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AFA



We planted sunflowers in plastic wallets and watched them grow. We watered them everyday and then planted them outside.

SPORTS WEEK



We had lots of fun during Sports Week - thanks to everyone who took part!



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Our school website - www.castlehillschool.org.uk



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



One of the many ways pupils fulfil the wellbeing indicator of 'coping with stress' is by spending time with new people, making friends, and playing games.



Sixth Form 2



Sixth Form 1



This half term SF1 have been making fruit smoothies. The students' favourite flavour is banana and strawberry. We especially like using the blender, watching all the ingredients whizz around!

Sixth Form 3

With the sunshine comes more opportunities for outdoor learning and in SF3 we have been making the most of the sunshine with regular visits to the greenhouse, wheelchair playground and forest school.



Message from the Principal

It's been a busy final half term here at Castle Hill with some outstanding learning achieved along the way. Our Sports Day was a great success, and everyone joined in with the variety of sports-based tasks which included splat the rat!

Our CastleFest celebrations were wonderful with everyone enjoying the performances and activities. Visitors from the Together Learning Trust Schools, Bridgewood Trust and The Rotary Club also helped us enjoy the cross-generational day!

We also said goodbye to our leavers during our Graduation ceremony on the 2nd July. The day was exceptional, and we all took the opportunity to celebrate our graduates outstanding school careers. We all wish them well in their future endeavours.

Our transition fortnight has been successful, and everyone has orientated towards change. Our new students have also visited and are ready for their new class groups in September. New class teachers include Eloise Barker(P2) Hayley Callaly(P5), Emma Heywood (S3)

As the academic year comes to a close our retirees including myself, Jayne Askew (Communication Teacher), Kiersti Dickinson (Early Years Teacher), Karen Cook (Sixth Form Educational Support) and Gill Eccles (Early Years Educational Support) would like to thank the whole community for their wonderful support over the years and would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone well for the future.

I hope everyone has a great break towards Tuesday 2nd September.

Steve Perren
Principal



Primary 1



P1 have been enjoying exploring art inspired by Jackson Pollock this term! We enjoyed reading the story "Jackson Pollock Splashed Paint and Wasn't Sorry", and then exploring lots of different painting techniques.

School Council



We helped to celebrate Eco-Week by making our own recycled watering cans. We decorated plastic bottles then tested them out!

Primary 2



This term in P2 we have been exploring making and celebrating! We have enjoyed sculpting and mark making with mud!



Primary 3 & 4



P3 and P4 have been really enjoying whole group activities including the parachute and sports games in the halls.

Primary 5



P5 have caught a fever - World Cup Fever! We've been playing and sharing in lots of outside activities this term.

Unicef

In July we've been focused on our pupils rights of inclusion, linked to the UNICEF Rights of the Child Article 2.



CastleFest



CastleFest 2026 was great fun!
There were lots of interesting and exciting activities throughout the day - music, acrobatics, animals, bubbles, dance, and more!
We were also joined by children from other schools in our Trust and we all had a wonderful day!



Secondary 1

Pupils in S1 have been taking their sensory exploration sessions outdoors, providing rich opportunities to generalise our skills!

Secondary 2



This half term S2 have been making and tasting foods from different counties. Each week we have been developing our fine motor skills chopping, and expressing our likes and dislikes when tasting.



Secondary 3

S3 have enjoyed taking part in eco week and learning how to care for our environment. We worked together to make a habitat for the local wildlife.



Secondary 4

This half term in S4 we have been exploring mark making with spiky balls. The pupils have shown interest in the feeling of the balls and listening/looking at the movement created.



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.

