

Friday Newsletter – 9th May 2025

Real-Life Heroes Visit!

We were thrilled to welcome Sgt Ralston and LCpl Grogan from the British Army to Castle View Primary Academy this week. The children were utterly engrossed as they had the unique opportunity to see a STARTER T7 bomb disposal robot in action and learn about the fascinating EOD suit. Sgt Ralston and LCpl Grogan's engaging presentation truly captivated our pupils, providing them with a wonderful insight into a different and important career path. It was a memorable and inspiring experience for all!



Mrs Walker's writers

This week the children have been focusing on becoming authors. They have been concentrating on the importance of using adjectives (describing words) in their writing to make it exciting to the reader. Here you can see some of the children acting out adjectives. Hopefully we will get some super exciting writing this week.



Miss Spencer's Tiny Seeds & Fruity Faces!



This week, our Reception Class has been diving deeper into the wonders of planting and growing through the story *The Tiny Seed*. In Drawing Club, the children illustrated vibrant flowers and impressed us with their phonics knowledge by carefully labelling each part. In Maths, the children have been ordering numbers to 20 and representing each number using a variety of manipulatives, such as

cubes and counters in ten frames. We also explored the artwork of Giuseppe Arcimboldo, a renowned Italian painter celebrated for his imaginative portraits made from fruits and vegetables. Inspired by his

creations, the children designed their own fruity faces and engaged in thoughtful discussions about the produce they selected for each feature.

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:

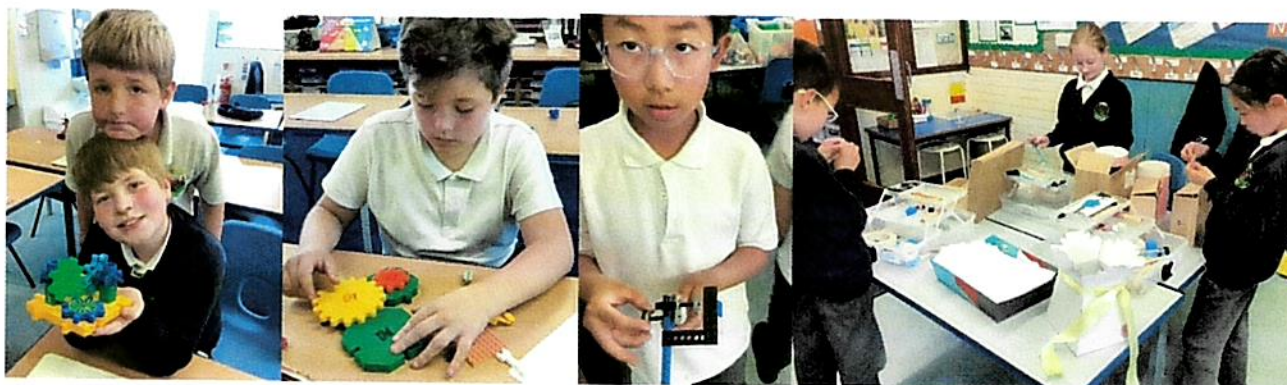
Miss Spencer – Justin and Ivy
Mrs Walker – Cassidy and Aram

Mrs Hamer – Alfie and Tyler
Mrs Robinson – Harris and Magnus

Mrs Robinson's DT Sparks & STEM Creations!

Y5-6 have been investigating how to use building kits to make moving parts. Their DT project will involve them using electrical components and pulleys to make a working model of a fairground ride.

Mrs Robinson's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) club have been using special equipment to recycle paper and make a jigsaw puzzle. The children have all received an exciting STEM box which will be used in future sessions. There is still space for any Y3-4 children who would like to join. Parents can apply by using the email sent out about clubs- if you need it to be sent again please contact the office.



Fantastic Behaviour Awards

Reception – Albie
Year 1/2 – Darcie

Year 3/4 – Tapfuma
Year 5/6 – Sam



Mrs Hamer's Plants ! Plants ! Plants!

This week Year 3 & 4 have begun preparing for their special assembly on plants. We invite parents from the class to join us on Wednesday 21st May at 9.00 am to watch our performance. We will be celebrating the importance of plants and how we need them to live. As part of our Science topic we are also securing our knowledge on the functions of plants - starting with the leaves. We have set up an experiment in our classroom to see what would happen if plants had no leaves. What do you think would happen?



Regular Readers The following children have read at home 7 times (or even more!) and we are so proud of them that we want to share their names with you!

Miss Spencer - Ben, Ivy

Mrs Walker – Alex, Dante, Aram

Mrs Hamer – Tyler, Michael, Tapfuma, Lily B, Ruby S, Michelle, Pooya

Mrs Robinson - Daniel, Bella, James, Peter, Primrose, Thaaranka, Amaan, Hannah, Hollie, Sarah, Harris, Magnus, Leo M

Well done children. As the children will tell you, reading is a super power!



We've been enjoying some of the hottest days of the year so far. Just a friendly reminder to send your children to school prepared for the sunshine! Please ensure they have sun lotion applied, a sunhat, and a full water bottle to stay safe and hydrated throughout the day.

Key Stage 2 SATs

To our amazing Year 6 pupils, the whole school is sending you the very best of luck for your SATs next week! You've worked incredibly hard all year, and we are so proud of your dedication and effort. Remember to take deep breaths, believe in yourselves, and show everyone what you know. We're all behind you – you've got this!



Attendance

The winners of the best attendance prize this week are the children in Reception. Brilliant job!



We are celebrating all the fantastic things happening at Castle View and keeping you even more closely connected to your child's learning journey through X (formerly Twitter). You will be able to find us on X using the handle, [@CastleViewAcad](#)

Dates to look out for:

- KS2 SATS - 12/5/25 - 15/5/25
- Year 3/4 Class Assembly - Wednesday 21st May
- End of half term - school closes - Friday 23rd May
- Half term holiday - week commencing 26/5/25

Best wishes

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