



# We are Castleway.

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



Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Families,

Can you believe it's Friday again already? It's been another wonderfully busy week for all at Castleway. From Early Years Stay and Play to Reading Café for Years 1 & 2 with our wonderful Years 5 & 6 Reading Buddies to our Macmillan Coffee Morning – it's certainly been a busy one. As always, here's your Friday Update packed with celebrations and news from Team Castleway...

*Here we go!*

## Goodbye and Good Luck to Mr. Melvin – The Absolute Castleway Legend!

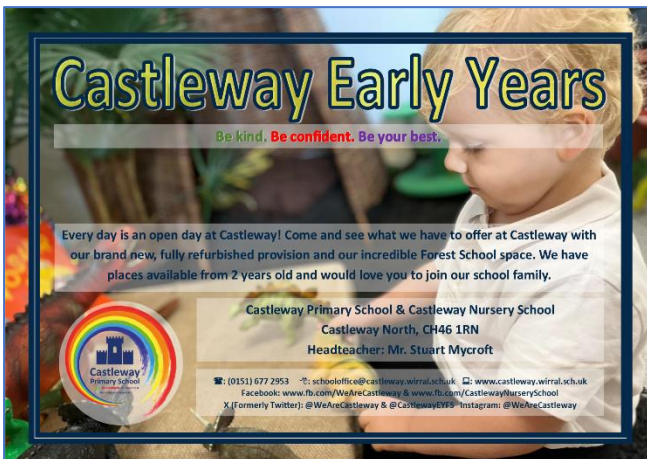


This is one goodbye and good luck message I never thought I'd be writing! The legend that is Mr. Melvin hangs up his high-vis 'CastleCoat' today after being a huge part of our school community for over 17 years.

I have worked in schools since the year 2000 and have worked with many Site Managers along the way on my journey to Castleway. To say there's no one like our Mr. Melvin is an understatement!

Whilst we are incredibly sad to see the 'sweet minding, 50 quid requester' leave us today, Mr. Melvin is taking up a brilliant opportunity where he'll be able to share his skills and passion for health and safety with many other schools and communities.

Taking such a leap in to a new career is incredibly brave and models the 'be confident' and 'be your best' part of our motto brilliantly. You'll be thrilled to know that Mr. Melvin will be remaining as one of our governors and he assures me that he'll still be a very active member of our school family. So, if you're considering hopping on your bike or scooter on the playground, I wouldn't. We never know when Mr. Melvin will be watching!



## Come and see our Early Years Provision

Even though we have our Open Day coming up, please remember that every day is an open day at Castleway! You're always welcome to come and see what we have to offer at Castleway with our brand new, fully refurbished provision and our incredible Forest School space.

We have places available from 2 years old and would love you to join our school family.

Details on our upcoming Open can be found later in your Friday Update.

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**Castleway Cares – Macmillan Coffee Morning!**

Thanks to all who joined us this morning for our Coffee Morning in aid of the amazing Macmillan Cancer Support charity. Once again, you've proved that #CastlewayCares. Miss McDonough will be selling raffle tickets until Monday with all money raised going to this incredible charity.



**Castleway Cares – Cake Sale for Macmillan**

As expected, our Cake Sale for Macmillan was a big hit at second break today. Cake and Charity, what's not to love! Huge thanks for all of the delicious cake donations. Miss McDonough will be selling the remaining cakes at Tuck Shop after school.



**We are golden. We are Castleway!**

I'm sure you'll have heard by now but I'm sharing the news again anyway as it's amazing! We have been chosen to receive £5000 from Tesco's Stronger Starts Golden Grants scheme! Huge thank you to this lovely lady who picked out a GOLDEN COIN in Tesco's Hoylake Road Express store Wirral and chose us to receive a massive £5000 for our Sensory Space project!





### **Reading Café – What a hit!**

We are loving welcoming families to our Reading Cafe for Years 1 and 2 each Thursday afternoon! Every child read with their adult or their Reading Buddy and it was wonderful to see how much our children and families share our love of reading! The feedback from our children and families has been lovely too. We think that Castleway's Reading Café might just be here to stay.



### **Community Coffee Morning**

It was amazing to start the week with another wonderful Community Coffee Morning. Huge thanks again to [Amber Button CIC](#) for bringing their Planting Workshop to Castleway. We love how our partnerships benefit our whole community. No strings, no pressure just community support and friendship. That's the CastleWAY.



**World Mental Health Day**  
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**STAND OUT AND SHOW UP**

Wear yellow with donations for #YoungMinds. 😊

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#HelloYellow

**Tuesday 10th October 2023**

Castleway Primary School logo and Castleway Nursery School logo.

### **World Mental Health Day**

Remember that Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October is World Mental Health Day and, of course, we're marking the day at Castleway.

Children and staff are invited to say take part in a non-uniform day in exchange for donations for the wonderful charity 'YoungMinds'.

Donations are available to make now on School Spider or, as always, cash donations are welcome too.



## The Multiplication Cup

So, you'll all know we were taking part in the Regional Finals of the Multiplication Cup? Well, guess what... we've made it to the NATIONAL FINALS! We're just waiting for final details about what this will look like but we couldn't wait to share this news with you all. Our children entered an incredible 25,559 correct answers in just three days! This is an incredible achievement anyway but given the size of our school this is just phenomenal. They never cease to amaze us. We presented certificates to the 'top 11' from our school in assembly this afternoon. We decided to make it a 'top 11' as we needed to acknowledge the achievements of Thom in Y3. He's the youngest member of our school family to get close to the top 10. Just look at those scores...

<b>11th</b>	Thom Y3 – 695 correct	<b>10th</b>	Lillie-Mae Y6 – 741 correct	<b>9th</b>	Joel Y5 – 860 correct
<b>8th</b>	Alfie W Y6 – 1066 correct	<b>7th</b>	Josh Mc Y5 – 1701 correct	<b>6th</b>	Kevin Y6 – 2041 correct
<b>5th</b>	Harvey Y5 – 2063 correct	<b>4th</b>	Shane Y6 – 2303 correct	<b>3rd</b>	Josh S Y6 – 2359 correct
<b>2nd</b>	Dougie Y5 – 2447 correct	<b>1st</b>	Oliver J Y6 – 2781 correct		





## **Cre8ting Community – Youth Connect 5**

Week 2 of #YouthConnect5 with **Cre8ting Community** is all about our well-being and how we can support it and recognise what poor mental health may look like. We love that we're able to host these amazing sessions for our community. If you'd like more information, please see Miss McDonough.



## **Dates for your Diary**

Please make a note of these initial dates for just some of the events we have planned for this term at Castleway. As always, these dates may be subject to change.

When?	What?	Who?
10/10/23	Wear Yellow for Young Minds – World Mental Health Day	Primary & Nursery children & staff
17/10/23	Spooky Discos	Primary & Nursery children
17/10/23	Castleway's Open Day! Call in to see us any time between 9:00am and 5:30pm.	All Community Members and Prospective Families
20/10/23	Primary School Drama Workshop	All Primary children
20/10/23	Half Term Break	All children and families
30/10/23	Return to School	All children and families
30/10/23	Reading Workshop for Reception Families – 3pm	Reception Class Families
07/11/23	Parents' Evening One (only book one appointment)	Primary & Nursery families
08/11/23	Come Dine with Foundation Two – 11:30am	Reception Class families
09/11/23	Parents' Evening Two (only book one appointment)	Primary & Nursery families
15/11/23	Come Dine with Year One – 11:30am	Year One families
28/11/23	Individual Photographs	Primary & Nursery children
29/11/23	Come Dine with Year Two – 11:30am	Year Two families
12/01/24	Whole School Panto Visit – Aladdin (Payments now available on School Spider)	Primary School children
04/02/24	Years 4 & 5 Residential Visit	Years 4 & 5 children





# Castleway's Open Day

## Tuesday 17th October 2023

Pop in anytime between 9am & 5:30pm. We'd love to see you!



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### Our Open Day!

Are you looking for a place for F2 in September 2024?

Do you know someone who is? Are you interested in seeing our fully refurbished school?

Want to find out what Castleway is all about?

Well, if the answer to any of those questions is yes, then you're lucky!

We're opening our doors for an Open Day on Tuesday 17th October!

Pop in between 9am and 5:30pm, no appointment is needed. You need to see us in action to get those Castleway vibes! You can meet me, have a chat with our team and see just what makes our school amazing.

Empty schools just don't feel the same.

As always, any questions please get in touch!

Absolutely all are welcome to come along.

Believe it or not, this is just a small snapshot of what happens at Castleway each and every week. I'm so proud of our school and I'm so proud to be part of this wonderful community. Have a lovely, well deserved weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr. S. Mycroft  
Headteacher

