

Newsletter – 23rd October 2025

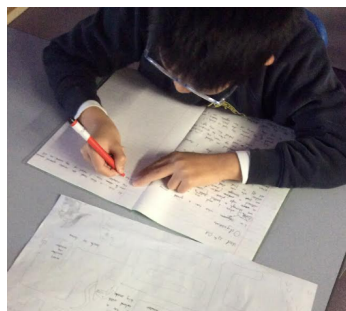
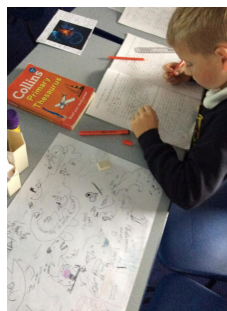
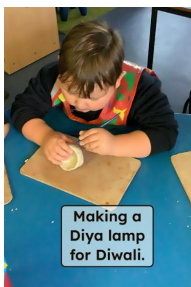
Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the final week of what has been a long yet hugely successful and positive eight-week half term, I write to you with a sense of immense pride in our entire school community. The past two months have been exceptionally rich in activity and achievement, including a visit from world-famous poet Michael Rosen, successful school trips, our vibrant Halloween disco, the launch of our new school Facebook page, and consistently fantastic behaviour for learning across all classes, highlighted by our recent Harvest Service and class assemblies. I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all members of staff, parents, and carers for their tremendous hard work and unwavering support in ensuring our children's continued success and learning.

Celebrating Festivals and Exploring Our World

This week our Reception children explored the festival of light, Diwali. They learned how Hindus prepare for the celebration by cleaning, cooking and decorating their homes with diyas and rangoli patterns. The children enjoyed creating their own diyas and making rangoli patterns.

In Maths, they worked on the concept of sharing objects equally into three groups and focused on counting accurately to 5. Meanwhile, in KS1 our pupils enjoyed a sensory autumn walk using all five senses touching, seeing, hearing, smelling and tasting. From the crunch of leaves beneath their feet to the feel of the prickly sweet chestnuts. The children used descriptive vocabulary to discuss and record findings.



Writing quests in Year 6

Year 6 have produced some excellent Quests this week using story maps based on Ancient Greece. They have focused on sentence structures, descriptions and dialogue. Excellent work Year 6!

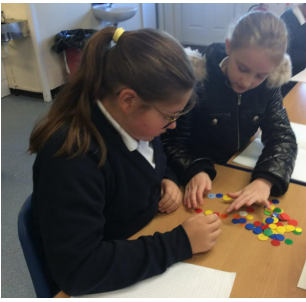
Superstars Certificates for outstanding work



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 – Justin and Kir
Miss Mills – Modather and Myla

Mrs Hamer – Lily C and Ruby H
Mrs Robinson - Junior and Oscar



Magic Maths in Year 5

The Maths topic this week has been to carry out lots of Mathematical investigations. The children have really enjoyed learning in this practical way. Some of the challenges really stretched their brains but thankfully, they worked in teams to solve the problems. These activities have helped to consolidate their understanding of square numbers, factors and multiples.



Film makers in Year 3/4

This week, children in Y3/4 made their own stop motion animations! They worked together in teams to make a seamless cinema-worthy production! Well done everyone!



Halloween Disco



The Halloween Disco was a huge success this week. The children absolutely loved the songs and the Halloween decorations. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our brand new PTA (Carley and Kim), whose dedication and time made it a disco to remember and to our amazing staff who stayed to support the disco!

You can see photos from this year's Halloween disco on our school Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61581986532153>

Fantastic Behaviour for Learning Awards

Reception/1/2 – Harry
Year 3/4 – Lacey

Year 5 – Freddie
Year 6 - Kyle



7 Times Readers this week

Rec/Y1/Y2 - Alex, Ivy, Kir,

Y3/Y4 - Dante, Lily B, Modather

Y5 - Emily R

Y6 - Bella B, Mckenzie, Thaaranka, James, Leo M, Primrose

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/>



Parents Evening

Next half term, we will be having our Parents Evening, which will give you an opportunity to see how your child has settled into the new academic year.

In the first week, there will be sign up sheets in the playground for you to book an appointment with your child's teacher.

Farewell to Valued Members of Our Team

It is with considerable regret that I must inform you of the upcoming departures of two exceptional members of the Castle View Primary Academy team, Mrs. Simpson, our School Business Manager, and Mrs. Hammond, our dedicated cleaner. Both colleagues have played a truly pivotal role in the daily life of the Academy, demonstrating unwavering dedication that has been instrumental in ensuring our children benefit from the very best environment in which to continue their learning. I know that you will join me, the staff, and the entire governing body in wishing them both the very best of luck and success as they embark on their future endeavours. They will both be missed tremendously by the entire Castle View community.

Dates to remember for next half term

- Friday 31st October - Deadline for applying to secondary school
- School reopens - Monday 3rd November
- Parents Evening - Monday 10th November
- Anti-Bullying Week - 10th - 14th November
- Assessment Week - 1st December
- TBC - Christmas Fair (PTA)
- Close for Christmas - Friday 19th December

On behalf of the staff and governors, I wish every member of the Castle View school community a safe and restful half term break. We look forward to welcoming all our pupils and families back on Monday 3rd November, ready for another successful and productive half term of learning and achievement.

Best wishes,

H. Rose
Acting Headteacher