characteristics of different materials through a series of exciting scientific enquiries. By examining how materials respond to stretching, bending, absorbing water, and allowing light to pass through, they have gained valuable insights into their unique properties. These practical activities have helped children understand the important role materials play in everyday objects while developing their observation, reasoning, and investigative skills.



"The real difficulty is to overcome how you think about yourself."

- Maya Angelou

What a great first week back! Our **Year 6s** have welcomed in the new year with plenty of positivity, enthusiasm and perseverance! As part of our new learning, we are studying the Victorians - we began to look at what the classrooms looked like in our DT lesson. We also began to read *Street Child* as our class book for our reading lessons which is also set in the Victorian era. A fantastic week, Year 6!



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 one important update.

ChatGPT has parental controls which allow a parent or guardian to link their account with a teenager's account and manage a range of settings. Parents can control things such as; additional safeguards around sensitive content; Voice Mode; image generation; memory; quiet features and some other ChatGPT features. Importantly, linking the accounts does not allow a parent to read their teenager's conversations or monitor their chat history. There is a useful link for parents, particularly those whose children are already using ChatGPT which you can view via our website link.

"You need power, only when you want to do something harmful, otherwise love is enough to get everything done."

-Charlie Chaplin

We have uploaded the #WakeUpWednesday features from the The National College. Please click below to see the highly useful guides on our website. This online safety guide explores Character.AI, highlighting risks including inappropriate content, emotional dependency, the reliability of advice, and privacy concerns.

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Star of the Week Awards

This proud Stars of the Week are: Siyaan (1G), Laiha (1R), Evie-Rose (2B), Saad (2YK), Kiara (3F), Ameera (3Y), Aradhana (4DG), Aditi (4S), Eshaan (5AS), Aesha (5SS), Alhumd (6B), Sharjeel (6R)

Stars of the Week



House Announcements

Windsor Castle



122

Cardiff Castle



118

Total House Points this week

★ House of the Week ★
Windsor Castle



83

Arundel Castle



82

Edinburgh Castle

"At the end of the day, whether or not those people are comfortable with how you're living your life doesn't matter. What matters is whether you're comfortable with it."

- Dr Phil

Head Teacher's Message

Welcome back to all our returning families, and a very warm welcome to our new families joining the Castlevew community. It has been a wonderful start to the new academic year, and we are delighted with how well the children have settled into their new classes and routines. They have returned with such enthusiasm and positivity, and it has been lovely to see them making new friends, building relationships with their teachers and embracing the opportunities that the new year brings.

During our INSET day, our staff worked collaboratively to think about our vision for Castlevew and what we want to achieve for our children, their families and ourselves. It was a fantastic opportunity to reflect on our shared aspirations and the school community we want to continue building together. We are excited to share our vision with you next week.

A huge thank you to those families who have been avoiding parking on Woodstock Avenue. It makes a significant difference to the safety and wellbeing of our children and families, and we really appreciate your support.

As a reminder, we strongly advise that Woodstock Avenue is kept clear of additional traffic. This is an important part of our home-school agreement, and we ask that all families continue to work with us to keep the area safe and accessible for everyone.

We have a number of exciting events planned for this half term, and we look forward to sharing these with you soon. There will be lots of opportunities for our families to come together, celebrate our children and be part of the Castlevew community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Austin

Have a lovely weekend!

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