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Friday, 8th March 2024

Dear Families,

We've already reached the end of another week at Castleway. It's been a brilliantly busy week where our love of reading has shone even more than usual! As always, here's your Friday Update packed with news, celebrations and dates for your diary. Here we go...

World Book Day – We are Readers!

It was a wonderful day at Castleway yesterday as we celebrated World Book Day 2024! Our love of books and reading certainly shone through all the excitement as the children shared their passion for their favourite stories and characters.



World Book Day – Brew Book & a Bagel

Huge thanks to everyone who joined us for our 'Brew, Book and a Bagel' yesterday as part of our World Book Day celebrations. Our love of reading and how we share that with our families was more evident than ever.



World Book Day – Team Castleway

As you know, Team Castleway love to celebrate reading every day, but World Book Day gave us the chance to go extra!



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World Book Day – Choose a Book to keep!

We made sure World Book Day was all about reading as every child chose their own book to keep! What a fabulous selection they had to choose from. Thanks to Miss Dalby and Mrs. Morris for sourcing the books, we appreciate it!



World Book Day – Reading Carousel

We loved to see how excited everyone was to visit all of our classrooms and teachers for our World Book Day reading carousel yesterday. Especially Reception Class, who got to roar at Mr. Kenningham in the Year 6 classroom. They're a brave lot our Reception Class!



World Book Day – Reading Café

We even managed to squeeze in this week's Reading Cafe for Years 3 and 4 yesterday afternoon and the children especially enjoyed sharing their new books with their friends and families.



World Book Day – Wonderful New Books!

We had a lovely surprise yesterday when we received copies of the fabulous 'Together We Are We' by Noah Berry. Thanks to Tony Berry for helping his son Noah to create this fabulous book. It's very Castleway and we love it!

Mary Poppins and Peter Rabbit loved being the first to see the latest book to be added to our school library.



World Book Day – Early Years

Children in Early Years had a truly wonderful day celebrating reading and sharing who their favourite characters are and why. The Hungry Caterpillar even made a special guest appearance too!



International Women's Day

Today is International Women's Day and we'd like to take the opportunity to thank all of the wonderful women in our school community. Our children (and staff) are so lucky to have such strong female role models in their lives. Thank you to all of the amazing women in our community.

We are Stronger Together

Our fabulous staff team enjoyed another inspiring collaborative staff development session on Wednesday, led by the Science Leaders from Castleway, Kingsway and New Brighton. Mrs. Kirk and her Science Lead colleagues did a wonderful job of helping teachers from all three schools to reflect on what makes a great Science lesson.



Thinking about Wildlife in Forest School

This week, Reception Class have been thinking about the wildlife in our Forest. They've thought about what birds need to make their nests and they've had a go at making bird nests and fox holes, as well as shelters for hedgehogs. It's been all about wildlife in Forest School this week!



World Book Day – Emoji Quiz

Thank you to those of you who joined in with our quiz on our Facebook page. The answers are listed below:

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1. **Green Eggs and Ham** by Dr. Seuss
2. **Charlotte's Web** by E.B. White
3. **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle
4. **Goodnight Moon** by Margaret Wise Brown
5. **One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish** by Dr. Seuss
6. **The Cat in the Hat** by Dr. Seuss
7. **Rainbow Fish** by Marcus Pfister
8. **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** by Judi Barrett
9. **The Three Little Pigs** (Fable)
10. **Alice in Wonderland** by Lewis Carroll
11. **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** by Roald Dahl
12. **If You Give a Mouse a Cookie** by Laura Joffe Numeroff
13. **Goldilocks and the Three Bears** (Multiple authors)
14. **The Giving Tree** by Shel Silverstein
15. **Where the Wild Things Are** by Maurice Sendak

Mobile Phone Reminder



Any pupil in Years 5 & 6 attending school with a mobile phone must hand it in to their class teacher at the start of the school day, it will be returned at home time. If this is not happening, permission to bring a device to school will be revoked. Pupils in other year groups are all collected by a responsible adult at the end of the day so mobile phones should not be brought in to school.

Castleway cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to mobile devices that you choose to allow your children to bring in to school.



The Castle Day

Gates Open at 8:45am

Doors Open at 8:50am

Learning Starts at 8:55am

Registers Close at 9:20am

Arriving after 9:20am means your child has the equivalent of an absent mark.

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Girls' Football – They said, we did!

It was fabulous to see so many of our girls take the opportunity to join Mr. Jones' football club earlier this week. We love that this club was asked for via our Pupil Voice surveys and now it's up and running and being enjoyed. Well done!



Supporting Families - Coffee Morning with Helen Bibby

Huge thanks to the wonderful Helen Bibby for hosting our ADHD Coffee Morning on Wednesday. We loved welcoming so many to our school this morning. We've shared a handy document written by Helen with all families via School Spider. If you're not one of our families, Helen's document is available to download from our website or you can read it directly here: <https://bit.ly/Castleway20240306>.



We are Hog Friendly!

We are extremely excited that we have been chosen as one of a few schools on the Wirral to be a hog friendly campus! We're proud of how passionate our children are about protecting our environment. Watch this space for more news from our Eco representatives.



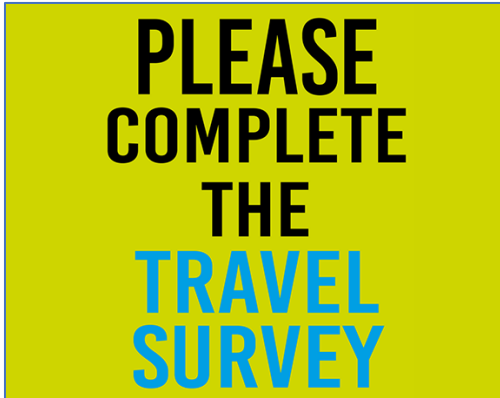
We are Always Learning!

We were thrilled to welcome a host of new adult learners to Castleway earlier this week as our wonderful partnership with [Three Dimensional Training Limited](#) continues.

Well done to these fabulous role models as they started their Level One in Counselling course.



Travel Survey – Please Complete



Our school is working together with Wirral Council to increase the numbers of pupils travelling to school in a safe, sustainable, and active way. We are asking parents and carers to complete a 10-minute online survey about their journey to school. Responses will help to identify possible improvements to school routes and identify barriers to walking, cycling, or scooting to school.

You can access the survey by following this link: <https://haveyoursay.wirral.gov.uk/school-travel/>, clicking 'Take Survey', and then selecting the relevant school (Primary or Nursery) from the drop-down menu. The deadline for responses is **Monday 18th March**.

At the end of the survey, we have included some links for you to visit to find out more about what support is offered to local schools. Please do complete this survey honestly as it will help us to understand what we need to prioritise in terms of areas to further improve.

Family Agreement – Feedback Welcomed



Earlier this week we shared our new 'Family Agreement' document. I am seeking your feedback on this document before it is fully implemented. If you have any feedback to share, please do so via email (schooloffice@castleway.wirral.sch.uk) before midday on Monday, 11th March.

As our Castleway continues to grow and we are welcoming more families to our community, I feel it is necessary to ensure that our expectations are clear for all. This document includes expectations around conduct of adults and responsible use of car parking facilities.

Our school really is a special place and our families are a huge part of that. I appreciate each and every one of you choosing our school for your children and introducing this document as a point of reference and a reminder will allow us to ensure that our school stays the special place that more and more people are choosing.

Another wonderfully busy week at the ever improving Castleway. Thank you all for your continued help and support. Dates for your diary are on the next page for your reference.

Have a lovely weekend and I'll see you on Monday at the usual times.

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? |
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| 11/03/24 | Mothers and Significant Others Afternoon Tea – 2:30pm | Primary & Nursery School Families *Bookings via School Spider* |
| 13/03/24 | Year 2 Residential – Families Meeting – 3:00pm | Year 2 Families |
| 15/03/24 | Red Nose Day – Non-Uniform Day & Cake Sale - #CastleYey | Primary & Nursery School Children |
| 18/03/24 | Years 3 & 4 to Floral Pavilion – Pinocchio *Payment via School Spider Please* | 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 |
| 20/03/24 | Parents' Evening 1 - 3:30pm – 6:30pm Bookings are now open! | Primary & Nursery School Families *Bookings via School Spider* |
| 21/03/24 | Parents' Evening 2 - 3:30pm – 5:00pm Bookings are now open! | Primary & Nursery School Families *Bookings via School Spider* |
| 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 |
| 09/07/24 | Year 2 Residential Visit | Year 2 Children |

