

Castle Newsletter



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Dear Families

Thank you for your amazing support on Monday when we had to change our plans for Parents' Evening at short notice due to a spike in Covid 19 cases. With your help, we were able to move the majority of consultations on line or over the phone and really appreciated the opportunity to discuss your child's achievements and celebrate their progress this year.

Further cause for celebration this week have been the many fantastic sporting activities taking place in school. These have included a very successful Primary sports day and a series of Secondary sporting events spread across the week.

Activities students have enjoyed taking part in include a Swim Gala undertaken by a group of KS2/3 students who regularly swim at Chesterton and a sponsored cycle ride completed by a group of KS4 students who cycled six miles on our brand new bikes. If you would like to sponsor our students please follow the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/castleschoolsponsoredbikeride2022>

Well done everyone for a fantastic week of sporting activities.

Dover Class News

This week in Dover class, we have been enjoying sports week very much. We participated in the PE fitness zoom with Kevin and we had lots of fun outside playing games and interacting with others.

We also had a special yoga session that we thoroughly enjoyed.



In addition, we have been helping adults to make a new display in class for our topic book.



Total Arts Film Festival

Earlier in the year, some Castle students had the chance to make a film with a professional filmmaker.

On Wednesday, participants watched the film as part of the Total Arts Film Festival at the Light Cinema. Students arrived and had the opportunity to do some craft activities. They then were given popcorn to enjoy, whilst watching a number of short films made by Special schools in the area. It was a wonderful experience!



Hotbed Festival

We are excited to announce our performance CASTLE SCHOOL I AM DRUMS is part of the Hotbed Festival at the Junction. This is a filmed poem and live drumming performance written and created by senior Castle School students, the poem explores what it is like to be a teenager. Fri 15th: 10.30am – 11.10am (40 minutes) Venue: J2 tickets can be booked using this link. <https://www.junction.co.uk/i-am-drums>

Amazon Prime Day

Amazon Prime Day starts on 12th July and runs through 13th July. During this time Amazon will be doubling donations on all eligible purchases made with AmazonSmile during the 48-hour event.

Castle is registered for Amazon Smile so this would be a good opportunity to raise funds for our school if you are planning any purchases. Please search for Castle School (Cambridge) Charitable Association (as there are several other Castle Schools out there!)

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1139105-0>

We have been asked to share the following message with our families:

The Richard Darton Tennis Foundation charity (RDTF) will pay for tennis lessons for children with additional needs.

The idea is for the child to receive free tennis coaching at a club near to where he or she lives. The child could take part in a summer holiday tennis camp or have after school lessons for instance. The tennis lessons are provided by LTA registered coaches at the various clubs (all coaches are DBS checked of course). Ability level does not matter. Tennis rackets are provided. The emphasis is very much on having fun.

Any snags? Although the tennis lessons are completely free the child would have to be transported to and from the tennis venue.

If anyone is interested then the first step is to contact Steve Shaw from the RDTF. His phone no is 07485279776 or contact him by email on stevecshaw@btinternet.com

Diary Dates

Prom	6 July
Leavers BBQ	7 July
Staff Training Day	8 July
Summer Term Ends	20 July

Best wishes

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