

## Friday Newsletter – 3rd October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a truly bustling and generous week we've shared here at Castle View! Our week culminated in a very special Harvest Festival celebration, where we were honored to host Reverend Carol and Jim Robinson from the Lancaster Homeless Action Group. A heartfelt thank you must go to all our wonderful families for the incredibly generous donations you provided; your kindness will make a real difference to those in need. The week was also filled with wonderful words as we marked National Poetry Day. Every single class practiced their oracy skills and delivered a fantastic performance of their chosen poem for the whole school—a truly captivating display of confidence! If you missed the performances, you can find videos of each class's excellent recitals posted on your child's Google Classroom.



### Census Day - Thursday 2nd October



A big well done to all the children who won the VIP lunch with Mr Rose and to the four children who won a prize from the golden box. This was all part of 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, which is important because it helps us provide an excellent education for our children.

### The Big Debate in Y5



Year 5 put their Pupil Voice skills to good use in Science this week. In their latest lesson, the class took on the roles of farmers, shopkeepers, journalists, and butchers to debate the complex issue of selective breeding. The children were tasked with deciding whether selective breeding was a positive or negative practice, and the group arguing in favour ultimately won the debate.

### Year 3/4 - Scientists



Year 3/4 had a fantastic, hands-on week in Science! The children explored the states of matter by observing how ice (a solid) melts when exposed to a warmer substance or environment, turning into water (a liquid). They took this investigation a step further by observing how the water then becomes steam (a gas) when heated again. The class successfully linked these practical observations to their existing knowledge of the water cycle.

## 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 – William and Scarlett  
Miss Mills – Keziah and Dante

Mrs Hamer – Alfie and Teddy  
Mrs Robinson - Marek and Mckenzie

## Reception - Storytelling, Farming Fun, and Sorting Skills



This week in Reception, the children enjoyed retelling *The Little Red Hen* using a story map, actions, and role play. They also learned about farm life by matching baby animals to their mothers and even churning cream into butter to taste on warm toast. In Maths, the children have been exploring sorting activities.

## Toys of Yesteryear and Place Value Power in KS1



Meanwhile, in Year 1 and Year 2, the children created their own museum displays on *Toys from the Past*, categorising them and arranging them in chronological order to show how toys have changed over time. In Maths, they have been developing their understanding of place value and practising ordering numbers using the vocabulary *greater than*, *fewer* and *less than*.

## Bulbs, Bonds, and Big Ideas: Year 6 in Action

It's been an incredibly busy and productive time for Year 6! The children showcased some great work this week as they honed their collaborative skills during an engaging session with **Commando Amy**. They tackled teamwork challenges with enthusiasm and proved just how well they can communicate and support one another. Beyond the physical activities, Year 6 also got their fingers green, diligently planting bulbs as part of the school's exciting ecological project, **'Where the Wildlings Are'**. This hands-on work contributes directly to improving the school environment, giving the students a sense of ownership over a living, growing part of their community.



## Fantastic Behaviour for Learning Awards

Reception/1/2 – Lacey T  
Year 3/4 – Fahad

Year 5 – Sani  
Year 6 - George



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As we look ahead to the weekend, please take extra care and ensure your family remains safe with Storm Amy forecast to bring wet and windy weather across our region. We encourage everyone to stay informed by checking local weather updates before making travel plans or venturing out.

Furthermore, as we transition firmly into the cooler and wetter Winter months, please remember the importance of sending your child to school equipped with a warm, waterproof coat and a hood each day so they can stay dry and comfortable while enjoying their outdoor break and lunchtime activities.

#### **Dates to remember for the rest of the half term**

- Tuesday 7th October - Y6 Heights and Weights
- Monday 13th October (2pm-3:15pm) - SEND Coffee & Drop-in 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,

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