

## Friday Newsletter – 20th March 2026

It has been an incredibly vibrant and harmonious week here at Castle View Primary Academy. From the soaring melodies of community singing to the focused hum of digital innovation, our pupils have truly embodied our school values of pride and perseverance. Whether our youngest learners were experimenting with the tastes of spring or our oldest were mastering complex mathematics through play, the energy across all key stages has been nothing short of electric.

This week's highlights serve as a wonderful reminder of the diverse talents our children possess—be it on a grand stage, within a scientific circuit, or through the lens of a design challenge. I am delighted to share a closer look at the "True Colours" our pupils have shown this week.

### I just wanna be a Rockstar!



This week, year 3 and 4 took a trip to Ashton Hall to take part in a huge community singing festival! This year's theme was 'Our Time', looking at what has been, and is yet to come for our future leaders. We made sure 'aint nobody gonna turn me around', and we showed our 'True Colours'!

All the children represented our school with pride and genuine enthusiasm, and I could not be prouder! Well done everyone! I cannot wait to see your names in flashing lights across the stages one day!

### Fantastic Behaviour for Learning Awards

Reception/1/2 – Chizurum  
Year 3/4 – Jett

Year 5 – Sani  
Year 6 - Oscar

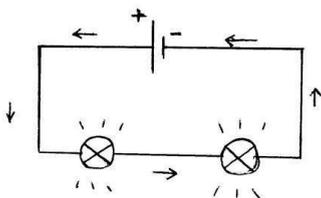


### Superstars Certificates for outstanding work

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 Lucas  
Miss Mills – Dominic & The whole class

Mrs Hamer – Ruby H and Freddie  
Mrs Robinson - Lewis and Dalton



### Y5 changing circuits

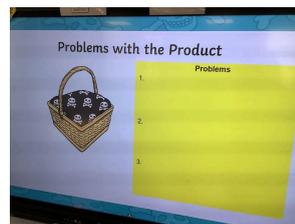
Year 5 have been having lots of fun experimenting with electrical components this week. They have tried making bulbs brighter, buzzers louder and trying out a great deal of batteries. The class love their Science lessons, especially when they get to play with so many things.

### Spring Parent's Evening

A reminder that our next Parent's Evening will take place this **Monday, 23rd March**. These meetings are a vital opportunity to discuss your child's academic progress, celebrate their recent successes, and identify the next steps in their learning journey. If you haven't already done so, please ensure you book an appointment with your child's class teacher. As always, if you have any questions or require assistance with your booking, please do not hesitate to ask at the school office.

## KS1: Pirate Patch's Portability Problem!

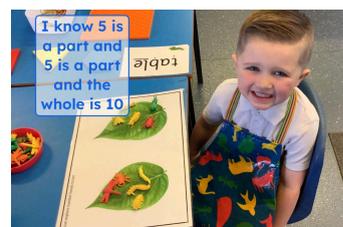
In DT this week, our KS1 children were contacted by Pirate Patch and challenged to evaluate how lunch is currently transported from the Blue Dolphin to the Golden Mermaid. Working in pairs, they discussed and sorted the strengths and weaknesses of the existing method. Next, they will begin designing a more effective solution.



## Reception: Brilliant Bonds and Bitter Beverages!

Our Reception children have really impressed us with their learning of number bonds to 10. They have been confidently using their oracy skills to explain their thinking. They also had great fun in the water area, squeezing lemons and creating their own spring "cocktails."

Finally, all the children worked incredibly hard in gymnastics this week, developing their balancing skills and practising a range of different rolls.



## Year 6: Multiplication Mutation with Evolytes!

Our Year 6 pupils have been "leveling up" their numeracy skills this week, trading in their lead pencils for pixels. The classroom has been a hive of digital discovery as the children utilised their Chromebooks to engage with Evolytes, a fantastic game-based learning platform. It has been wonderful to observe how the competitive, interactive nature of the program encourages the children to master complex arithmetic with both speed and accuracy. By blending the thrill of gaming with rigorous mathematical concepts, our eldest students are not only sharpening their fluencies but are also building the resilience needed for their upcoming transitions. It is safe to say that when it comes to Maths, Year 6 is truly ahead of the game!



## Dates for this half term:

Monday 23rd March - Parent's Evening

Kind regards,

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