



The Herald

17th January 2025

This week the children enjoyed M and M's production of Sleeping Beauty. They thoroughly enjoyed it and we love being able to give them these experiences. This would not be possible without our amazing Friends of Castle Hill, who shared the cost with us and provided popcorn for all.

Our Year 2 children recently embarked on a visit to the Sea City Museum as part of their Titanic project. This provided them with a unique opportunity to delve deeper into this historical event, enriching their understanding and bringing their classroom learning to life. As always, the children were brilliantly behaved, excited about their learning and the museum were amazed at how much they already knew!

On another note, I would like to extend an invitation to our parent community. We are currently seeking parent volunteers to assist with reading in our classrooms. Your contribution, even if only 20 minutes per week, can make a significant difference in a child's educational journey. If you are interested in participating, please visit the school office to collect a form or inform your child's class teacher directly.

Your involvement in our school community is invaluable, and we greatly appreciate any support you can offer.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Fitz

Early Years

This week has flown by! The children have been fantastic explorers and have been busy finding out about explorers in the past. In maths the children put their learning into action by making playdough, measuring out the ingredients using cups, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Exploring ice has been a highlight this week and we have had some amazing conversations about it. It is not too late for Time to Talk homework and thank you to those of you who have brought ice in so far. Next week we will continue to look at this so if your child would like to bring in their ice they still can.

Next week we have our Maths workshop in the hall on Tuesday 21st at 9am. This will be an opportunity for you to have a look at some activities that we do and resources that we use. We continue our Antarctica journey in project next week and will be looking at the life-cycle of the Emperor Penguin. In maths we will be learning about 6.

Optional home learning has been put onto Purple Mash which can be accessed using the username and password in the back of your child's home learning diary. When logging in the children need to click on 2Dos, in the top left-hand corner. Clicking on the Early Years bubble and mini mash will icons will also allow your child to explore further activities. Please come and see us if you would like any help logging in.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope you have a lovely weekend.

The Early Years Team

Year 1

We have already completed our 2nd week of our exciting project 'Showtime'! This week the children have continued to retell the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' and have written about the middle part of the story, using phrases and simple sentences. We have also revisited contractions for example **can not** in contracted form becomes **can't** and **do not** becomes **don't**. The children have also been busy becoming designers this week and have started their designs for their puppets! Next week we will be discussing suitable materials to use for their puppets so that they do not fall apart like Miss Gomes and Miss Tripp's!

In Maths we have continued our **Place Value** block. This week the children have learnt about more than and less than within 20. The children have been securing their understanding of counting forward and backwards for any given number within 20.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a fantastic weekend!

The Year 1 Team

Year 2

Our Titanic trip was a big success! Hopefully your child has told you all about it (or maybe something)! The SeaCity museum really brings their learning to life and they are keen to move on to the next part of the project.

We have been looking at coins this week. As so many of us now use cards or phones, physical money proved to be a bit challenging for some children. We have put several money activities on to Purple Mash for next week's homework; if you are able to work through some of these with your child, it would be advantageous for them.

Thank you for your support.

The Year 2 Team

School Notices

Parking on Kenilworth Road

Just a friendly reminder to please be mindful of parking on Kenilworth Road. We want to ensure everyone has enough space and avoid any potential issues or blocked access for emergency services, should there be a need.

Your support with this matter would be greatly appreciated.

INSET Days

Friday 23rd May 2025

Monday 7th July 2025

Castle Hill Friends

Valentines Disco- Thursday 13th February

Early Years – 15:20-16:20 (Children will go directly to the disco from their classroom to the disco if they are attending)

Year 1&2 - 16:30-17:30

Tickets are £3.00 and can be purchased on our website

www.pta-events.co.uk/chf-castlehillfriends

Please let us know if you can help chaperone, we will need around 10 people per disco. Drop off is at the usual classroom doors and MAGNA will run as normal.

Wear what you love day- Thursday 13th February - £1 donation

This can now be paid online via our website if you would prefer to not have the stress of finding cash on the day. As always thank you for your support.

Stars of the Week



Kaia
Roman
Harley
Archie
William
Adam



Diary Dates

Tuesday 21st January – Early Years Maths Workshop – 9:00am

Tuesday 28th January – Nurturing Neurodiversity Group - 14:15pm