

Friday Newsletter – 10th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a truly fantastic and busy week across the academy, filled with engaging and enriching activities for all year groups. Our pupils embraced democracy by voting for the new School Council, while many others channelled their creativity into the Beyond Radio Junior Poet Laureate Competition. From Den Building to exploring the Water Cycle and even Lino Printing, the children have demonstrated wonderful teamwork, curiosity, and artistic flair.

NEW Castle View School Council for 2025/26



This week the children took part in a democratic vote to select the new members of the school council. The eager applicants presented their manifestos to their class and the children then voted in secret using a ballot box. We are pleased to announce the new Castle View School Council for 2025-26 are Albie (Y1), Lacey (Y2), Keziah and Cassidy (Y3), Fahad and Lily-Mae (Y4), Freddie and Ruby S (Y5) and Kyle and James (Y6).

Beyond Radio - Junior Poet Laureate Competition



This week we were visited by Junior Poet Laureate Bryan Griffin. He spoke to the children about a competition he has launched with Beyond Radio. Each child can enter by writing their own poem based on 'nature'. It can rhyme or be straight prose but no more than 150 words. Children have been asked to do this at home and the deadline for entries is Thursday 23rd October. Winners will receive a trophy and have their poem read out on Beyond Radio. Please send entries up to the Year 5 classroom. These can be handwritten or typed. Good Luck everyone.

Year 5 - Lino Printing

This week, Year 5 continued with their Art topic and began making lino prints. Each child made a design based on the theme of nature and began carving these into their lino blocks. They have made some very impressive designs. The class also had the idea that they may make some Christmas wrapping paper next! Check out the Year 5 class page on the school website or google classroom for even more pictures.



Fantastic Behaviour for Learning Awards

Reception/1/2 – Ayesha
Year 3/4 – Alfie

Year 5 – Muhammad
Year 6 - Nevaeh



Information Detectives in Year 3/4



The Year 3/4 class have been **information detectives** this week! They have been planning their information leaflets about the **Water Cycle**, so they needed to find out what a good leaflet looks like! They found key features they loved and added them to their plans! The children cannot wait to write their own. 🔍💧

Action-packed week in Reception and Key Stage 1!

The week began with an exciting Den Building activity led by Commando Jane. The children demonstrated fantastic teamwork as they worked together to create their very own camouflage dens among the trees.

In Reception, as part of their topic, All About Me, the children have been enjoying the story *Funnybones*. During Understanding the World, they explored the human skeleton through Drawing Club and produced some wonderful skeleton artwork using a variety of materials. The highlight of the week has been the Vet Role Play Area, where many poorly animals received excellent care from the amazing little vets! 🐶🩺

Meanwhile, in Key Stage 1, the children have started their new Geography topic on Oceans and Continents. They have been labelling maps and enthusiastically singing the continents song.

In Maths this week, the KS1 children have been learning how whole numbers can be split into parts and represented using part-part-whole models, while in Reception the children have been using the vocabulary more and fewer to compare quantities up to six. 🇬🇧🌍



Superstars Certificates for outstanding work



The following children have all worked their socks off in class and have been awarded a certificate for their great attitude to learning:

Miss Spencer – Nala and Albie P
Miss Mills – Lily B and Blanka

Mrs Hamer – Klay and Emily
Mrs Robinson - Teddy and James

7 Times Readers this week

Rec/Y1/Y2 - Alex, Albie H, Kir

Y3/Y4 - Lily-Mae, Dante, Jayden, Lily B

Y5 - Ruby S, Ryan

Y6 - Bella, James, Daniel



We want all our children to be reading every day!

It is such an important skill and will really help with their writing and vocabulary.

Please support your child at home with their reading.

SEND Coffee and Drop-in Session with Mrs Barton



A friendly reminder that all parents and carers are warmly invited to our **SEND Coffee and Drop-in Session** with Mrs. Barton this coming Monday. This is a lovely, informal opportunity for a chat, whether your child has identified SEND needs or not—everyone is welcome! If you have a question about support, or just want to come along and meet our wonderful SENDCo, Mrs. Barton, please feel free to join us at 2pm. ☕

SEND Information

SENDIASS <https://lancssendias.org.uk/>

Lancashire SEND Information, Advice and Support Service is a statutory service which is run at 'arm's length' from the Local Authority and provides free, confidential, impartial advice, guidance and support to parents of children with special educational needs and children and young people with SEND.

If you are interested, below is the link to the Lancashire SEND newsletter which has lots of useful and interesting information.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/media/965589/send-newsletter-autumn-2025.pdf>



As we transition firmly into the cooler and wetter Winter months, please remember the importance of sending your child to school equipped with a warm, waterproof coat and a hood each day so they can stay dry and comfortable while enjoying their outdoor break and lunchtime activities.

Secondary School Places for Year 6 pupils

A reminder to all parents and carers of Year 6 pupils that the deadline for applying for your child's secondary school place for September 2026 is **Thursday, October 31st**. Please ensure your application is submitted online via the Local Authority website before this critical date. 

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-secondary-school/>

Dates to remember for the rest of the half term

- Monday 13th October (2pm-3:15pm) - SEND Coffee & Drop-in with Mrs Barton
- Tuesday 14th October - School photo day
- Tuesday 14th October - Flu Immunisation - School Nurse Team
- Wednesday 22nd October - Halloween Disco
- Thursday 23rd October - School closes for half term
- Friday 31st October - Deadline for applying to secondary school

Best wishes,

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