



Dear Families

It is nearly February and I hope Spring is just around the corner, the days are certainly getting longer. Tuesday 7th February is safer internet day and to mark this we have developed a new page on our website which you can find in the safeguarding section or using this link <https://www.castleschool.info/online-safety>

We are really looking forward to 'Wonder Week' next week. This promises to be an amazing period of creativity, interest, and engagement for pupils. This week is a celebration of our creative work and an opportunity to try out new creative experiences through arts, craft, dance, drama and music exploring the theme of "wonder". Wonder Week provides a chance for artists and performers to work with our pupils and an opportunity to visit places in our community that inspire creativity.

We are also really excited to be able to showcase the Art Now project at a special event on Tuesday, which we are hoping will be attended by a lot of special guests. The work the pupils will be showcasing is amazing, more news next week.

Ladybirds Class News

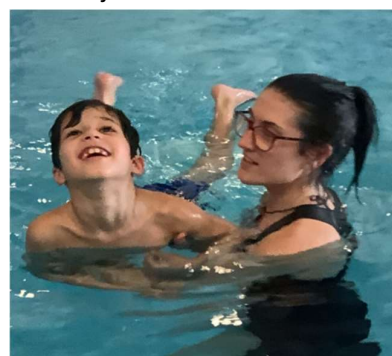
In Ladybirds, we have been enjoying our new story for the term, The Tiger Who Came to Tea. We have listened to songs which tell the story, explored lots of sensory items related to tigers and shared the story with the adults in our class.



This week, we also looked at Lunar New Year celebrations through our sensory trays. We enjoyed tasting noodles and building our fine motor skills by picking them up using tongs or our fingers and cutting them using scissors.



We love working on our physical development in Ladybirds class. During swimming we have practiced moving on our front with adult support, and in Forest School we have been experimenting with different ways of moving over, under and through different sized objects.





Corfe Class News

Corfe class have been sharing fun times in the soft play area.

They are improving their social skills by deciding what games to play, while turn taking. They particularly enjoy participating in imaginary role play activities and also sharing the swing with each other.



Industrial Action

As you may be aware from the recent media coverage, the National Education Union (NEU), announced that they had secured the necessary support in a ballot for industrial action.

We will be open for children of critical workers who cannot find alternative childcare, these pupils may be supported throughout the day by teaching assistants. If you believe you fall into this category, please contact school by mid-morning on Monday to confirm your child's attendance, so that we can ensure we have the correct number of sufficiently trained and experienced staff available.

Remote learning activities are available on our website which can be accessed using the following link

<https://www.castleschool.info/homelearning>

This will have an update before Wednesday.

Parents Evening- Monday 6th February

Staff are looking forward to seeing you at the Parents' Consultation Evening on Monday 6th February between 4.00pm and 6.20pm.

The consultation will last for 10 minutes, please follow the link below to indicate your preferred appointment time as soon as possible and by Thursday 2nd February at the latest.

<https://forms.office.com/e/5j1AQbK6vu>

Duke of Edinburgh Award

For our Volunteering section, 6th form silver DofE group will be supporting the charity Winter Comfort between now and July. In order to do this, we need to collect the following items:

Toiletries

- Men's roll-on deodorant
- Shaving foam or gel

Food items

- Tins of meat, fish, soup, vegetables, fruit
- Pasta and rice
- Microwave rice
- Pot noodles (or similar)
- Packs of cereal bars or biscuits
- Breakfast cereals
- Hot chocolate

Support for Families Struggling Financially

Bladder & Bowel offers free products to those who are struggling financially. Please follow the link below for more information.

<https://www.bbuk.org.uk/new-campaign-tackles-incontinence-poverty-amid-cost-of-living-crisis/>

Requests for products can be made by phoning NRS Complete Care Shop on 01772 675 048, while stocks last. For guidance on managing bladder and bowel conditions, visit www.bbuk.org.uk.

Reusable swimming pads

If your child wears a pad throughout the day then they should be wearing a pad in the swimming pool, during their lessons. This is to ensure our pool continues to be

a safe and clean environment for Castle Students to swim.

If your child doesn't wear a pad daily but tends to have accidents in the pool, then we suggest they wear one again to help keep the pool clean and open.

Reusable swimming pads can be washed and used again and are worn under existing swimwear or are already built into the costume/trunks.

Here are some options and where to find them:

Splash About



Can be found here:

www.splashabout.com/sun-swimwear/older-children-adults.html

www.amazon.co.uk Just search for 'Splash About'

Incy Wincy



Can be found here:

www.incywincy.net

Best wishes

Anne