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Friday, 10th May 2024

Dear Families,

Can you believe we're already at the end of another week? As always, there's so much to celebrate this week and I always look forward to writing our Friday Update to share it all with you. Here we go...

A message for Year 6...

Our wonderful Year Six children will be sitting the end of Key Stage 2 assessments next week. These assessments are a snapshot of what our children can do and they don't define who they are. They've worked hard to prepare for these tests and we know that they'll do their absolute best.



SATs don't measure sports,
SATs don't measure art,
SATs don't measure music,
Or the kindness in your heart.

SATs don't see your beauty,
SATs don't know your worth,
SATs don't see the reasons,
You were put upon this earth.

SATs don't see your magic,
How you make others smile,
SATs don't time how quickly
You can run a mile.

SATs don't hear your laughter,
Or see you've come this far,
SATs are just a tiny glimpse,
Of who you really are.

So, sitting at your table with a pencil and your test. Remember SATs aren't who you are. Remember, just do your best!

Dame Angela Eagle MP and her Castle Visit!

We were very proud to welcome Angela Eagle to Castleway this morning and give her a tour around our wonderful school. She was very impressed with the changes and improvements since her last visit and we loved sharing all the things we love about our environment. Year 1 were especially excited to share their writing from today's English lesson!



Angela enjoyed lunch with a group of pupils today. There was lots of conversation about aspirations, interests and of course one of our favourite topics – football. Angela also popped in to the kitchen to thank our team for her lunch!



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Celebrating our Community Work

Miss McDonough and some of our fabulous parents met with Angela Eagle today to discuss our adult learning opportunities and community offer. It was a fantastic chance to share some of the amazing achievements our parents have made this year and to talk about our exciting plans for the future!



Swimming – Next Week!

We're looking forward to starting our bespoke swimming lessons in our own pool from Monday! We're also thrilled that our Year Six children will have the perfect way to decompress after their tests next week... with a dip in the #CastlePool!
[If you missed the letter giving the timetable details and what children need to bring, it's here for you to read.](#)



Tug Rugby Event

We're very proud of the amazing team of children who took part in the Year 6 Tag Rugby Event at Birkenhead Park this week. Mr. Kenningham and Mr. Smith were very impressed with the team work, determination and skill shown!



Wirral Copper Jar – Thank You!

Huge thank you to all at Wirral Copper Jar for our £100 donation. We're already planning how to spend this money to further improve our playtimes. Thanks to everyone (over 1200 of you) who voted for us!



Rocksteady Thursdays!

Our [Rocksteady Music School](#) sessions have quickly become one of our favourite things about Thursdays at Castleway! Families of our Rocksteady children are invited in to school for a celebratory concert on 11th July at 10am. Bookings will be open via School Spider soon. Our children's skills and confidence are developing more and more each week.



Panini? Yes please!

From Friday, children will be able to enjoy delicious paninis as part of our deli offer in the kitchen. As you'd expect, they'll have a choice of fillings and, as always, they'll be made fresh to order!

We're proud of the delicious food, freshly made food that is on offer to our children each and every day.



Forest School in the Sun!

Reception Class have had another busy day in the sunny forest this week! They looked for hedgehog footprints in the tunnel, searched for bugs, played hide and seek and had lots of giggles telling jokes. Another day of making memories with friends.



Community Clean Up

We're proud of our children for volunteering their lunch time this week to go out and about in the community and litter pick! We're pleased to be supporting the #BigCommunityClean and to be working in partnership with Prima Housing.



Hoolihan Cup

We're very proud of our Year 5/6 team and their performance in the latest round of the Hoolihan Cup this week. Our team won 4-2 and are through to the next round. Special mention to Josh in goal for his first outing with the team and him achieving Player of the Match!



Spot on Time is back!

We're challenging all children to be 'Spot on Time' next week. All children who are in school every day, on time will receive a lolly ice treat on Friday afternoon. If you want to win, you've got to be in!



¡Cabezas, hombros, rodillas y dedos de los pies!

Tuesday is Whole School Spanish day at Castleway! All classes from Year 1 to Year 6 benefit from lessons with our specialist teacher each week. What do you think Year Five were singing this week?



A Cracking Time in EYFS!

Today was egg-tremely egg-citing as we welcomed 4 chicks to Early Years! Our Year 5 lunchtime helpers also got to meet the new arrivals! You can see more photos on the [Castleway Early Years Facebook page here](#).



Brand New 9 Month+ Provision – Register Your Interest

From September 2024, up to 15 hours per week of free childcare will be extended to eligible working parents with a child from nine months old. Given this news from the Government and as part of our commitment to providing the best possible opportunities for our children and families, we are looking at extending our provision to start at 9 months old.

We've already had a great deal of interest and we're thrilled with the response! If you think you may be interested in accessing our new 9 month old provision at Castleway Nursery School, please complete the form by scanning the QR code or clicking this link <https://bit.ly/Castleway9MonthOldProvision> and a member of the team will get back to you.

CASTLEWAY'S BRAND NEW 9 MONTH OLD+ PROVISION

- GOVERNMENT FUNDING AVAILABLE
- STAFF YOU TRUST WITH THE ONES YOU LOVE MOST
- STARTING SEPTEMBER 2024 TERM TIME ONLY
- QUALIFIED, DEDICATED & EXPERIENCED STAFF
- Castleway Nursery School
- MINIMUM OF A 1:3 ADULT TO CHILD RATIO
- CALM, INCLUSIVE AND CARING ENVIRONMENT
- FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM @WEARECASTLEWAY
- REGISTER YOUR INTEREST AND WE'LL GET BACK TO YOU.

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Castleway's Community Summer Fayre – Save the Date!

Save the date! It's Castleway's annual Community Summer Fayre! We're looking forward to welcoming our whole community on Thursday 20th June in the school hall from 3:25pm.



Clay Play in EYFS

Our youngest children have enjoyed their first 'Clay Play' session this week. Our visitor was so impressed with our children's creativity, kindness and collaboration.



As you can see, it's been another amazing week and what I've shared here really is just the tip of the iceberg! Have a lovely weekend and we'll see you all, safe and well, on Monday morning.

Dates for your diary are on the following pages.

Kind regards,

Handwritten signature of Mr. S. Mycroft.

Mr. S. Mycroft
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

We've added a colour code to help you differentiate between year groups. There's a plain version on the next page.

Nursery School	Reception	EYFS (Nursery & Reception)	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Primary School	Everyone!
When?	What?									Who?
13/05/24	Spot on Time Challenge Week!									All children
13/05/24	Start of Y6 Assessment Week – SATs Week									All Year 6 children
17/05/24	SATs All Folks – Year 6 Special Lunch									All Year 6 children
22/05/24	Seaside EYFS Theme Day – Nursery School & Reception Class									Nursery & Reception Class children
22/05/24	School Disco (Years 1 – 6)									Years 1 – 6
23/05/24	Year 6 Residential Visit to Gulliver's World									Year 6 children
24/05/24	Come Dine with Reception Class – 11:30am									Reception Class families
24/05/24	School Closes - Whitsuntide Half Term Break									All children and staff
03/06/24	Back to School – School reopens									All children and staff
07/06/24	Come Dine with Year 1 – 11:30am									Year 1 families
14/06/24	Come Dine with Year 2 – 11:30am									Year 2 families
19/06/24	Welcome to Team Castleway – Book Here Reception Class 2024/25 Parents' Meeting – 1:30pm or 5:30pm									New Reception Class families
20/06/24	Summer Fayre – 3:25pm									Our whole community!
21/06/24	Come Dine with Year 3 – 11:30am									Year 3 families
26/06/24	Castleway's 'Come as You Are' Day!									All children and staff
26/06/24	Castleway's Annual Pride Picnic									All children & families
28/06/24	Come Dine with Year 4 – 11:30am									Year 4 families
03/07/24	Transition Day – All children with their new teachers!									Primary school children
03/07/24	Stay & Play – New Reception Class Transition – Book Here									New Reception Class families
04/07/24	Year 2 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm									Year 2 families
05/07/24	Primary School Sports Day – Families Invited at 1:30pm									Year 1 – Year 6
05/07/24	Come Dine with Year 5 – 11:30am									Year 5 families
08/07/24	Reception Class Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm									Reception Class families
09/07/24	New Reception Class – Family Lunch – 1:30pm – Book Here									New Reception Class families
09/07/24	Year 1 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm									Year 1 families
09/07/24	Year 2 Residential Visit									Year 2 children
10/07/24	Nursery School Sports Day & Family Picnic – 10:00am									Nursery School families
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10/07/24	Year 3 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm									Year 3 families
11/07/24	Rocksteady Concert for Families – 10:00am									Rocksteady families
11/07/24	Year 4 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm									Year 4 families
12/07/24	Year 5 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm									Year 5 families
12/07/24	Year 6 Annual Sleepover – Return to School at 7:00pm									Year 6 children
12/07/24	Annual Reports out to Parents									All children
16/07/24	Year 6 Curriculum Celebration Afternoon – 2:30pm									Year 6 families
17/07/24	Year 6 Leavers' Disco – 5:30pm									Year 6 children
18/07/24	Come Dine with Year 6 – One Last Dine! 11:30am									Year 6 families
19/07/24	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – 9:30am									Year 6 children and families
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