

Message from the Principal

We've had another busy half term with lots of exciting activities and events. Our Newsletter is full of celebration and achievement. Our Eco-School work is underway, and our Parallel Rhythms project continues make music accessible for our students.

Christmas is nearly here, and we have enjoyed our Early Years Foundation Stage Nativities and also our Whole School Christmas Assembly. By the time the Newsletter is published we'll also have been visited by Santa himself!

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support. Our Ofsted report states that we have maintained our outstanding status. This is brilliant news!

I hope everyone has a great break and we'll see you on Monday 6th January.

Steve Perren
Principal



As part of our Work Related Learning AFA Upper have been making items for the home in ReWorks. We have been working alongside our friends from SF2.



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In Primary AFA we have enjoyed our story "The King's smelly feet" and exploring lots of activities around feet and socks. We have also been trying on lots of hats as part of our topic work.

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Secondary 2

Secondary 2 have been having fun in the Adventure Playground when the weather has been fine.



We have climbed the stairs then slid down the slide, spent time on the swing, and played catch with our peers.



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Primary 5

P5 are getting ready for Christmas with a festive tug-of-war. It helps to burn off the calories from all the sweets and it's fun as well!



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Secondary 4

S4 have been making jacket potatoes for staff on Fridays. They have been going to the supermarket to collect ingredients each week.

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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.



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Christmas Shows



Sixth Form 2

This term in SF2 we have been very lucky to be working alongside Nick from the Parallel Rhythms project exploring how to make music more accessible. The students have really enjoyed exploring new and exciting instruments as well as showing some lovely responses to a variety of soundscapes.

Early Years Nativity



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School Council

Many thanks to those parents, carers and staff who supported the Cauliflower Christmas Cards fundraiser. We raised over £100 which will be spent on School Council projects this year.

The School Council have met recently to plan our two Christmas parties. We have also met to start work on our Eco-Schools project.



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Primary 2

This half term there has been lots of sharing and team work in P2, from singing and dancing duos, to team 'building' at play time!

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Secondary 5

This half term in Secondary 5 we have enjoyed lots of opportunities to be musical. Pupils have experienced and explored different musical instruments, in our class music lessons, and with Richard for music therapy!

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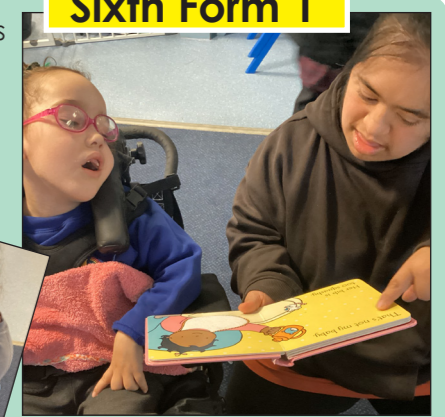
Whole School Concert

School Council Party

Sixth Form 1

Sixth Form 1 students are enjoying their regular lunchtime link sessions in Early Years.

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Our students take turns to go down to Early Years to share books, chat, and play with their younger friends.

Primary 3

P3 have been exploring building and knocking down towers, positioning schema, and trajectory schema as well as early number recognition. Well done P3!



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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



Feeling confident is one of the indicators of wellbeing. The multisensory references used across school, such as blue for Monday, enable pupils to feel confident in their daily routine.

Secondary 1

Students in S1 have been developing their understanding of body awareness through a variety of activities, including working in front of mirror.



Primary 1

In P1 we have been enjoying exploring our "clothes and fashion" topic. This half term we have been looking at clothes we wear in the cold weather and staying warm! We have been enjoying bundling up and exploring hot and cold!



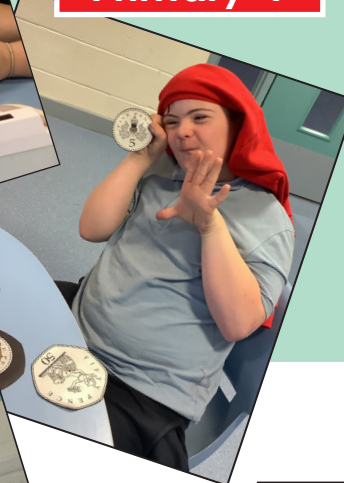
Early Years

We have had a lovely, busy term, getting to know each other and enjoying our favourite activities. We held our class Nativity plays last week, with Reverend Julie and Richard, our music therapist, joining us.



Primary 4

P4 have been exploring early number skills, role playing shops and using objects to support with adding and taking away. We have also been really motivated by completing our own work sheets. Well done P4!



Secondary 3

In S3 this half term we have designed and made a range of sensory bottles. We have enjoyed using different materials to find out what make the best effect.

