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Message from the Principal

The half term seems to have flown by and we have arrived at the break within the blink of an eye. As we can see from our newsletter, we have been working hard on the theme of weather and have had plenty of opportunities to experience winter conditions through exploring ice, snow and all things chilly.

Spring is on the way, however, I think we're all looking forward to more sun and warmth.

We also hope that our new build will be in use soon with the finishing touches due this half term. We should then be good to go!

We have already been in conversation with schools in the local area regarding visits and links and the new build's timetable is taking shape. We also hope to have an open celebration. We'll be sure to keep everyone informed regarding arrangements for this.

In the meantime, I hope everyone has a great half term and we'll see you all on Monday 20th February.

Steve Perren
Principal



EYFS enjoy playing and spending time with their friends encouraging them to build positive relationships.

Early Years



Secondary 2



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.

Friendships are key in Secondary 2. We are lucky to be able to learn about the planet and how to look after it as friends together.

Watching the seasons change, celebrating world chocolate day or making tartans for Burns' night, altogether is more fun.



We have been exploring sensory objects related to the Weather in outreach sessions, working on our listening skills and enjoying messages from our friends from school on the iPad.

SMSC

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Outreach



Primary 5

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Primary 4

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In Primary 4, we have been enjoying the early spring term and celebrated "Chinese New Year" through a mark making story.



Secondary 4

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Everyone in S4 has been working so hard on their maths targets - counting objects, identifying 'one more' and 'one less', finding numbers and sorting colours and shapes.



S1 have been exploring books with a tactile feel and developing their early listening skills.

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Secondary 1



As part of our weather sensory exploration, P5 have enjoyed engaging in different mark making stories linked to snow and rain!



Sixth Form 1

We've been working in the life skills bedroom developing our skills in looking after the home. We've been putting duvets into duvet covers and pillows into pillow cases.

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Our New Build



We look forward to sharing more with the community on its grand opening!

Here are some early photos of 'ReWorks', our new build.



There are lots of opportunities for music in the AFA curriculum. As well as exploring rhyme and rhythm we enjoy our music therapy sessions with Richard.

AFA

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We have been enjoying our recycling topic, we had lots of fun building a tower out of recyclable materials. It was really fun knocking it down!

SMSC



Secondary 5



Eunice, our Unicef Rights Respecting lamb, has continued her visits to our pupils' homes this term.



Here she is enjoying Article 31, the right to leisure, and Article 24, the right to health, with her friends.



Primary 2

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P2 have been working on their expressive communication skills, using communication aids and books to persist in expressing their wants and needs.

Well done P2!

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



In P3 we have enjoyed exploring our new topic- the weather! The snow was so much fun, some of us liked how cold it was and made footprints. We have also learnt that umbrellas protect us from the rain.



Primary 3

Secondary 3

Secondary 3 have been investigating the properties of materials in science.



We have discovered that many metals are magnetic, and that wood floats in water.



Pupils in S2 have been practising taking care of others which supports the indicator of wellbeing - **living and working productively.**



Transition 1



In T1 this term we have been really enjoying our food therapy sessions where we have been exploring sandwich ingredients. We have been using all our senses to explore the different colours, smells, tastes and even sounds of a variety of ingredients.



Primary 1

P1 have been exploring dance movements in the context of a growing plant to represent the arrival of spring in dance therapy. Well done for your hard work and efforts!

