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Message from the Principal

We can see from our Newsletter that our first half term this year has been full of fun, engagement and learning. It's great to see our Sixth Formers completing their civic duty with visits to the recycling centre and also joining the rest of the school when casting their vote for school council members.

Exploration is always high on our agenda and it's fabulous to report that our new sensory garden is up and running with the help of the TransPennine community fund.

Our students have been enjoying the new flowers and trees in this magnificent new resource.

I think that's it for our Newsletter for now. I hope to see everyone at our Harvest Festival on Friday 25th October. Have a great half term and we look forward to starting our Autumn term 2 on Monday 4th November.

Steve Perren
Principal



A big welcome
to our six new
pupils in EYs.
They are settling
so well.



Early Years

Our topic this term is 'Colour and Pattern'. We have been focusing on a different colour each week in art and food exploration sessions.



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.



In P1 we have enjoyed exploring our topic "Clothes and Fashion" throughout our art sessions, looking at different types of clothing, materials, and patterns. We have been using them as inspiration for our painting!



Primary 1

School Council



In Primary AFA we have been dressing up and admiring ourselves in the mirror. We have also been busy washing shoes and socks as part of our numeracy sessions.

AFA

We held our School Council elections last week. Every class voted for a School Council member, with many classes choosing a deputy too. We have been given our own official ballot box by Kirklees Electoral Commission.



Our Upper AFA students have been out to the recycling centre as part of our topic work.



SMSC



This term we have been focusing on cleaning routines and tools with students enjoying exploring the different resources and activities during our sensory journey and 'What's in the box' sessions.



SMSC



Secondary 3

In S3 we have been exploring and producing Artwork using different types of materials. We used denim and cotton and explored different mediums to create the art with, such as fabric pens and natural dyes.



Sixth Form 2



SMSC



Primary 5

SMSC

This half term, Primary 5 have been enjoying exploring clothes and fashion. We decorated socks with lots of different materials to make puppets.



Secondary 4

Secondary 4 have been building on their life skills, exploring their cooking skills in the school kitchen!



SMSC

They are creating baguette pizzas and hot dogs with onions, purchasing their own ingredients and using different utensils with increasing independence.

Primary 4

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P4 have been delivering milk to classes, reading the list and counting the correct amount of milk to give. Well done P4!

Secondary 2

SMSC



S2 have been making smoothies in science exploring the fruit as it changed textures in the different stages of the recipe. We used a variety of fruits including bananas and both fresh and frozen strawberries. The smoothies tasted delicious!

SMSC

Sixth Form 1



In SF1 we are working on reading signs and logos of our favourite shops. We had a trip out to the Kingsgate Centre to see how many we could find.

Secondary 1

Pupils in S1 have been rolling up their sleeves and washing socks as part of our clothing topic!



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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

P3 have been enjoying exploring our washing machine story – using core boards to communicate and exploring a variety of schema. Well done P3!

Primary 3



Sensory Garden

During the school summer holiday, staff from the TransPennine Route Upgrade (TRU) came into school to develop a new sensory garden for our students to enjoy. The garden development was part of a corporate responsibility initiative for the TRU and was one of three that the TRU have delivered in Kirklees schools this summer.

that the TRU awarded the school. We are looking forward to watching the trees and plants establish themselves. We will be looking out for the wildlife that is attracted to the garden and sharing this with the students.



Living and working productively is an indicator of wellbeing, one of the ways pupils can achieve this is through developing their life skills, for example, following a recipe.

The plants and trees were all especially selected for their high visual impact and their distinctive scents, they were paid for by a grant

For this term's theme, clothes and pattern, P2 have been exploring making marks using different materials, tools, and textures!

Secondary 5

This half term in Secondary 5 we have enjoyed our sensory story Mrs Mopple's Washing Line, exploring the process of washing clothes and the rhythm/rhyme of the story.



Primary 2

