

Friday Newsletter – 7th November 2025

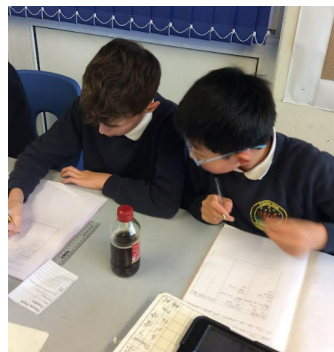
Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another wonderful week of learning and discovery at Castle View. The children have returned from the (regrettably distant!) October break, full of energy, which was immediately put to good use in a fantastic team-building session to kick off the week. We introduced our new value for this half term - forgiveness. It is always a pleasure to walk through the school and see such engaged and excited learners.



Lights, Camera, Inference!

This week Year 3 and 4 have channelled their inner actors/actresses! We have acted out the opening to our new class novel and used our inference skills to show how characters are feeling through body language and facial expression! EMMY's here we come!

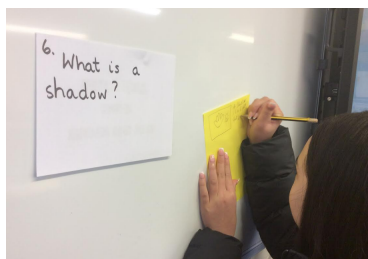
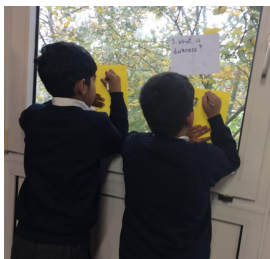


Year 6: Materials and Big Questions

Year 6 have made a great start on their 'materials' topic in Science. They used some excellent scientific vocabulary such as: malleable, flexible, elastic, permeable and translucent when investigating the properties of materials such as toothpaste, vinegar, tea bags and BluTac!

Y5 Science Topic - Light

Did you know that light travels in straight lines? This is just one of the many things that we found out this week in Science. We also recapped our prior learning on light and remembered how shadows were made. In the lesson we focused on our vocabulary of 'opaque' and 'transparent' Do you know what these mean? The children loved working in a carousel activity and moving around the room for the challenges.



Google Workshop for Parents - Thursday 13th November

Come along to our Google workshop to see how your child works in the Google Classroom. There are two workshops during the day - 9am and 3:30pm. Please feel free to come along and see how your child's learning is enhanced through technology!

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 – Sivakesh and Lacey T
Miss Mills – Umjemma and Iris

Mrs Hamer – Ruby T and Nelly
Mrs Robinson - George and Kyle

Doubling Down on Discovery in KS1

We've had a brilliant start to the week in Reception and KS1 with a fun team-building session led by Commando Richard! The children worked together to navigate a maze and avoid the "crocodile-infested waters," showing great teamwork and determination.

In Reception, our Drawing Club book was *The Leaf Man*. The children created their own leaf people and explored the signs of autumn. In Maths, they spotted patterns in nature and used natural materials to make their own repeating designs. To celebrate Bonfire Night, they enjoyed making colourful firework prints with paint and sparkles!

KS1 pupils have been busy solving doubling and near-doubles problems in Maths. In Science, they discussed how autumn affects our lives, and in Geography, they learned about different continents and the animals that live there.



Fantastic Behaviour for Learning Awards

Reception/1/2 – Albie
Year 3/4 – Jett

Year 5 – Ruby H
Year 6 - Dalton



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.

Our x7 Readers - Reading is a Superpower

Year 3/4 - Marcel, Maks, Lily B, Dante

Y5 - Emily

Y6 - Bella B, Leo M, Thaaranika, James

Christmas Fair - Wednesday 10th December

We are now collecting items for the Christmas Fair. Any donations would be gratefully received. If you have any of the following items that you would like to donate then please send them into your child's class teacher:

- Selection boxes
- Tombola and raffle prizes
- Lucky Dip prizes
- Toys and Games, Wrapping paper
- Chocolate gifts



Talk on Tuesday Assembly

In this week's talk assembly the children had to decide to agree or disagree with the statement: 'Bonfire night is a great celebration for everyone?' They discussed the fun aspects of fireworks as well as the feelings of other people, the environment and their pets. Why not discuss this again at home? There were some wonderful ideas.

Children in Need - Thursday 13th November

Due to staffing arrangements, we have decided to celebrate Children in Need on Thursday 13th November, as opposed to Friday.

On this day, your child is welcome to come dressed with something spotty with a small donation of £1. Let's raise some money! If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Dates to remember for next half term

- Parents Evening - Monday 10th November
- Anti-Bullying Week - 10th - 14th November
- Remembrance Day - Tuesday 11th November
- PTA Meeting - 12th November
- Children in Need Day - Thursday 13th November
- Google Workshop for Parents - 9am and 3:30pm - Thursday 13th November
- Year 5 and 6 Cake Sale - Friday 21st November (3:15-3:45 in the school hall)
- Assessment Week - 1st December
- Christmas Fair (PTA) - Wednesday 10th December
- KS1 Nativity - Wednesday 17th December - 9:30am
- KS2 Christmas Production 'Christmas Chaos' - Thursday 18th December - 9:30am
- KS1 and KS2 Christmas Party Afternoon - Thursday 18th December
- Close for Christmas - Friday 19th December



Kind regards,

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