

Friday Newsletter – 13th March 2025

What another fantastic week at Castle View with lots going on! We received an incredibly generous donation from the charity School Aid, in partnership with Beyond Radio. We are extremely grateful and thankful for their generosity. Our Year 3/4 football team took part in the Lancaster small schools competition and did extremely well. Our Year 5 pupils took part in their last School Tasking session, working with law students from Lancaster University. This is in addition to all the amazing things our children have been doing in their classes this week.

Mrs Stoves' Thespians

This half term, Year 5-6 have been studying William Shakespeare's 'Macbeth'. This week, the children have developed their oracy skills by reciting some of the witches' dialogue.



Fantastic Behaviour Awards

Reception – Vinnie
Year 1/2 – Nevaeh

Year 3/4 – Sani
Year 5/6 – Amaan



Mrs Walker's Scientists



This week the children have been answering the question- what makes an amphibian an amphibian? They found out that all amphibians have moist skin, cold blood, change as they grow (metamorphosis), lay eggs and live on land and water. The children have also been enjoying the Spring weather and have been spotting signs of Spring.

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 – Albie and Ben
Mrs Walker – Cassidy and Lacey T

Mrs Hamer – Tyler and Sullivan
Mrs Stoves – Lewis and Bella

Mrs Hamer's Reading Superheroes

This half term Year 3 and 4 have been working extra hard to improve our reading. We have been enjoying our daily reading in class time too. Our class book is 'Varjak Paw' by SF Said and we are loving the story so far. We can not wait to hear how the story ends. Thank you all for reading at home too as this has been really helping us. Keep up that daily reading and become a fully fledged reading superhero.



Miss Spencer's Explorers

This week, our Reception children have continued exploring signs of the Spring. They have been practising their lines, songs and poems for their upcoming Spring assembly.

In the creative area, our young artists have been capturing the beauty of nature, using a variety of media to create observational drawings and paintings of delicate snowdrops and vibrant daffodils.

In PE, the children have been making fantastic progress, showcasing impressive balancing, throwing, and jumping skills. It's wonderful to see their confidence and coordination growing each week!

Spring is truly in the air, and we can't wait to see their hard work come to life in the assembly!



Attendance

The winners of the best attendance prize this week are the children in Year 1/2 and 3/4. Brilliant job!

Regular Readers The following children have read at home 7 times (or even more!) and we are so proud of them that we want to share their names with you!

Miss Spencer – Rory, Ivy

Mrs Walker – Cassidy, Dante, Alex, Lacey, Kir, Keziah and Riley

Mrs Hamer – Ruby T, Tyler, Lily B, Pooya, Muhammad, Michael and Michele

Mrs Stoves – Amaan, Hollie, Sarah, Ellie-Mae, James, Bella and Thaaranka.

Well done children. As the children will tell you, reading is a super power!



Our **Talking Point** for this week is sleep. The 15th of March is World Sleep Day. Discuss with your child why sleep is so important. What is a reasonable bedtime?

We believe that talking at home is brilliant for everyone! When you talk to your family, you share ideas, learn new things, and discover more about each other. It helps you understand your feelings, solve problems, and build strong connections. Whether it's at mealtimes, before bed, or on the way to school, make time for a good natter.



We are excited to announce that we are expanding our communication channels to celebrate the achievements and hard work of our pupils. In addition to our school website, we will now be sharing photos and videos of school activities and successes on our official Facebook and X (formerly Twitter) accounts.

We believe this will provide a wonderful opportunity to showcase the fantastic things happening at Castle View and keep you even more closely connected to your child's learning journey. You will be able to find us on X using the handle, [@CastleViewAcad](https://twitter.com/CastleViewAcad)

We have sent permission forms home for you to sign to allow your child's photo and first name to appear on our official Facebook and X platforms so we can celebrate their hard work! **Please make sure you send them back in as soon as possible! Thank you!**



Year 3/4 School Football Team

On Tuesday this week, our Year 3/4 school football team took part in the Lancaster small school competition at Moorside Primary School. They did extremely well and managed to win 5-0 in one of their games - onwards and upwards!



School Aid Donation

This week, we received an incredibly generous donation from School Aid in partnership with Beyond Radio. The money was raised over a weekend of music events in the local community. Two of our House Captains were on hand to receive the money and were extremely thankful and grateful. We will now put the question of what to do with the money to our School Council, who will make sure the money is put to good use. Watch this space!

Welfare Vacancy

We're looking for a caring and reliable individual to join our school as a Welfare Assistant! Initially, this role involves supporting our pupils for one hour each Wednesday, ensuring they have a safe and happy lunchtime. There's also the potential for additional hours to cover staff absences, making a real difference to our school community. If you're passionate about helping children and have a warm, friendly nature, please apply via this link: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/castleview/job/welfare-assistant-1470223>

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

H. Rose

Acting Headteacher