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Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Families,

It's our first Friday Update of 2024 and, despite it being our first week back, we've got a lot to share and celebrate! As always, your Friday Update is packed with news, information and celebrations. Here we go...

### Branching Out in Reception Class

Reception Class have loved returning to our wonderful Forest School this week. They've been using tools to cut up one of our donated Christmas trees and using the off cuts as 'nature paintbrushes' too! Thanks to everyone who has donated a Christmas tree, as you can see we've made good use of them!



### Applications for Reception Class 2024

We are incredibly proud of the offer that our Reception Class children receive at Castleway. From our magical Forest School to our newly refurbished classrooms and from our Castle Hens to the weekly sports sessions that all children enjoy, there's so much to love about Castleway.

**Applications for September's Reception Class (F2) close this coming Monday. If you, or anyone else you know, has yet to make an application then now's the time to do it! All applications need to go via the Wirral portal. You can apply by clicking on our short link here: <https://bit.ly/CastlewayApplications>.**



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### Spot on Time – NEXT WEEK!

Next week, we are challenging all children from Reception to Year 6 to take part in our 'Spot on Time' challenge. **All that children need to do to enter is be on time each day.** Each child will have their own 'spot on time' card and each day they're on time through their classroom door, they'll collect a spot. Children with 5 spots by the end of the week will go in to our THREE prize draws.

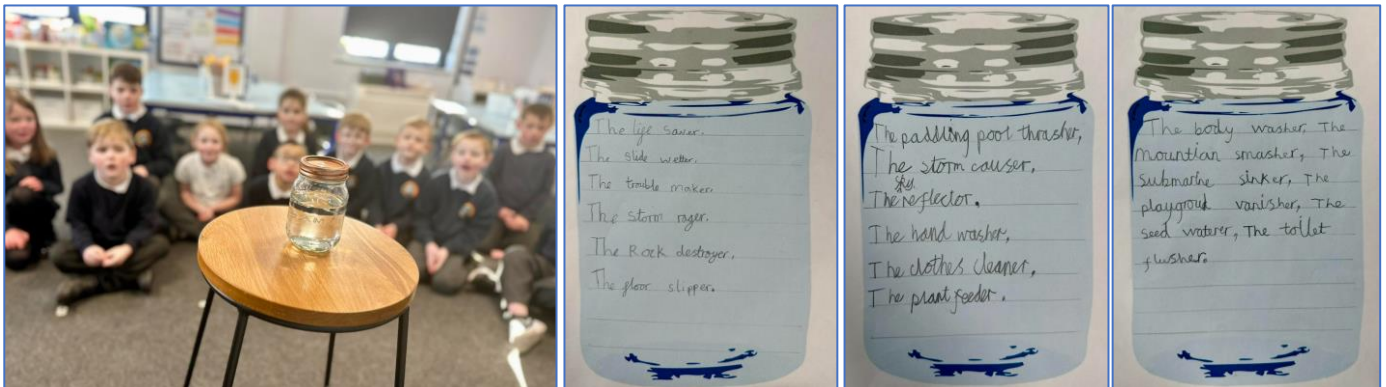
- **Individual Winner** - One winner from each class will be chosen.
- **Class Winner** – The class with the lowest 'minutes late' for the week will receive a class prize. This will be an average across the class to eliminate any discrepancies where some classes are larger than others.
- **Whole School Winner** – All cards will be put in to the draw one of **two £50 super market vouchers** for the winning family. *In the event of the same family winning twice, a different card will be drawn.*



*Any unavoidable medical appointments should be shared with the school office along with proof of appointment.*

### Water Inspiration!

Who knew a jar full of water would cause so much discussion and inspire these wonderful Kenning Poems. Year Three can't wait to discover more about their new book that they are studying. We just love our children's thirst for learning... sorry, couldn't resist!





### **Rock Steady featuring Castleway – The Duet!**

As a further enhancement to our music curriculum for Key Stage 1 & 2 children, we're thrilled to be partnering with Rocksteady Music School!

They'll be visiting Castleway for our Launch Day on Thursday 24th January. We'll be having a whole school assembly followed by some workshops to celebrate our exciting new partnership! It is uniform as normal on this day please.

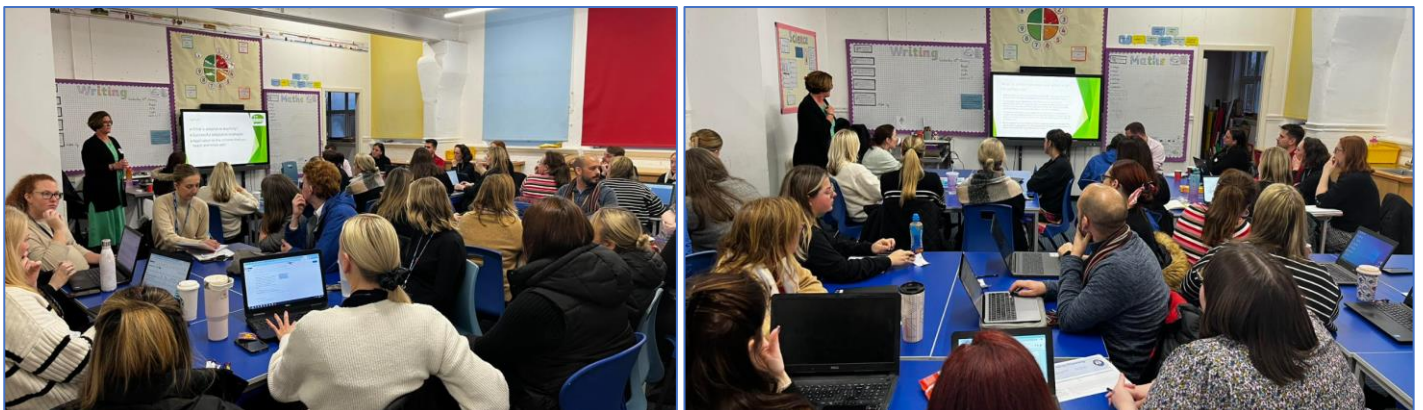
### **Year Three Rocks... literally!**

Another learning update from our fabulous Year Threes, this time in Geography. Year Three loved handling different rocks and using hand lenses to examine them closely this week. After this, in groups, they discussed different ways that the rocks could be classified.



### **Collaboration Success... again!**

We had another great collaborative staff development session for our teaching staff this week. This most recent meeting was all about Adaptive Teaching and how we ensure that all children are able to achieve. Once again, alongside our friends at Kingsway Primary and New Brighton Primary, we're proving that we're stronger together.



### **Anyone for a spot of tennis?**

Our focus sport this half term is tennis! All children will have the chance to develop and refine their tennis skills on our whole school PE days with the one and only Mr. Davies. Please remember that it's full Castleway kit only for PE days.



As shared in the update on Monday, please remember that there are some changes to our whole school PE days. I know how important it is for some of our children to understand the reasoning behind unavoidable timetable changes so please see a brief explanation in the table below. All other PE days will remain on Friday unless otherwise stated.

<b>Week Beginning</b>	<b>Whole School PE Day</b>	<b>Reason for Change</b>
WB: 08/01/24	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	● <del>Whole School Panto Trip</del>
WB: 15/01/24	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	● Neurodiversity Course for our community in the hall (19/01) ● Mr. Davies attending sporting events with teams (17/01 & 18/01)
WB: 22/01/24	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	● Neurodiversity Course for our community in the hall (26/01)

### **After School Club – Available to children from 2 years old to Year 6**

We've started the new year off with more teamwork, fun and collaboration at After School Club. It's fabulous how much our children, from our 2 Year Olds right through to Year 6, love spending time together. After School Club can be booked via your School Spider account or by contacting the office.



Another wonderful week for all at Castleway. It's been lovely to show even more prospective families around Castleway this week, please remember to complete your F2 application if you haven't already! I love talking about our school and love showing people around it even more. Have a lovely weekend and we'll see you on Monday. Your diary dates are on the next page.

Kind regards,

Mr. S. Mycroft  
Headteacher



## Dates for your Diary

Please make a note of these dates for just some of the events we have planned. Please be aware that, although we'll try our absolute best not to, these dates may be subject to change. **Bookings via School**



**Spider will open closer to the time for some of the later events.**

When?	What?	Who?
15/01/24	Start of 'Spot on Time' week!	All Primary School Children
17/01/24	Perform4Schools Drama Workshops – Free!	Primary School Children
24/01/24	Rock Steady Launch Day – Uniform as Normal	Years 1 - 6
24/01/24	Come Dine with Year 3 – Bookings open now	Families of Year 3 Children
31/01/24	Come Dine with Year 4 – Bookings open now	Families of Year 4 Children
04/02/24	Years 4 & 5 Residential Visit	Years 4 & 5 children
05/02/24	Start of Children's Mental Health Week	Primary & Nursery School Children
07/02/24	Come Dine with Year 5 – Bookings open now	Families of Year 5 Children
09/02/24	Dress to Express Day – Non-Uniform Day	All children and staff
14/02/24	Come Dine with Year 6 – Bookings open now	Families of Year 6 Children
15/02/24	Cool to be Kind – EYFS Theme Day	Reception & Nursery School Children
15/02/24	Valentine's Disco	Primary & Nursery School Children
15/02/24	Close for Half Term Break	All children and staff
06/03/24	Mothers and Significant Others Morning Brunch – 10:30am	Nursery School Families <b>*Bookings via School Spider*</b>
07/03/24	World Book Day <b>*Costume Swap Shop to be arranged*</b>	Primary & Nursery School Children
07/03/24	Brew, book and bagel – Family Coffee Morning	Primary School Families
08/03/24	Mothers and Significant Others Afternoon Tea – 2:30pm	Primary School Families <b>*Bookings via School Spider*</b>
11/03/24	Mothers and Significant Others Afternoon Tea – 2:30pm	Primary & Nursery School Families <b>*Bookings via School Spider*</b>
18/03/24	Years 3 & 4 to Floral Pavilion – Pinocchio <b>*More information to follow via School Spider*</b>	Years 3 & 4 Children
18/03/24	Reception Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Families of Reception Class Children
19/03/24	Year 6 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Families of Year 6 Class Children
20/03/24	EYFS Easter Fun Day – Non-Uniform	Nursery & Reception Children
21/03/24	World Down Syndrome Day – Full Uniform & Odd Socks	All children and staff
22/03/24	Year 5 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Families of Year 5 Class Children
25/03/24	Year 4 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Families of Year 4 Class Children
26/03/24	Year 3 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Families of Year 3 Class Children
27/03/24	Year 2 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Families of Year 2 Class Children
28/03/24	Easter Bonnet Parade – Family Assembly – 9:30am	Families of Primary School Children
28/03/24	Year 1 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm	Families of Year 1 Class Children
28/03/24	Close for Easter Break	All children and staff
23/05/24	Year 6 Residential Visit to Gulliver's World	Year 6 children

