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Message from the Principal

As we can see from our Newsletter, we have been celebrating our return to school after the summer break with lots of hard work.

It's great to see that we have been busy building relationships both in school and out in the community and practicing our life skills towards independence. Our Macmillan Coffee morning was also a fabulous success and a brilliant opportunity to bring our community together to help others.

We can also see that our School Council members have been celebrating our UNICEF Gold Award which is an outstanding achievement for all!

It seems as though this term has flown by, and we are now really looking forward to Autumn 2. We hope you have a well-deserved break in the meantime and we'll see everyone on Monday 31st October.

Steven Perren
Principal



Secondary 4

Our class story has been 'Georgie Grub'. It's a story about a boy who doesn't want to have a bath, he has jam on his face, egg on his shirt and very stinky socks.

We have created art with soapy bubbles and shaving foam. We also had a treasure



hunt around school trying to find the sponge, toothbrush and soap that Georgie had hidden around school.

Primary 1

P1 have been engaging really well in their individualised physio routines after the summer break. Well done P1!



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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P2 have been familiarising themselves with their new class environment and daily routine – they are doing fantastic!

Primary 2

SMSC

S5 have enjoyed spending time in the Chill Den where we have been sharing books and exploring the hair accessories. We had lots of fun putting the rollers in our hair.

Secondary 5

Secondary 1

Secondary 1 have been learning about different festivals in Collective Worship, such as the Jewish celebration of Rosh Hashana. Pupils made Challah bread using different actions: pulling, rolling and twisting.

SMSC

Primary 3

In P3 we have been learning all about ourselves and the world around us. We have spent time making new friends, exploring and having lots of fun. We have really enjoyed our 'I'm Going to the Hairdressers' Sensory story!

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We have been working hard in the kitchen, trying out different recipes from around the world. The South African Milk Tart was lovely!

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Sixth form 1

UNICEF GOLD RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

During the summer we were awarded the Unicef Gold award. Our School Council members from last year, Amara and Gregor were very proud to help out on the day. Our friend Eunice the Rights Respecting lamb is looking forward to visiting some of us at home this term too.

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Outreach

Outreach has continued this term with students being able to access some of the same learning opportunities that they would in school.

SMSC

We have been exploring ways to keep clean and look after ourselves as well as using a range of tools to practice our fine motor skills. We have worked with clay and made our own place names for class.

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Secondary 2

Transition 1

What a musical class we have in T1 this year! We have loved exploring the drums and creating our own music.

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Primary 4

In Primary 4, we have been busy enjoying being back to school. This half term we've been learning how to make healthy foods to eat, tasting the ingredients and making fruit smoothies.

SMSC

We have explored a variety of resources linked to the topic of 'Health and Hygiene' and our Phonics focus. We have tried on wigs, looked in mirrors, explored different sponges, brushes and combs and made our preferences very clear through facial expression, gesture and vocalisations.

Secondary 3

In Secondary 3, we have been investigating the properties of 3D shapes. We have been rolling, sliding and stacking tins as we explore 'cylinders'.

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Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning raised **£482.07** for this wonderful cause. It was well supported by parents, friends and all in school. There were green activities in the hall and a variety of cakes and savouries were on sale. We also had a Castle Hill Bake Off competition.

Thank you to everyone involved



SMSC



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

This half-term there has been a focus on **building and maintaining relationships**, which is one of the indicators of wellbeing, taking part in a shared activity towards a common goal is a great way to develop relationships with peers.

Early Years



EYFS have been busy making and maintaining friendships. We have had lots of fun playing and exploring resources together and finding out some of the things we like to do in our free time.



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AFA

It is great to be able to visit supermarkets again. Students in AFA have been busy collecting supplies for school.

Primary 5



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As part of our topic 'All about me', P5 have been exploring bath-time routines. We have chosen different scented bubble bath and washed our baby dolls.



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