

Friday Newsletter – 19th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a truly magnificent week we have had at Castle View Primary Academy, with Monday standing out as a day that will surely be remembered for years to come. We were incredibly fortunate to welcome the legendary author and poet, Michael Rosen, who paid us a special visit after his weekend performance at the Morecambe Poetry Festival. For an unforgettable hour, our children were absolutely captivated as he performed some of his most beloved works. The energy in the hall was electric, and to see the pure joy and inspiration on the faces of our pupils was a sight to behold. A huge thank you must go to Mrs Hamer for her incredible efforts in organising this momentous event. This visit wasn't just a highlight of the week; it will undoubtedly go down as one of the standout moments of the academic year. We sincerely hope this experience serves as a reminder to the children that exciting and enriching things are always happening here at Castle View, and that the magic of literature and poetry is all around us.



Year 5 - Trip to Leighton Hall

We had a wonderful time at Leighton Hall last Friday. During the morning, we reviewed our understanding of pollination and gained a better understanding of how life cycles of plants and trees work. We were able to play team games, make crafts and do some printing. In the afternoon we had the exciting opportunity to make our own apple juice and toasted apples on an open fire. We hope we get to do this again soon.



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 – Lucas and Albie
Miss Mills – Jett and Alfie

Mrs Hamer – Ruby T and Emily
Mrs Robinson - Magnus

X7 Readers - Keep up the reading and remember...Reading is a SUPER power. Well done to the following:

Alex, Ivy, Marcel, Pooya, Myla, Jayden, Daniel, Bella, James, Mckenzie, Thaaranka

The Knead for Knowledge: Y6 Becomes Master Bakers

Y6 have been conducting market research by tasting a range of breads including flavours of garlic, cheese, pepper and red onion. They enjoyed discussing the taste, texture, appearance and smell. We will use our findings to design a recipe for our very own delicious breads.



Fantastic Behaviour Awards

Reception/1/2 – Darcie

Year 5 – Nelly

Year 3/4 – Lilly

Year 6 - Daniel



The Bear Necessities of Learning



After meeting the wonderful author Michael Rosen, the children were inspired to dive into his much-loved story *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*.

Key Stage 1 children let their imaginations soar in Drawing Club, creating their own exciting versions of the story — from treasure hunts and lion hunts to monster hunts and more! Meanwhile, Reception children have been busy role-playing the adventure and making their very own bears using a variety of materials. In celebration of the Harvest Festival, Reception also harvested apples from our own trees and baked a delicious apple crumble — it was a real treat! In Maths, Reception have been exploring numbers 1–5, carefully matching the right number of bears, while Key Stage 1 children have been developing their problem-solving skills through place value, learning to compare “more than” and “less than.”

To round off the week, Key Stage 1 had an exciting visit from Lancaster Fire Brigade. The children listened so well and learned all about fire safety and what to do in an emergency.



Are you passionate about supporting the school, learning new skills and creating lasting memories? Then the Castle View PTA is the place for you. If you are interested, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office or speak to Mr Rose. The PTA will meet to discuss how they can support the school with events and raising money.

The first meeting will be: **Wednesday 24th September**

Location: **Year 3/4 classroom** Time: **3:15pm**



Crumb-believably Good Critiques

This week Y3/4 began tasting different fillings for our apple crumbles! We looked at how fruits are packaged differently and where they come from! After careful deliberation and critiquing, we decided that peaches, cranberries and vanilla were our favourite added extras!

Census Day - Thursday 2nd October!



Please remember that Thursday 2nd October is Census Day. This is a crucial day for the school, as the data we provide to the Department for Education on this date is used to determine our funding. Your continued support in ensuring your child's attendance and our records are up-to-date is vital, as this information allows us to provide the best possible resources and learning opportunities for all our pupils. On Census Day this year, there will be opportunities for your child to win prizes and have a VIP lunch with Mr Rose!

Parent governor Vacancy

If you are passionate about making a difference and having a voice that contributes to shaping your child's education, please apply for the Parent Governor role.

It is a deeply rewarding position. Meetings are once a half term. If you are interested, please come and speak to Mr Rose, who will be more than happy to discuss it further with you.



Harvest Festival

This will take place on **Wednesday 1st October** at 9am in the school hall. We are now collecting food items in tins and packets ready for the day. Please send any donations to your child's class. All parents are welcome to join us.

Dates to remember for the rest of the half term

- Wednesday 24th September - Y6 Class Assembly
- Wednesday 1st October - Castle View Harvest Assembly
- Thursday 2nd October - Census Day
- Thursday 2nd October - National Poetry Day
- Tuesday 7th October - Y6 Heights and Weights
- Monday 13th October (2pm) - SEND Coffee Meeting 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,

H. Rose
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