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In our newsletter we are highlighting areas of either **Spiritual, Moral, Social, or Cultural** learning that our pupils are taking part in. Many of these are linked to children's rights as identified by Unicef and our fundamental British Values.

Message from the Principal

What a busy time we've had this half term. As we can see from our Newsletter it's been a whirlwind of learning! From Science and Design and Technology to Music Therapy and model making.

Our students also continue to work hard on a wide variety of eco projects towards achieving our Eco School Award. Projects include working in our ReWorks building repurposing resources, sorting items for recycling and making eco aware items for sale. As we can see, our students have also been braving the weather and planting trees in the Newsome community with KindleWoods CIC, a woodland social enterprise project.

Over the last few weeks our school council have been busy planning Christmas parties to celebrate the festive season. We hope everyone also enjoyed our Early Years Nativities and our School Christmas Production. It was fabulous to be joined by so many families and friends.

I think that's it for this term. I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and New Year. We'll see you all on Monday 8th January 2024!

Steve Perren
Principal



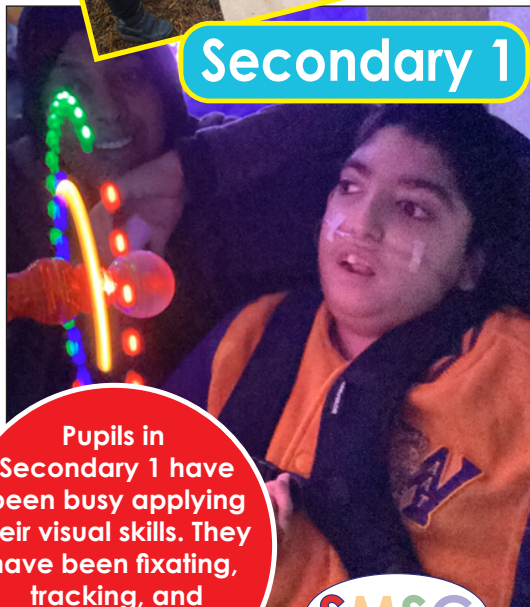
Sixth Form 1



We worked with friends from other classes to help plant trees in Newsome. It was a cold day but we kept warm by working hard digging and planting.



Secondary 1



Pupils in Secondary 1 have been busy applying their visual skills. They have been fixing, tracking, and transferring their gaze!



Secondary 4



S4 have enjoyed making their costumes and performing in the Christmas festival to showcase all their brilliant performance skills! Well done S4!

Our Christmas Events

Primary 1



In P1 we have been very busy getting into the Festive Spirit! We have been making lots of Christmas crafts, including making decorations for our Christmas tree.



Primary 5



In P5 we have been making popcorn for our food exploration! We have enjoyed anticipating the "POP!", crunching it with our fists and sprinkling on the different toppings-our favourite so far is sugar.



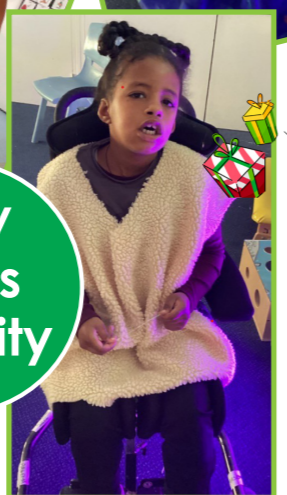
Pupil Wellbeing

Wellbeing is critical to cognitive development and social and emotional development. At Castle Hill School we support our pupils to meet the seven indicators of wellbeing:

- Feeling confident
- Expressing emotions
- Building good relationships
- Engaging with the world
- Living productively
- Coping with stress
- Adapting in times of change



Early Years Nativity



Christmas Assembly



AFA



Pupils from Upper AFA are learning to follow routines and keep safe whilst working in the ReWorks Centre.



We love being physically active in AFA. Pupils in Lower AFA enjoy using the climbing equipment in the hall.



Pupils have been fulfilling the wellbeing indicator of 'living productively' through creating fantastic music in sessions with the Charity Jessie's Fund.

Christmas Jumper Day



School Council Parties

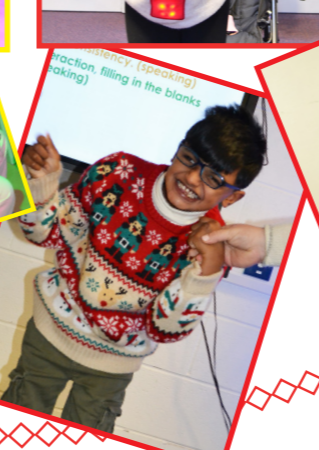


Secondary 3



Each week, Secondary 3 and AFA students join together for our Enrichment sessions. One group take part in Science activities, such as exploring which natural objects float and which sink in water.

Primary 4



P4 have been learning about people who help us including the police. Don't P4 look great?





Primary 3

P3 have been exploring playdough and imitating modelled actions with increasing purpose! Well done P3.



School Council



In preparation for our Christmas parties, some of our School Council members and deputies met together to make posters to put up around school.



Secondary 5

This half term in Secondary 5 we have been experiencing and exploring a D+T project to make a plant pot lighthouse (still under construction...).



Primary 2



P2 have had lots of fun exploring different movements and getting active in a variety of environments.



Early Years

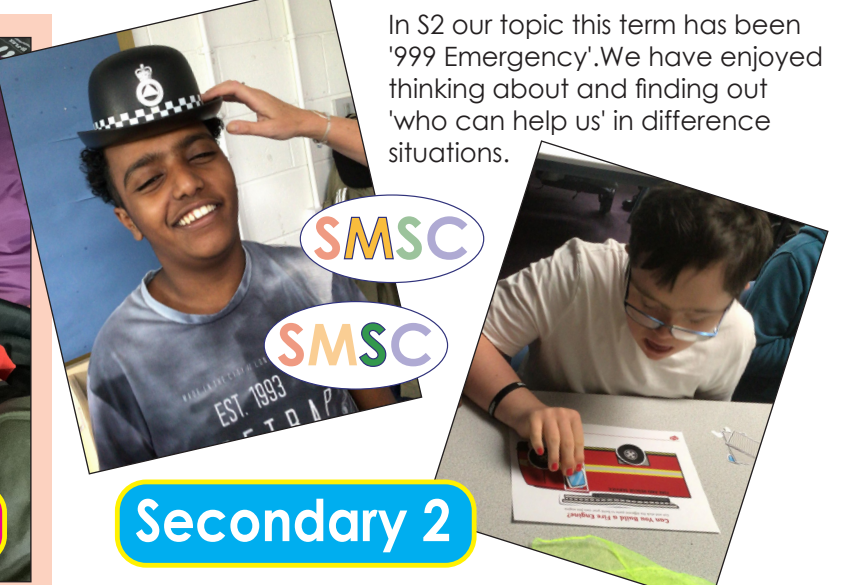
In Early Years, we continue to enjoy our weekly visits from Richard, our Music Therapist.



Students have enjoyed making props for our spectacular Christmas performance; not sure how we will fit through the door though!



Transition 1



Secondary 2

In S2 our topic this term has been '999 Emergency'. We have enjoyed thinking about and finding out 'who can help us' in difference situations.