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Message from the Principal

What a busy half term we've had. As we can see from our newsletter we have managed to fill the time with a wide variety of exciting and motivating learning experiences, from silly soup and pumpkins to sensory exploration and phonics.

Our School Council have also received our new Democracy Friendly Award which celebrates our student voice. In achieving the award students have learnt about being part of the local community, building confidence, the application of life skills and building relationships.

I'm pleased to say that in this run up to Christmas our celebrations have been a great success. EYFS were outstanding in their Nativity and our Christmas extravaganza provided us with a great opportunity to get together and celebrate as a community.

I hope everyone has a well deserved break over the Christmas period and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 3rd January.

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Principal



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Early Years
1 and 2 have been
having lots of fun
exploring playground
equipment in both
school and the
wider community.

Early Years



Secondary 4

S4 have been enjoying collective worship with our friends in S2. One week we thought about Remembrance by exploring a sensory story. We felt the wind and the rain, we painted crosses and poppies.



Secondary 2



safely, use our voice to be heard and taking care of our bodies through a healthy diet.



SMSC

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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We are all about independent living skills this half term here in S2 class. We are developing skills to access the community

Early Years Nativity



Our Christmas sensory Nativity was enjoyed by all. We were joined by the Reverend Julie and many of the families.



This half term we have enjoyed lots of stories, especially 'Need a Trim Jim'. We have been exploring activities related to hair and cutting hair.

Primary 4



We love Christmas in T1 because it gives us an opportunity to enjoy some Christmas themed sensory exploration.



Transition 1

We've had food therapy with mince pies, music sessions with the bells, switch work with singing penguins and visual skills with the Christmas lights!



School Council



The School Council were presented with the 'Democracy Friendly Award' by two of our local Councillors, in recognition of the work we do in promoting our pupils' voices throughout school and in the community.



Students in S1 have been exploring lots of objects linked to our theme 'Health and Hygiene'. We had the most fun with the bubbles!

Secondary 1



Primary 5

P5 have enjoyed exploring a variety of different sensory items linked to our phonics.



We have persisted in writing using overwrites, explored tactile experiences and different foods linked to the letter.

Our Christmas Events

Primary, Secondary and Sixth Form Concert



We really enjoyed our Christmas Concert. Our friend the Reverend Julie wished all the families a happy Christmas. Primary performed 'Rudolf' and 'Jingle Bells', Secondary took us through the '12 Days of Christmas' and Sixth Form took us on a 'Sleigh Ride'. Everyone had lots of fun and enjoyed the carols too!



Sixth Form 1

In Sixth Form 1 we have been practising our personal presentation skills, helping to keep ourselves and our belongings looking smart.



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Here we are washing and cleaning our boots, ready for more jobs outside!

Secondary 5

We have enjoyed exploring lots of different foods in our food exploration session, one of our favourites this term was pumpkins.



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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

Engaging with the World around you is one of the indicators of wellbeing and we can show our engagement through our facial expressions!



Primary 1



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P1 have been exploring different sounds and cause and effect on the resonance board in sensory phonics lessons, beginning to show increasing confidence and familiarity. Well done P1.

AFA



This term in AFA, we have been exploring a range of sensory textures and we have been planting and caring for our seeds.



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Secondary 3



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In Secondary 3, we have been working hard on our phonics focus each week. We have practised writing the letters with a pen on the whiteboard, and tracing the letters on the iPad.

Primary 3

In P3 we have been getting excited about phonics! We have really enjoyed exploring lots of different items that start with our sound of the week in our silly soup session.



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Primary 2

P2 have been exploring letters of the week and anticipating familiar phonic session routines. Well done P2.



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