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for Communication
and Interaction**

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Message from the Principal

We can see from our newsletter that it's been a busy half term with lots of exciting opportunities for learning both in school and out in the community. I think we all appreciated our Eid celebration with a wide variety of fun activities and lovely food to enjoy. It was brilliant to see so many of our community getting together and helping to make the event so successful.

The environment has played a big part in our learning this term and Primary 5 even managed to arrange a visit to Tropical World in Leeds - what an adventure!

With the weather now warmer it's also great to see that our Transition 1 students have been making use of our specialist play equipment. Lots of spinning, rocking and swaying fun was had by all!

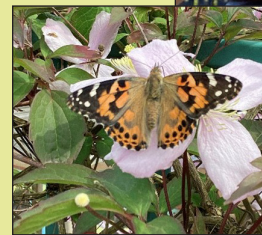
I hope everyone has a restful half term and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 3rd June.

Steve Perren
Principal



Secondary 1

This half term S1 have been learning about Living Things. We have really enjoyed watching our class caterpillars grow into butterflies.



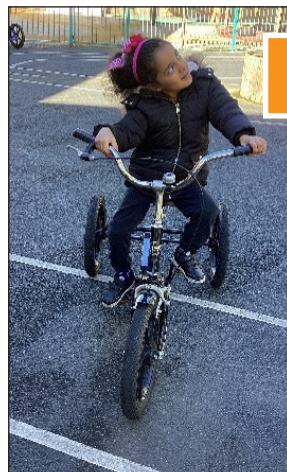
We went outside to have a closer look and release them.



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.

Early Years

We recently enjoyed the visits of the Bikeability staff. Many of our pupils demonstrated growing confidence on the bikes which was lovely to see!



Primary 3



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In the nicer weather, P3 have been going to the park, transitioning smoothly and accessing the equipment. Well done P3!



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Sixth Form 1

We have been working hard in the greenhouse, tidying it up then visiting garden centres to choose plants to buy. We have been enjoying looking after the plants and noticing them growing and changing.

In S2 we have been working hard on our numeracy skills, this half term we are enjoying creating repeating patterns.



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Secondary 2

In P1 we have been enjoying getting sporty! We have been developing our strength, balance, and co-ordination during Omnis sports therapy, working on our ball skills and agility skills.



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Eid Mubarak



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We had a brilliant Eid celebration. Lots of families came into school join in with the activities and enjoyed this special time with us.

We are very grateful to our families and staff who donated food and helped to raise over £300 for school funds.



Primary 5

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P5 explored our Minibeast topic at Tropical World. We were particularly fond of the monkeys, fish and meerkats!



AFA

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This term students in Upper AFA have been out and about in the community traveling short distances on the train.

Pupils in Primary AFA have been exploring a different playground and have enjoyed playing together.



Transition 1

With the improvements in the weather T1 have been having a blast accessing the wheelchair playground!

It is such an amazing opportunity to develop communication skills at the same time as having lots of fun!



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Secondary 3

As part of the maths topic on 'Measures', Secondary 3 students have been considering 'tall' and 'short', drawing around each other on paper, and comparing heights.



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School Council

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Since the last newsletter, the School Council members were invited to judge the Easter baking competition.

We enjoyed exploring and tasting the different cakes and buns and deciding who was the winner!



Primary 4

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P4 have been exploring a variety of science experiments, demonstrating realisation and predicting what might happen next. Well done P4!

Secondary 5

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This half term in Secondary 5 we have enjoyed working our "green fingers" in the greenhouse. Pupils have explored the process of planting seeds. So far, we've attempted to grow cress, radish and basil.



P2 have been exploring enveloping schema linked to our sensory exploration story 'up, down and around'.

We have found different vegetables hidden in soil – with some creepy crawlies making a surprise appearance too!



Primary 2



Pupil Wellbeing

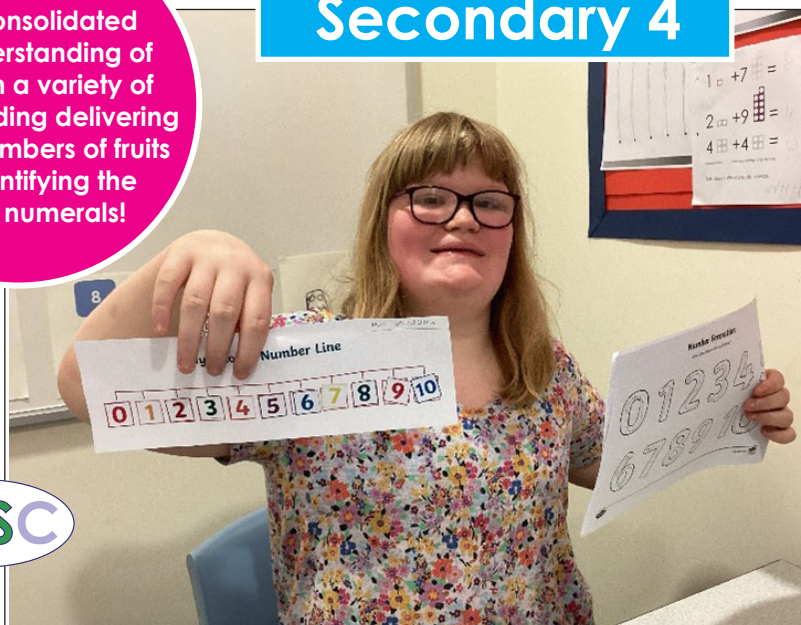
Wellbeing is critical to cognitive development and social and emotional development. At Castle Hill School we support our pupils to meet the seven indicators of wellbeing:

- 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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Secondary 4

Pupils in S4 have consolidated their understanding of number in a variety of ways, including delivering specific numbers of fruits and identifying the correct numerals!



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Adapting in times of change is one of the indicators of wellbeing. Some of our Sixth Form students have been building up excellent relationships with staff visiting us from Post 19 settings.