



Dear Families,

Winter is definitely poking its head out this week so please make sure that your child is appropriately clothed for the cold or wet weather. We use Forest School and participate in outdoor learning all year round. This week it is definitely a water-based newsletter, with both classes choosing to showcase swimming and 6th form have had their first rowing session.

This week "Thought for the week is - I know how to be kind to new people and visitors. So, we have been practicing saying hello and being friendly.

Trinity Class News

Last Term in Trinity Class, every Tuesday we had swimming lessons with Phil! Over the 7 weeks we worked on the skills needed for swimming on our front and back, as well as exploring different ways we can move in the water and the way water can move around us.





Dragonflies Class News

Dragonflies Class love to be in the swimming pool. We have been practicing moving around the pool independently, swimming on our fronts and on our backs, and having fun!



Downing College Rowing Club

Wolfson and Churchill pupils started their rowing sessions at Downing College rowing club. They used the practice tank to learn the skills and will start to go on the river after Christmas.



Rarefest 2022

Cambridge Rare Disease Network is a platform for change. It is the infrastructure that unites patients, advocates, experts and leaders to address the challenges faced by people affected by rare diseases. By sharing knowledge and experience, and working together, the journey towards better diagnosis, treatment and support for patients and their families is smoother and more certain.



Performance • Comedy • Talks
Friday 25th Nov
Guildhall, Cambridge

Featuring these & more!

Dylan Lombard "I may look a bit different but I have something to show the world." Glaswegian teenager Dylan uses photography to connect

John Willis was born without fully formed arms & legs. He believes "Difference is a blessing not a curse." So let's explore the possible

Phil 'Badger' Smith Living with early onset Parkinson's is no joke. But for Phil from Birmingham, 'Laughter is the Best Medicine'

Strictly RARE CamRARE's kids community, Unique Feet. Dancing with joy rarely seen

TICKETS & INFO
bit.ly/rarefest22

CRDN Cambridge Rare Disease Network

QR code

A few of Castles students will be performing with unique feet on the Friday night and it will be amazing!

MAKING RARE DISEASES VISIBLE AND VOCAL, SEEN AND HEARD

<https://www.camraredisease.org/rarefest22/>

Children in Need – Friday 18th November



We will be marking Children in Need by having a non-uniform day in school. The theme of the day will be to dress in your own clothes. There would be a series of events happening in school including a "Donation Wall" Please support this worthwhile event.

HPV Vaccines for YR 8 and YR 9 on the 21st November 2022

From September 2019, the HPV vaccine has been offered to boys as well as girls. The first dose of HPV vaccine is universally offered as routine in year 8, the second dose is offered 6-12 months after the first. It is important to have both doses to be protected. Please follow the following link to register your child.
<https://imms.hct.nhs.uk/hpv/2022/cambsandpeterborough>

🎅 Christmas Requests 🎄

In December we will be hosting our Christmas Bazaar again in person. As part of this we will have a raffle and tombola. Do you or anyone you know have a raffle prize we could have? We will be leaving a box in Reception from Monday for them to be dropped off or you can pop them in your young persons' bag labelled 'Kathryn - Christmas Raffle/Tombola' and they will make their way to me. If you also know of any companies that may like to donate a prize, please get in touch by calling or emailing the office at

office@castle.cambs.sch.uk

Many festive thanks!

A Message from the Governing Body

A note from Nick Brenton, Chair of Castle School Governors

Anne Haberfield has been doing a wonderful job as our Acting Headteacher, and has steered us through some challenging times, including the opening of our classes at The Fields Centre. Castle is still dealing with the consequences of Covid (for both pupils and staff) and the challenges for us all of the cost of living crisis and recruiting the staff we need for our school. As we are required to do, governors are now formally starting the process of recruiting our new Headteacher. Advertisements came out this week setting out what we are looking for, and you can see the details on our school website. We hope to complete the recruitment process before Christmas, and have a Headteacher in post as soon as possible after that.

We are aiming for a smooth progression to a new Headteacher, and do not expect any changes to staffing, structures or routines. If you have any thoughts or observations you want to share with us, please email me at:

nbrenton@castle.cambs.sch.uk

We will of course share with you the outcome of our recruitment process as soon as it is finished.

I AM DRUMS

You are invited to a performance of: **I AM DRUMS** in the School Hall on **Thursday 17th November (5pm-6pm)**.



I AM DRUMS is a filmed poem and live drumming performance, written and created by Key Stage 4 and 6th form students. The poem explores the emotions of anxiety and anger and what it is like to be a teenager.

I AM DRUMS was first performed at Cambridge Junction in July of this year, as part of the Hotbed New Writing Theatre Festival. It is the first half of a project that will be further developed in 2023, where the emotions of happiness and excitement will be explored through a variety of creative media.

Please RSVP by Thursday 10th November to:

mgallagher@castle.cambs.sch.uk

Ticket cost: pay-what-you-like. There will be a donation bucket.

Tea, coffee and savoury snacks will be on sale before and after the performance.

Remembrance Day

We celebrated Remembrance Day across the school with different activities in the classrooms.



Best wishes

Anne