

## Friday Newsletter – 16th May 2025

What a busy week! To our amazing Year 6 pupils, the whole school community would like to say a big well done for completing your SATS! We are so proud of the respectful, responsible and hard-working pupils you are.



Elsewhere in school, our brilliant children have been exploring the school grounds, learning about classifying plants, role playing in English, working hard with numbers and investigating different food types.

### The Tin Forest



At last we have found out the title of our class mystery book. It is called 'The Tin Forest'. Many children had very close guesses and made excellent predictions on how the story would end - well done to Lily who almost got all of the details correct. As part of our English work we also had a 'hot seat' visitor from the story - the little old man. To celebrate we made some tin forests of our own to consolidate the collage work we did last term. We love reading stories.

### 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 – Ayesha and Kaylan  
Mrs Walker – Myla and Esme

Mrs Hamer – Marcel and Michael  
Mrs Robinson – Thaaranka and Cristiano

### Fantastic Behaviour Awards

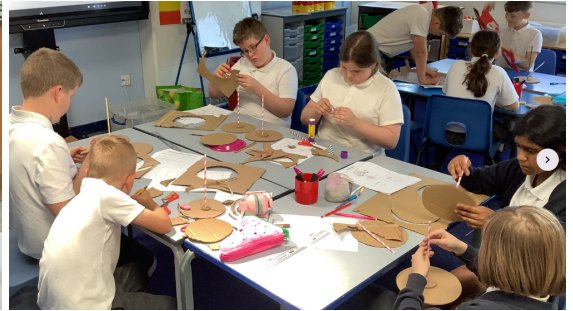
Reception – Ben  
Year 1/2 – Ozzie

Year 3/4 – Liley-Mae  
Year 5/6 – James



## **Year 5 Engineers**

In Year 5, pupils have been designing and making their own theme park rides. This week, they have been using wooden dowels and wheels to make a simple pulley system. Their model will eventually be driven by an electrical motor. Using a range of components, the children have been also using a range of practical skills including cutting, sawing, joining and finishing accurately. Watch this space to find out how their project unfolds.



## **Mrs Walker's Scientists**



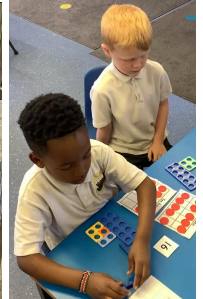
This week in science the children have been finding out about the different food types- carbohydrates, proteins, fruit and vegetables, and dairy. The children then sorted plastic food into the correct groups before talking about the importance of eating food from every group. However it is very important to eat lots of fruit and vegetables to keep us super healthy!!

## **Growth and Creativity Bloom in Reception**

This week, our Reception children have continued learning about planting and growing through reading non-fiction books and hands-on experience planting seeds outside. Each child planted their own sunflower seed and they have been patiently waiting for their seeds to sprout.

Our creative focus this week was inspired by Vincent van Gogh's famous sunflower paintings. The children carefully observed his work and then created their own sunflower masterpieces.

In Maths, the children have continued working on representing numbers to twenty using a variety of manipulatives.



## **Poppy Parent Meeting:**

Miss Wilkinson will be hosting her Poppy Parent Meeting on Tuesday 20th May 2025 at 2:30pm in school. Jeni Meadows from Citizen Advice will also be attending for any families who may need any support from their services. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.



**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!

**Mrs Walker** – Alex, Dante, Aram, Kir, Keziah, Lacey FW

**Mrs Hamer** – Tyler, Ruby T, Michelle

**Mrs Robinson** - Bella, James, Thaaranka, Amaan, Hannah, Hollie, Sarah, Harris, Magnus, McKenzie, Cristiano

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



We've been enjoying some of the hottest days of the year so far. Just a friendly reminder to send your children to school prepared for the sunshine! Please ensure they have sun lotion applied, a sunhat, and a full water bottle to stay safe and hydrated throughout the day.

### **Dino Meal Day**



On Thursday 15th May, children enjoyed a special Dinosaur themed dinner day. A big thank you to Miss McShane, our wonderful chef for all her hard work.

### **Attendance**

Coming to school every day makes a real difference to your child's learning journey. Even a few missed days can add up, meaning valuable learning time is lost. For instance, just one day off a week is nearly six weeks of learning missed across the school year! We understand that children can sometimes feel a little under the weather, but unless they are genuinely unwell and unable to focus, being in school with their classmates ensures they don't miss out on important lessons and activities. Let's work together to make the most of every learning opportunity.

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



We are celebrating all the fantastic things happening at Castle View and keeping you even more closely connected to your child's learning journey through X (formerly Twitter). You will be able to find us on X using the handle, [@CastleViewAcad](https://twitter.com/CastleViewAcad)

### **Dates to look out for:**

- Year 3/4 Class Assembly - Wednesday 21st May 9am. Please join us if you can.
- Year 1/2 Parents AI meeting - Thursday 22nd May 2.45pm
- End of half term - school closes - Friday 23rd May
- Half term holiday - week commencing 26/5/25

Best wishes

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