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Friday, 24th November 2023

Dear Families,

It's been another amazing week for all at Castleway. We've had 'Books at Bedtime', we've had 'Stories Around the Campfire' and we've had an amazing win at a football tournament. As usual though, that's just the tip of the iceberg for a 'Castle Week'. Here's your Friday Update full of news, updates and celebrations...

Campfire Stories for Key Stage 2

As you know, we absolutely love reading at Castleway. This week we've hosted a number of events to further share our love of reading with our children. Children in Years 3 – 6 were invited to join us for Stories around the Campfire last night. The event was simply magical with stories shared and memories made. Just another day at Castleway!



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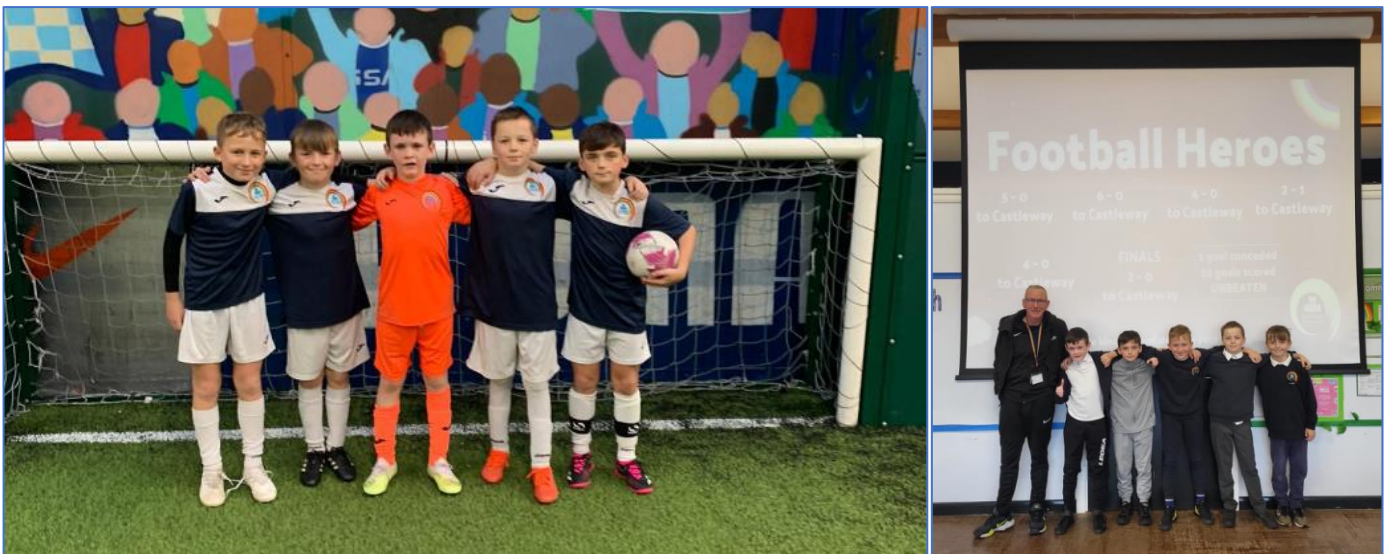
Books at Bedtime

We enjoyed a beautiful evening of Books at Bedtime for our Foundation 2, Year 1 and Year 2 children on Tuesday! Thank you to everyone who came back all snuggly in their pyjamas to enjoy a hot chocolate, a biscuit and some wonderful stories read aloud by our fabulous teachers. We really mean it when we say we love reading at Castleway!



Activity for All – Champions!

Our incredible football team have been crowned the winners of the Activity for All tournament that was held on Tuesday morning! Some incredible football from our players against teams from all across Wirral. They conceded just 1 goal in 6 games and scored 23 in total. They went the day unbeaten! We celebrated our footballers in assembly this morning.



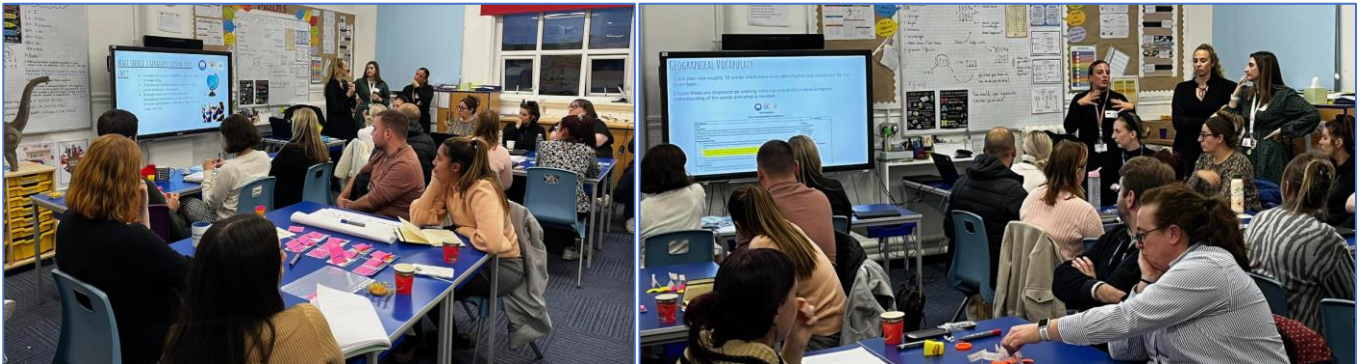
Thank you, Neo Community!

This week we had another delivery from the wonderful [NEO Community](#) to support families of both of our schools. As always, our children were more than happy to help to organise the items for our #CastleShop during their break. Once again, our children have stepped up to remind us all that #CastlewayCares.



Collaborative Working – We are Stronger Together

We are so proud of Mrs. Smith and her Geography Lead colleagues from New Brighton and Kingsway primaries on Wednesday evening. They led a brilliant staff meeting for all teachers from our schools around what makes an excellent Geography lesson. Once again proving that team work really does make the dream work! The eagle-eyed ones of you may have already spotted Mrs. McGee on the photos! It was lovely to catch up with her and she sends her love!



Year One Visit to Liverpool

Year One had the best day in Liverpool on Wednesday as part of their curriculum enhancement visit. What an adventure! From traveling by train to tackling the escalators and then exploring all different kinds of toys at Liverpool Museum. As always, our children were a shining example of what makes Castleway great. We are so proud of them!



So, is the #CastleSalon coming soon?

Congratulations to our talented parents who have completed their 'Introduction to Nails' course with Amber Button CIC. Once again, our partnership working is benefiting our wider school community. We're hoping that bookings for appointments will be open soon with our talented families!



Hygiene Bank Kindness

We were thrilled to receive an amazing donation of toiletries and other bathroom essentials from our friends at [The Hygiene Bank](#) on Monday. Thank you so much!

As always, our children were more than happy to lend a helping hand. Miss McDonough will be organising how you can get your hands on these brilliant items.

Keep an eye out for more information.



Reviewing our EYFS Curriculum

We are at the exciting point of refining and reviewing our #EYFS curriculum and, as always, we would really like your input. Follow the link below or scan the QR code to share 4 words that you feel represent what we want our EYFS to be and the aims/goals we have for our children. The survey can be found here: <https://www.menti.com/ala5otv2157b>

Wirral Credit Union at Coffee Morning

Huge thanks to Wirral Credit Union for joining us for Coffee Morning today! We love how our partnership working is directly supporting our families.



Community Christmas Fayre



The poster features a festive border with hanging stars, reindeer, and Christmas balls. The main title 'Castleway's' is in a large, blue, cursive font. Below it, 'Community Christmas Fayre' is written in a red, outlined font. The date and time 'Thursday 7th December from 3:25pm' are in a red, outlined font. At the bottom, the text 'As always, all are welcome to join us!' is in a grey, outlined font. Logos for Castleway Primary School and Castleway Nursery School are included.

Castleway's
Community Christmas Fayre
Thursday 7th December from 3:25pm
As always, all are welcome to join us!

Christmas... done the CastleWay!



The calendar is set against a blue background with white snowflakes. It lists various events in white rounded rectangles with red headers. A central box contains logos for Castleway Primary School and Castleway Nursery School.

Christmas... Done the Castle Way!

- FREE Christmas Jumper Swap Shop**
1st December 2023
What time? Before & After School
- Christmas Tree Decorating Assembly**
1st December 2023
Who? Primary & Nursery School Children
- Community Christmas Fayre**
7th December 2023 - 3:25pm
Who? As always, all are welcome!
- Reception & Year 1 Nativity**
18th December 2023 - 9:30am & 2:30pm
Who? Families of children in Reception & Y1
- Songs Around the Christmas Tree**
20th December 2023 - 10:30am & 2:30pm
Who? Nursery School Families
- Christmas Dinner Day**
20th December 2023
- A Very Castleway Christmas
Nursery Arts & Craft Stay & Play**
6th December 2023 - 10:45am & 2:30pm
Who? Nursery School Children & Families
- Christmas Concert - Years 2 - 6**
8th December 2023 - 9:30am & 2:30pm
Who? Families of children in Years 2 - 6.
- Early Years Winter Fun Day**
19th December 2023 - Non-Uniform for EYFS
Who? Children in Nursery School & Reception
- Finish for Christmas - Thursday 21st December**
Back to School - Monday 8th January 2024
- Christmas Jumper Day**
7th December 2023
Who? Primary & Nursery School Children & Staff
- Years 3 & 4 Violin Performance**
14th December 2023 - 9:30am
Who? Families of children in Years 3 & 4
- Breakfast with Santa!**
12th, 13th & 14th December - 9:30am
All children and families are welcome to book a place.
Bookings via School Spider or contact the School Office.
- Winter Discos**
19th December 2023
Who? Primary & Nursery School Children
- Ho, ho, hold on!**
There's more to come...



Dates for your Diary

Please make a note of these dates for just some of the events we have planned. These dates may be subject to change.

When?	What?	Who?
28/11/23	Individual Photographs	Primary & Nursery children
29/11/23	Movember Coffee Morning for Prostate Cancer UK	All families
29/11/23	Open Day – Second date added due to popular demand	All potential families
30/11/23	Final Year 1 & 2 Reading Cafe	Years 1 & 2 families
29/11/23	Come Dine with Year Two – 11:30am	Year Two families
WB: 11/12/23	Curriculum Celebration Afternoons	Years 1 – 6 Families
12/01/24	Whole School Panto Visit – Aladdin <i>(Payments now available on School Spider)</i>	Primary School children
04/02/24	Years 4 & 5 Residential Visit	Years 4 & 5 children
23/05/24	Year 6 Residential Visit to Gulliver's World	Year 6 children

Christmas Events and Activities

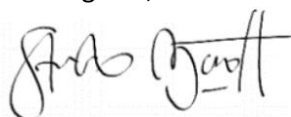
Now, all being well these dates match those shared in the festive flyer further up the Friday Update. As always, if you have any questions please get in touch.

When?	What?	Who?
01/12/23	Christmas Tree Decorating Assembly	Primary School Children
06/12/23	A Very Castleway Christmas Festive Arts & Crafts Stay and Play – 10:45 & 14:30	Nursery School Children
07/12/23	Christmas Jumper Day <i>There will be a 'jumper swap' event in November.</i>	Primary School & Nursery School Children
07/12/23	Community Christmas Fayre	Our whole community!
08/12/23	Y2 – Y6 Christmas Concert – 9:30 & 14:30	Years 2 – 6 Families
14/12/23	Years 3 & 4 Violin Performance for Families	Years 3 & 4 Families
18/12/23	Reception & Year 1 Nativity – 9:30 & 14:30	Reception Class & Year 1 Families
19/12/23	Early Years Winter Fun Day – Non-uniform (winter themed)	Nursery & Reception Class Children
19/12/23	Winter Discos	Nursery – Year 6
20/12/23	Songs Around the Christmas Tree – 10:30 & 14:30	Nursery School Families
20/12/23	Christmas Dinner Day	Nursery – Year 6
21/12/23	End of Term	Primary & Nursery School Children
08/01/24	Return to School – Happy New Year	Primary & Nursery School Children

There really has been so much to celebrate this week and none of it would be possible without the incredible team at Castleway. I'm incredibly grateful, and proud, to work with such dedicated professionals. Going over and above for our children really is just the norm for the amazing team here.

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

Kind regards,



Mr. S. Mycroft
Headteacher



