

Castle Newsletter



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Dear Families

Tomorrow is a staff training day so please remember that school will be closed to students.

The school photographer visited on Tuesday and took some lovely pictures. Please look out for the proofs which will be coming home today with your child. To place an order go to www.tempest-orders.co.uk and enter the Ref No. on your proof.

We have been very busy with the final preparations for the opening of our Christmas Pop-Up Shop on 29th November. Thank you to our amazing team of parent volunteers, staff and students for your incredible support and hard work. The shop opening hours will be 10am – 2pm Monday to Friday. We also hope to open the shop on the morning of Saturday 11th December from 10am to 12.30.

Owl Class news

In Owl Class, we have been reading our story “The Tiger Who Came To Tea” and doing some lovely crafts including tiger collages which supports the development of our fine motor skills and colour recognition. In PE, we have been developing our gross motor and hand-eye coordination skills - see us stretch and concentrate! We have also been focusing on developing relationships in the classroom and sharing resources is a huge part of this! We have been building homes for different animals in small groups, working together to build something the right size for each animal. We also

like to demolish these structures... once the animals have found a new home first, of course!



Thank you to Astra Zeneca and Mick George

A massive thank you to the team of volunteers from Astra Zeneca who helped support the development of a horticulture area in school. In addition, a BIG thank you to Mick George for donating the top soil.



Research

We have been contacted by a Research Assistant at the University of Manchester about a project that the University is undertaking with Health Education England. They have asked us to share the information with our families, please see below:

This project is called The Audiology, Learning Disability and Autism Project and is being led by Dr Siobhan Brennan. We are exploring the barriers and challenges children with learning disabilities and their families face when accessing hearing tests or visiting Audiology (Hearing) services. We are speaking with parents/caregivers of children with complex needs who have experience of accessing audiology on their behalf,

in online interviews and focus groups. Our aim is to provide recommendations for how these services can be improved in the future.

<https://sites.manchester.ac.uk/aldap/>

PE News

It has been a busy term again in PE with many activities taking place. A particular focus for the school has been developing our Cycling provision, so all students can access this exciting activity. We were particularly delighted to receive our new Balance Bikes, Go Karts and Wheelchair Bike. We look forward to more new equipment arriving over the next few months.



Best wishes

Chris

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