

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



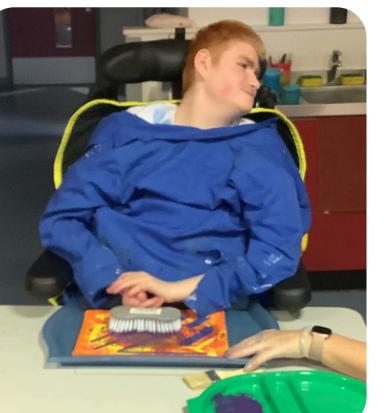
Pupils across school are supported to explore cause and effect, for example through technology, to enable them to engage with the world around them, which is one of the indicators of wellbeing.

Castle Hill will be closed to pupils on Wednesday 11 March as we have a staff training day.



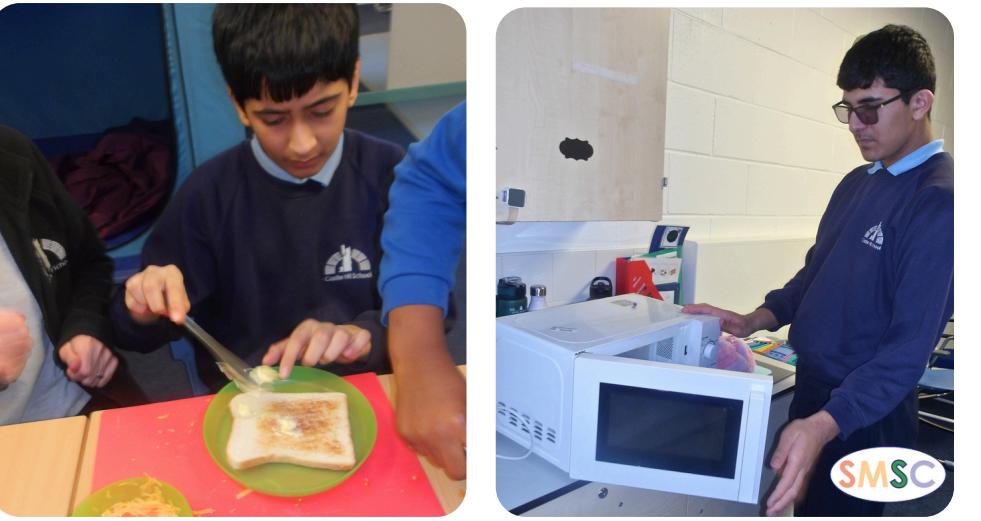
Sixth Form 2

We are enjoying our link visits from our Newsome Academy friends. We work together on a range of projects in ReWorks. At the moment we are making bird feeders.



Sixth Form 3

In SF3 this term we have been painting with household tools, who knew you could have so much fun painting with a toilet brush!



Sixth Form 1



This term, SF1 have been learning about recycling. The students have really enjoyed using litter pickers, sorting items by picking them up and dropping them in the right box.



Pupils in Upper AFA are learning to make simple snacks in Food Technology sessions.

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Our school website - www.castlehillschool.org.uk

Early Years



We enjoyed our recent visit from Nala, the therapy dog.

Message from the Principal

It's been a busy Spring half term with lots of engagement, exploration and learning. Although the weather has been cold, we have still managed to brave the elements to enjoy visits and links into the community including Greenacres care home in Meltham which is always great fun, often involving a good old sing along! We have also enjoyed our friends visiting us here at Castle Hill including students from our Multi Academy Trust schools and local schools including Newsome High. Many of the links have taken place in our ReWorks building and the work produced has been outstanding. Our outdoor learning programme, at times has also headed indoors, however, we are a hardy lot and when possible we've braved the refreshing winter sunshine. As we head towards the break we are all ready for a rest to prepare us for our next 1/2 term. Hopefully, we'll see a bit more sun and a bit more light. I hope everyone has a great break and we are looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday 23rd February.

Steve Perren
Principal

Primary 1



P1 have been enjoying our winter clothes story, wrapping up warm and exploring vocabulary for different clothing items and parts of the body.



Primary 2



School Council



We have raised £116 from this year's Cauliflower Christmas Cards fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who purchased cards, mugs and other items. We will be meeting soon to spend the money on some new, exciting resources!

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P3 and P4 have been demonstrating realisation for recycling, using litter pickers and sorting between paper and plastic!

Families

We had 8 families attend the Parent/Carer Craft and Chat session at the end of January. ReWorks was full of fun and chatter as families busily made huge Spring flowers using cardboard, coloured paper, make-do tools, posca pens and paint rollers.



Primary 5



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.



We have been playing together and building friendships in class. Turn-taking and cooperation really helps our social skills!



MULTI-FAITH CELEBRATION

We had a great day at our Multi-Faith Celebration. We enjoyed a wide range of activities that were linked to faith and cultural events including Easter, Holi, Ramadan, Tu BiShvat, Setsubun, Purim, and Valentine's Day.



In S1 we have been going on sensory journeys on a hot air balloon, exploring weather and habitats in different countries.



S2 have been thinking about the Antarctic – we have explored ice, made a junk model and thought about animals and birds which we might see there.



This half term in Secondary 4 we have explored sensory activities linked to the cold snowy weather, including multimedia mark making snow scenes.

Fundraising

We will be having an Easter Raffle and will be sending tickets home for families to purchase or sell. Thank you in advance for your support.

A big thank you to Susan Montgomery who raised £149 towards our school mini-bus fundraising by collecting donations at their Christmas Light extravaganza on their home in December!

Secondary 3



This term S3 have been thinking about the climate and how we can help. We made birdfeeders with recycled materials to place in the community.



Unicef

Our friend Eunice has been visiting classes to see how they keep themselves safe, linked to the UNICEF Rights of the Child Article 19. Here she is checking our internet safety!