

Castle Newsletter



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Dear Families

It was World Book Day last week, but we are spending this whole half term focused on storytelling and literacy. As part of this, we had an amazing visit from a sensory storyteller on Monday, who told a 'Story in the Dark' to Butterflies, Dragonflies, Edinburgh, Trinity and Kings classes. The library was transformed into a magical dark jungle, complete with swinging vines and all the sounds, smells, sights and textures of the rainforest. We don't have any pictures because of the magical darkness we were all in, so you'll have to use your imagination, but we promise it was amazing!

We also enjoyed our visit from author (and former Castle teacher) Charlie Bown whose book 'There's a Poem in my Dungarees' has recently been published. Charlie did some poetry writing workshops with our more formal learners, they all had an amazing time. Each group she worked with wrote a poem, these will be displayed in our Library. If you are interested in Charlie's work here is a link to her book <https://magic-daisy-publishing.sumup.link/>

Comic Relief – Red Nose day

We are very much looking forward to celebrating Red Nose Day in Castle on Friday 18th March. We have many fun activities lined up including Red Nose Strictly Dancing and a Red Nose 'Joke-a-Thon'. Please wear red clothes to school on the day or any bright colours. Suggested donation of £1.00

Easter Raffle

We are excited that this year's Easter Raffle has been launched with some amazing prizes. It is really easy to use the QR code to buy tickets <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/castleschoolcambridgeeasterraffle2022>



Raffle tickets on sale until Monday 28th March.

Warwick Class News

Warwick have particularly enjoyed their work experience this term with students attending Wicken Fen, Raptor Foundation and the Phoenix Trust.





Warwick Class have all been working hard and have really enjoyed their varied experiences of the world of work. The experience is also an important part of their D of E qualification which consists of: volunteering, developing a skill, a physical activity and their expedition in Year 11.

Sponsored Swimathon

Tom in Wolfson Class and his family are doing a sponsored swimathon for Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity during March, each swimming 5K, that's 5000 metres. If anyone would look to sponsor Tom this is the link.

https://www.facebook.com/donate/4699723130127023/?fundraiser_source=external_url



School Meals

Our caterers have advised us that they are having supply chain issues with a company that supplies fresh ingredients. Whilst they can sometimes source ingredients from an alternative wholesaler, they are also purchasing additional supplies of dried and tinned ingredients. This will enable our cook to provide a suitable substitute if they cannot get the fresh ingredients for the publicised menu. Please be aware we may have some last minute changes to our menus.



World Down's Syndrome Day – 21st March

To support World Down's Syndrome Day on 21st March we have colourful pin badges available (see above) for £1 each. These can be purchased by parents and carers from either the school reception or shop.

Best wishes

Chris

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