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Friday, 10th March 2023

Dear Families,

It really has been a busy old week for all of us at Castleway. From welcoming a visiting artist to talk to us about an exciting (or should that be egg-citing) project we're getting involved in to opening our doors to families for the latest round of 'Come Dine with Castleway' meals, we've had a great week. As always, here's your Friday Update with all of the usual news, updates and celebrations straight from the Team Castleway Campus.

Staffing Update

At the end of this term, Mrs. Riley will be leaving Castleway to spend more time with her young family. This is a decision that I'm sure many of you will understand as the precious time when your children are young cannot be replaced. Mrs. Riley's roles at Castleway have ranged from class teacher to Deputy Headteacher and, as some of you will remember, even Acting Headteacher. More recently, Mrs. Riley has taken a lead role at our Nursery School and has many successes to be proud of. On behalf of children, staff, families and governors, I would like to take the opportunity to thank her for her contributions over the past 13 years and wish her every success in the future. Don't worry, there will be opportunities for our families to say thank you and goodbye to Mrs. Riley.

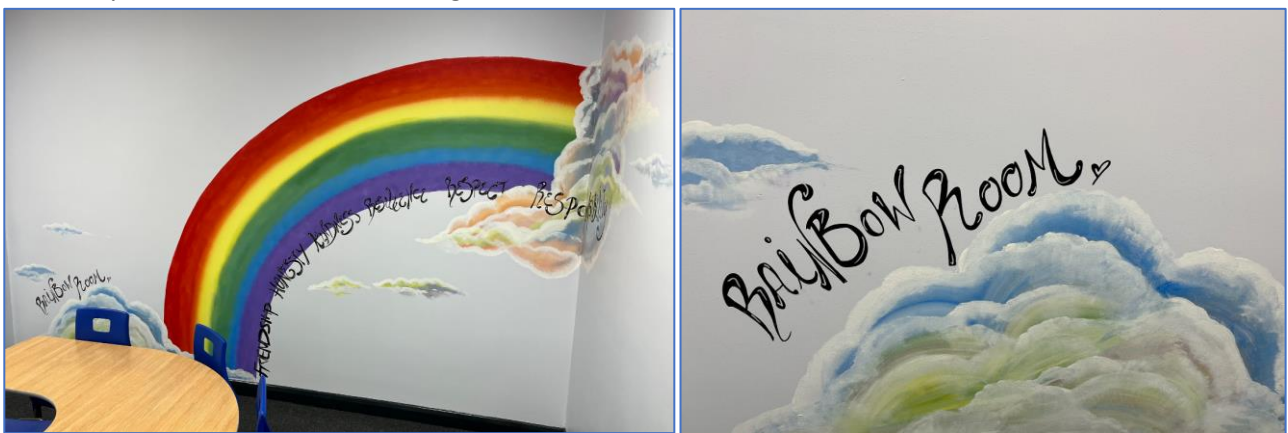


I'm delighted to report that Mr. Smith has agreed to stay with us full time as the teacher in charge of our Nursery Class. He will continue to work alongside Mrs. Riley until the end of term before taking over full-time after Easter. I am currently working with Governors to discuss the next steps for our school and our Leadership Team. I will, of course, keep you posted.

Today we said goodbye to Miss Hampson from our Nursery School. We wish Miss Hampson all the very best in her new job in a special provision when she starts on Monday. Thanks for everything, Miss Hampson. You'll be missed. Mrs. Bibby is looking forward to sharing the progress with the families of our wonderful Nurture Class children next week.

Rainbow Room Mural

We're delighted with the wonderful mural from the ever-talented local artist, Canvas Life. Our brand-new Rainbow Room has been brought to life and our core values shine at the heart of this new teaching space for our children. Needless to say, the artwork has been a huge hit with our children and staff alike!



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Year 5 & 6 Swimming

Families of Year 5 & Year 6 should have received a letter from Mr. Smith with details about their upcoming swimming sessions. If you missed it, it's available by [clicking here](#).

Community Spirit – Fresh Fruit & Vegetables & Store Cupboard Essentials

We hope you were all able to grab a bag of store cupboard essentials and fresh fruit and vegetables this week. If you didn't, don't worry! Miss McDonough is busy sorting our latest delivery from the incredible [NEO Community](#) ready to bag up and share. We're so thankful to the Neo Team for what they do for our community.



Photographer Visit – Change of Date

Please be aware that, due to our Year 5 & 6 children benefitting from a curriculum enhancing visit, we've had to change the date of the individual and family photos. The photographer will now be in school on Tuesday, 14th March. The photographer will take photos of children in both schools.

Come Dine with Year 3 & 4

We loved opening our doors for 'Come Dine with Castleway' again today. It was wonderful to welcome our Year 3 & Year 4 families in to school to join us for lunch. As always, huge thanks to our amazing kitchen team for the delicious lunch. A roast dinner and the good old classic of school cake, what's not to love. As you can see by the last photo shared here, it was great fun!



Liverpool Hope University Lecture

I thoroughly enjoyed my first guest lecture at Liverpool Hope University on Monday talking about our 'journey' so far with regards to equality, diversity and inclusion at Castleway. Little old me standing up there and talking about the things we do for our community was quite surreal though!



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Building Update

Once again, I would like to thank you for your continued support and understanding during the ongoing significant refurbishments of our school building and grounds. With regards to the Reception Class canopy, the company inform me that they are awaiting the materials to complete the cover, it shouldn't be too long now!

Also, it is my intention to minimise movement of classrooms as much as possible. We are working closely with our building team to ensure that things are kept as normal as possible. It goes without saying that our building team really enjoy my visits to the areas they are working on as I declare, 'I've had an idea!'. We really are getting a school that will be the envy of others... more so than we already were!



With that in mind, and as much as possible, I'm aiming for children to move in to the room that they'll be based in next academic year when it is ready. This means that now that the previous Year 3 room is ready, our Year 4 children are moving in there as this will be their Year 5 classroom in September. This doesn't mean that they will have the same teacher next year, it just means they'll remain in their new room. This has worked well for our current Year 5 as they're now settled in the room they'll be until they leave us next July.

Eurovision Egg Competition

We loved welcoming Pam Sullivan, a visiting artist, to Castleway today to explain how our school will be getting involved with an amazing art project to celebrate the Eurovision Song Contest coming to Liverpool. The children will be completing their entries during school time with a winner from each class being chosen by Pam this afternoon! Watch this space for the winning designs. The winners from each class will have the chance to visit Pam's studio and contribute to the egg! The finished egg will be displayed at Liverpool One for, quite literally, the whole world to see!



Fabulous Footballers



It's been an amazing few weeks for school football at Castleway. Our latest outing, at the time of writing this newsletter, was our Y4/5 children playing in the next stage of our mission to lift the Corgi Cup. Playing against Our Lady St. Edward's, our team secured a 14-1 victory. As you'd expect, our children let our school values and motto shine.

It's great to win, of course it is, but it's even better that our children are kind, confident and have the chance to be their best selves.

NEU Strike

As you'll be aware, there are two days of the proposed strikes by members of the NEU remaining. At the moment, I am assuming that we'll be in the same position that we have been for the previous dates with the same classes open. If anything changes, I will let you know so please look out for updates.

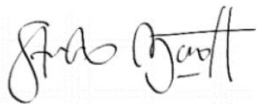
Dates for your Diary

When?	What?	Who?
14/03/23	Individual Photographs	All children from both schools.
15/03/23	Mothers and Significant Others Afternoon Tea	Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Families
16/03/23	Mothers and Significant Others Afternoon Tea	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 Families
17/03/23	Y5/6 Trip to Liverpool Philharmonic	Year 5 & Year 6 Children
20/03/23	Y2 Visit to West Kirby	Year 2 Children
WB: 20/03/23	Y5/6 Swimming	Year 5 & Year 6 Children
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21/03/23	Year 3 & 4 visit to Floral Pavilion – Peter Pan	Year 3 & Year 4 children
22/03/23	Come Dine with Year 5 & Year 6	Year 5 & Year 6 Families
24/03/23	Rearranged Date: Reception, Year 1 & Year 5 Trip	Reception, Y1 & Y5 children
29/03/23	ADHD Foundation Family Session	Early Years & Key Stage 1 Families
31/03/23	Break up for Easter	All children, families and staff.
17/04/23	Return to School	All children, families and staff.

Just to finish off, the image that is shared here was posted on our social media this week. I think it absolutely sums up what I believe, not only as a Headteacher but as a person. It really resonated with me and I'm incredibly proud of everything that we do at Castleway to make sure that everyone has the confidence and sense of belonging to wear the shoes they want without the fear of judgement... even crocs!

Have a lovely weekend and I'll see you all, safe and well, on Monday.

Kind regards,



Mr. S. Mycroft
Headteacher



Equality is everyone getting a pair of shoes.



Diversity is everyone getting a different type of shoe.



Equity is everyone getting a pair of shoes that fits.



Acceptance is understanding we all wear different kinds of shoes.



Belonging is wearing the shoes you want without fear of judgment.