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Message from the Principal

Our students have been working hard in what has been quite a short half term. Despite the reduced time, however, we have still managed to enjoy plenty of enriched learning opportunities. World Book Day was one of our favourites and our students from Early Years and Primary shared their excitement throughout school with their colourful and creative outfits. The day was a great success!

We have also enjoyed a visit from the Fair and Funky Art Group and everyone involved produced some outstanding works of art. Our Parallel Rhythms Art Project also continues with musicians and artists working across participating schools. Our students

are really benefitting from some fabulous collaborative activities.

Spring is also upon us which has provided more opportunities for activities outside. As we can see our students have been enjoying work in our play areas and also working out in the community. I think we're all grateful for better weather and a little bit more sun!

I think that's it for this term. I hope everyone enjoys our Newsletter and has a great Easter break. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 8th April.

Steve Perren
Principal



**WORLD
BOOK
DAY**
7 MARCH 2024

World Book Day



Early Years and Primary pupils dressed up as a book character or brought their favourite story book to school to share with their friends to celebrate World Book Day.



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Everyone has got a £1 token which they can spend at a bookshop.

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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.

Secondary 1



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In Secondary 1 we have been developing our reciprocal play skills in Soft Play.

Secondary 5



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This half term in Secondary 5 we have enjoyed exploring our musical side! Pupils have enjoyed engaging in song and exploration of sound and vibration through instruments.

Transition 1



We have been really enjoying the track chair this term! It is such a wonderful resource that allows us to explore school independently!

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School Council

In February, the School Council members voted on how they wanted to spend the £350 we had saved from the Cauliflower Christmas Cards commission. The items are starting to arrive in school. We will have a School Council meeting soon to explore them properly, and to meet Tris Bozzo, who oversees the School Councils in the other Trust schools.



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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



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Living and working productively is one of the indicators of wellbeing. Pupils have been very productive this term, using machines to make delicious drinks and snacks.

Secondary 4



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S4 have been engaging in a variety of crafts to celebrate cultural events including the arrival of Spring, Mother's Day and World Book Day!

Primary 4



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P4 have really enjoyed our Parallel Rhythms input, persisting in creating our own sculptures and using our imagination to create images from cut out card. Well done P4!

Early Years 1



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Every morning, we carry out our individual physical development plans. Some of us have been practising climbing up and down stairs, with reducing support.



Early Years 2



As part of our food exploration sessions this term, we have been making toast and tasting different toppings, such as jam, lemon curd and Marmite!



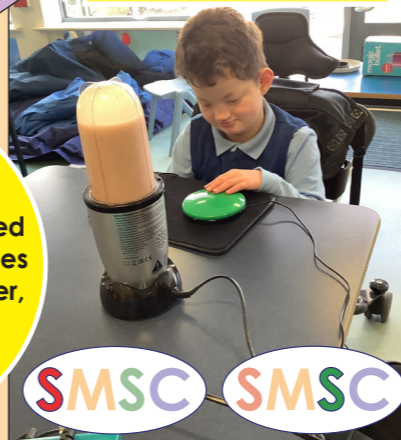
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Primary 2



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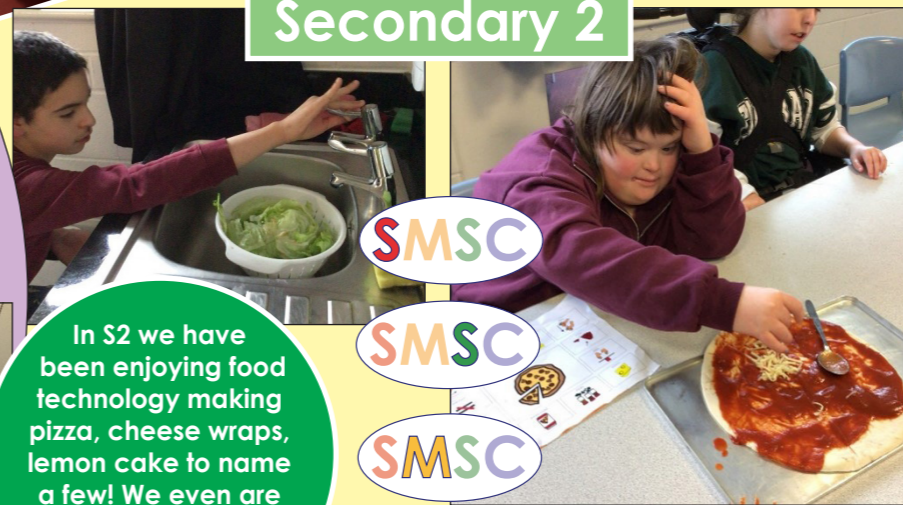
As part of our topic "How things work" P2 have enjoyed exploring using switches to operate the blender, creating a variety of fruit milkshakes.



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Secondary 2



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In S2 we have been enjoying food technology making pizza, cheese wraps, lemon cake to name a few! We even are fantastic at the cleaning up after!

Pupils in AFA are enjoying getting out and about now the weather is improving.

AFA

Pupils in Upper AFA have been busy doing jobs in the school grounds.



Lower AFA pupils have been using photographs to map around the village and are using the pelican crossings to cross safely.

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Primary 3

P3 have demonstrated secure realisation for pushing cars down ramps, discovering how things work.

Well done P3!



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We were joined in ReWorks by artists from "Fair and Funky". We worked together to make Valentine's hearts from recycled materials.

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Primary 5

P5 have been loving music and rhythm this term! Our new favourite songs are 'Sambalele' and 'Zebadae' which encourage call and response.



Sixth Form 1



Primary 1

P1 have been making the most of learning outside as the weather gets better! We have had fun washing bikes and exploring water, playing in the sensory playground, and interacting with our peers!

Secondary 3

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We have been exploring the new environmental communication boards around school. Each morning we talk about the weather, and find the matching symbol on the board.



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