

Castle Newsletter



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Dear Families

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing bank holiday weekend; fingers crossed for some warmer weather over the coming weeks and even more opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors. We are looking forward to a number of residential visits taking place including NCS and Duke of Edinburgh expeditions to Derbyshire and Norfolk.

Plans are moving forward for our new and exciting satellite site which will be based at the Fields Centre, Galfrid Road. The provision will be staffed by Castle employees who have relevant experience, knowledge and understanding in teaching pupils with special needs.

The children attending the Castle/Fields provision will have access to universal, targeted and specialist level interventions delivered within the location and supported by an enhanced OT and SALT service provided by NHS therapists. Additionally it will provide pupils with experience of transitioning through educational settings.

We will have two classes (Early Years and KS 1) based there. It is an amazing site with lots of opportunities for outdoor learning and developing inclusion with the Fields Nursery and Galfrid School which are on the same site. The curriculum for these pupils will remain specialised and bespoke and we will have some brand new facilities such as a sensory and soft play room. We will be holding an open day soon, further details to follow.

Hedgehogs Class News

Hedgehogs have had a great start to the new term. We are really enjoying exploring our story for the term 'Peace at Last' and have used this theme for many of our activities. In our role play area, we have a bed and blanket for Mr Bear to sleep in, and we love to play there and sing songs like '10 in the Bed' or 'Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed' in the morning when we arrive in school.



In cooking, we took turns making toast and choosing our favourite toppings to turn it into Teddy Bear Toast.



We counted out the number of bananas, raisins and blueberries that we needed to add and really loved tasting it - chocolate spread and honey were definitely our favourites!



We have been doing lots of sensory play and body awareness games, and we particularly love our weekly Tacpac sessions. Colours of Dance and Choir have also been something that we really look forward to each week. We develop our communication and social skills in these sessions and are starting to make some beautiful connections with each other.

Edinburgh Class News

In Edinburgh Class we have been exploring all things space related. We have been enjoying a sensory story about going to space based on the book 'Whatever Next'. We have been showing our creativity through sensory activities such as process art to create space related artwork.



Our pupils particularly enjoyed using a salad spinner to create planets and rolling balls in paint to create the effect of the sky.

Best wishes

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