



## Dear Families

It's hard to believe that half term is only two weeks away.

October has arrived and the mornings are feeling quite Autumnal. I am pleased to see so many of our young people suitably dressed for the cooler weather. We actively encourage our students to go outside at break times and so warm/waterproof coats are essential.

This week's highlights have been watching the pupils actively engage with the choir project, and discussing an collaborative art project with Kettles Yard, which will be launched next term.

I am also pleased to announce the fantastic project that children from Castle participated in last year is finally going to be projected on the Senate House in the city centre on Thursday 10 and Friday 11 November. The artwork produced by the children in the workshops led by artist Hilary Cox Condon has been animated by one of the UK's leading video mapping agencies, NOVAK, ready for projecting onto the building to the accompaniment of some of the music from the French composer Saint-Saens' piece Carnival of the Animals.

Last weeks MacMillan Coffee Morning in school raised lots of money to support children and families living with cancer. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated cakes and money, and to our wonderful students who made this possible, as I said last week the rice crispy cakes were amazing.

## National Teachers day

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October was National Teachers day. We want to thank all the teachers here at Castle School for your hard work and dedication.



## Wolfson Class News

We had an incredible busy start to term as we settled into life in Wolfson Class.

This term, pupils from Wolfson took the opportunity to read and share stories to primary pupils in squirrels' class.



Wolfson Class have also been learning about various artists. Including the renowned street graffiti artist 'Banksy'. Pupils from Wolfson had a go and creating their own stencils to produce their own pieces of graffiti art.





Our year 14 pupils have been attending a driving course one day a week. This experience supports pupils with their confidence, communication skills and furthering their understanding of road safety.



## Black history month

October is black history month. This is a time for reflection and positive changes for the future.

The theme for this year is health and wellness, here at Castle school we take the well-being of all pupils and staff seriously. We provide a positive and supportive environment in which issues that can challenge mental health and general wellness can be addressed.

## World Mental Health day 9<sup>th</sup> October

### How are you feeling today?

happy
 anxious
 sad
 angry
 excited
 calm

### 6 things you can do to help you feel good

Talk to someone you trust about how you're feeling

Go outside and get some fresh air

Listen to your favourite music

Keep active - run around or play games

Eat lots of healthy food

Have a good night's sleep

### Need someone to talk to?

Call Childline for free  
0800 1111

24 hours  
7 days

In an emergency, text SHOUT  
85258

## Sponsorship and Donations

Castle School Charitable Association is the registered charity which supports fundraising for our school.

The main focus of our current fundraising is the creation of a new soft play area for our students.

We would be delighted to receive donations towards this project and invite you to do this via our 'Just Giving' page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/castleschoolcharitableassociation>

## Car park

There has been changes to the parent collection system. The only gate that will be open now is the top gate by the fence. We do not need to do the one way system any more. This is for Health and Safety reasons. We aim to keep everyone safe on site.

### October holiday Netball camps

Fun and fitness for children during the school holidays

<p>Wednesday 26 October 10am to 3.30pm</p>	<p>Impington Village College Sports Centre, CB24 9LX</p>	<p>For children in Year 3 to Year 9 of all abilities</p>
<p>£25 per child per day £22 per child per day each for families, or children attending multiple days (netball and athletics)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All coaches are fully checked and qualified.</li> <li>Appropriate footwear and clothing for outdoors is essential.</li> <li>Snacks and lunch and plenty to drink should be brought.</li> </ul>	<p>In a safe setting, children can develop skills and put them into practice</p>

Book now for a place on our October netball camps!

For more information:  
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 01954 715070  
 To book:  
[www.scams.gov.uk/sportscamps](http://www.scams.gov.uk/sportscamps)

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Best wishes

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