

Friday Newsletter – 4th April 2025

We've come to another end of a term! Just like every week, our children have been incredibly busy with curriculum visits to the library, the judge's lodgings, as well as our exciting new venture into the world of the Google classroom, which we will be officially launching very soon! We celebrated Easter with our Easter disco and Easter Egg competition too! I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Castle View community for your support and commitment to making our wonderful school the very best it can be! Happy Easter everyone!

Y3/4 - Trip to Lancaster Library

Did you know that Lancaster Library was once a fire station? This is just one of the many facts we found out during our visit there this week. It was also once a police station too! The children demonstrated excellent behaviour throughout the event and the librarians commented on how wonderfully polite the children were. We found lots of new book titles that we hope to get in class soon. The children are really improving their skills from reading every day. We also learned that the library runs many clubs such as chess club and Lego club and sometimes turns into a cinema over the school holidays.



Mrs Walker's Singers

The children entertained their parents in an Easter assembly this week. They performed some of the songs from the Lancaster Music Festival that they attended last week. The children sang with great gusto and I was very proud of every single one of them! Well done Years 1&2.



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 – Albie and Penny
Mrs Walker – Myla and Blanka

Mrs Hamer – Karson and Ruby H
Mrs Stoves – Teddy and Jacob F

It has been an exciting, jam-packed week in Reception class! We started with Maths, exploring the properties of 3D shapes by printing with them and building towers and rockets.

In PE, the children showed off their excellent ball skills while playing football, demonstrating great control and teamwork.

In Drawing Club, the children enjoyed reading *The Odd Egg* before designing their own odd egg and writing about the creature that will hatch from it. The excitement continued as we learned about Easter and how it's celebrated. The children decorated their own egg and took part in an egg-rolling race, showing great enthusiasm. The highlight was a surprise egg hunt to help the Easter Bunny find his lost basket.



Fantastic Behaviour Awards

Reception – Jaxson

Year 1/2 – Darcie

Year 3/4 – Iris

Year 5/6 – Thaaranka



Year 5/6 - Our School Taskers and Google Explorers!



This week, Year 5/6 pupils have been exploring the world of the Google classroom on our brand new Google chromebooks. The Google classroom is a secure, safe online classroom, where teachers can upload work for the children to complete and can offer immediate feedback to support learning. We are very excited to be working on our new Google chromebooks and are looking forward to exploring their potential further in the new term.

Five of our Year 5 pupils represented Castle View at the School Tasking Final at Lancaster University last week. This was part of a programme where our Year 5 pupils worked with law students from the university on aspects of the law. We are very proud of them - well done boys and girls.

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!

Mrs Walker – Dante, Darcie, Cassidy, Maks, Keziah

Mrs Hamer – Tyler, Lily B, Michael, Michele, Ruby S

Mrs Stoves – Hollie, Michalina, Daniel, Hannah, Nevaeh, Ellie-Mae, James, Bella, Thaaranka, Marek

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

Attendance

The winners of the best attendance prize this week are the children in Year 3/4. 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](https://twitter.com/CastleViewAcad)

Easter Competition Winners

Thank you to all our Easter Egg Competition entries. They were all egg-cellent! The winners from each class, picked by the teachers were;

Reception - Nala

Year 1/2 - Blanka

Year 3/4 - Lily-Mae

Year 5/6 - Bella



Easter Disco

A big thank you to the staff for helping at the Easter Disco this week and to Mrs Hamer for treating us to a disco to remember - the children had a great time!



Dates to watch out for:

- School re-opens on **Thursday 24th April 2025 at 8:30am**
- Parents Evening - Tuesday 29th April (Booking slots to be made available)
- Clubs restart on week commencing 28/4/25
- May Bank Holiday - School Closed - Monday 5th May
- Reception - Heights and weights check - Tuesday 6th May
- KS2 SATS - 12/5/25 - 15/5/25
- End of half term - school closes - Friday 23rd May
- Half term holiday - week commencing 26/5/25

I hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday and a restful break.

Best wishes

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