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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 and quick half term we've had since the Christmas break. As we can see from our Newsletter our students have had lots of fun working with all different types of machines, understanding how things work and completing their spring cleaning tasks! Our Sixth Formers have also been recycling clothes as they continue to work towards the Eco Schools Award and we can see that AFA have had a great time at the swimming pool.

I think we're all ready for better weather and I'm sure we are looking forward to lighter nights in the near future. I hope everyone has a great break and we'll see you all on the Monday 19th February.

Steve Perren
Principal

Primary 2



P2 have been learning about environments within the community. We have enjoyed exploring local cafés on our bus trips and engaging in sensory exploration of tea and coffee.



Early Years



In Early Years, we have been thinking about spring cleaning, linked to some of the festivals in RE. We have enjoyed exploring the mops, sponges, and vacuum cleaner.

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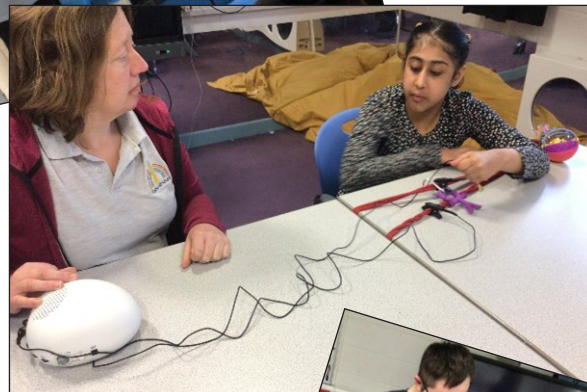
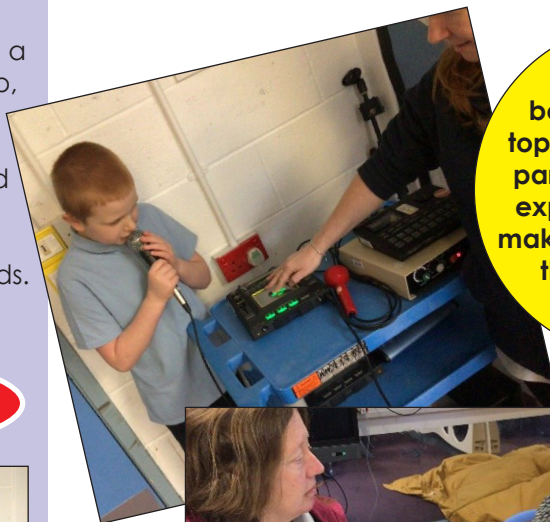
P3 have been participating in a music workshop, purposefully exploring instruments and demonstrating realisation for preferred sounds. Well done P3!

Primary 3

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In S2 we have been enjoying the topic 'Machines'. We particularly enjoyed exploring the sound making machines and the food making machines.



Secondary 2

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Secondary 5

This half term in Secondary 5 we have been exploring a spring cleaning mark making story, and making a mess and cleaning it up to song!



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AFA

Pupils from AFA enjoy swimming sessions at the Sports Centre every week. We are developing water confidence and learning life skills.



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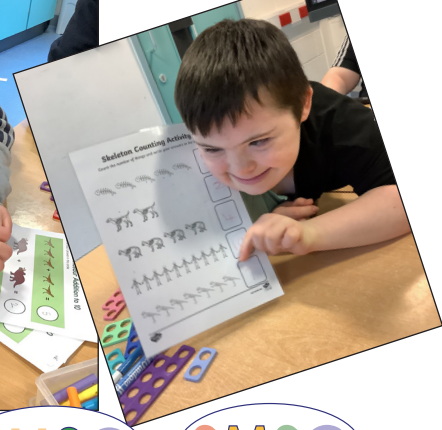
Transition 1

This term in T1 we have been going to space in our sensory room adventure! Blasting off, watching meteorites fly past us, orbiting the moon and stargazing!

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Primary 4

P4 have been developing their numeracy skills, persisting in using real objects to add and discovering the total. They have demonstrated pride in their achievements, well done P4!



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Secondary 3

As part of their Spring ASDAN topic 'Preparing drinks and snacks', Secondary 3 have been practising making toast, and spreading butter and different toppings.

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Primary 5



In P5 we have been enjoying our new topic 'How Things Work'. In mark making, we are exploring a range of movements to make interesting marks. Our favourite so far was 'spinning' - the paint splatted as we spun the spinning tops.

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Secondary 1 have been exploring cause and effect through machines, such as using a switch to operate a blender!

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Secondary 1



Sixth Form 1

Our class jobs in ReWorks include sorting through donations of clothing, preparing them for our clothes sales. Those that we haven't been able to sell have been taken by a group for recycling.



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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**

Engaging with the world around us is one of the indicators of wellbeing. One of the many ways pupils achieve this is through exploring rhythm and rhyme!



Primary 1



P1 have been exploring junk modelling – we have explored our preferences for different materials, repurposed our recycling, and have even made a Junk Robot with our creations!

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School Council



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Over the past three years, the School Council have raised over £350 in commission from Cauliflower Christmas Cards, thanks to parents and staff purchasing cards and other items.



Secondary 4

S4 have designed their own rockets in scientific experiments! Great work scientists!

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The School Council members have been voting on what extra resources we would like to buy for school. We look forward to them arriving!

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