



# We are Castleway.

**Be kind. Be confident. Be your best.**



Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Families,

What a week we've had! Children's Mental Health Week has been a roaring success for Team Castleway. Forest School, protesting funding cuts, expressing ourselves, eating cake and even a drone photoshoot; it's all in a day's work for Castleway! As always, here's your Friday Update full of news and celebrations. Here we go...

### **Addy, Addy, Addy! Save, save, save!**

I was really proud of our children for making their voices heard in the local community this week in support of The Addy. Banners, chants and, as you'd expect, nothing but brilliant and respectful behaviour from Team Castleway. It was a valuable experience for our children about their right to make their voices heard in a considered and appropriate way. Moments like this are really special and I'm incredibly proud of them for that.



### **Wake Up & Shake Up**

We've absolutely loved the response to 'Wake Up & Shake Up' this week, so much so that an extra session was added this morning! Huge thanks to all who got involved and started the day with a smile and some extra community connections. We've heard the demands for this to be a regular feature so, at this point, we're just saying to watch this space! Thanks, of course, go to Mr. Smith and the wonderful Bobby and Jess for leading the sessions for us!



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### Dress to Express

We've been very proud of our children for letting their individuality shine today as we celebrated the end of Children's Mental Health Week. Children have had the opportunity to showcase who they are and what makes them special. We finished the day with our very own 'CastleWalk' in Celebration Assembly. Keep your eyes on our social media pages for the photographs from this fabulously Castleway event!



### Connecting with our Community

The theme of Children's Mental Health Week has been connections and Castleway have made the most of this to get out and connect with our community whilst also doing a bit of social good. If everywhere has looked a little tidier, that's because our children have given their time freely to make a difference.



### Cake Sale

We're so proud of our children for letting our motto of 'be kind' shine when they came up with the idea of donating proceeds from today's Cake Sale to the Turkey Earthquake appeal. We'll let you know how much we raised when we've counted up but just know that raising money for charity can be tasty work!



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**Fabulous Forest School**

Not many schools can say that their Forest School is set in acres of an actual forest but we can! Children from both schools have loved spending time connecting with nature as part of Children’s Mental Health Week. It really is a special place and we can’t wait to share the plans for the next phase of development. Oh yes, there’s more to come!



**Dates for your Diary**

When?	What?	Who?
15/02/23	Come Dine with Year 1 & Year 2	Year 1 & Year 2 Families
15/02/23	Valentine’s Disco	11:00 & 14:00 Nursery School 15:25 – 16:00 – Reception & KS1 16:00 – 16:45 – Key Stage 2
01/03/23	Books at Bedtime – Return to school at 5:30pm	Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Children
02/03/23	World Book Day	Primary & Nursery School Children
08/03/23	Come Dine with Year 3 & Year 4	Year 3 & Year 4 Families
08/03/23	KS2 Stories around the Campfire	Year 3 & Year 4 – 4:00pm / Year 5 & Year 6 – 4:30pm
15/03/22	Mothers and Significant Others Afternoon Tea	Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Families
16/03/22	Mothers and Significant Others Afternoon Tea	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 Families
22/03/23	Come Dine with Year 5 & Year 6	Year 5 & Year 6 Families

Another wonderful week for Team Castleway. We’ve got one week to go before half term, let’s make it a good one!

Kind regards,

Mr. S. Mycroft  
Headteacher

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