



Dear Families

Another week wizzes by.....

This week we have had Wonder Week, but as I have said to many staff, every week at school is a Wonder Week!

The highlight has been the celebration of the Art Now project. We were joined by staff from Kettles Yard, the Sponsor from Red Hen and the Deputy Mayor. Students were fascinated by the effects of the projection, you can see this in some of the photos below. Our pupils were also able to give speeches outlining the impact the project had had on them. Part of the exhibition has transferred to Kettle's Yard and the rest is remaining up as Castle, the pupils are really enjoying exploring the live exhibition, there are photos of this below.

### Parents evening

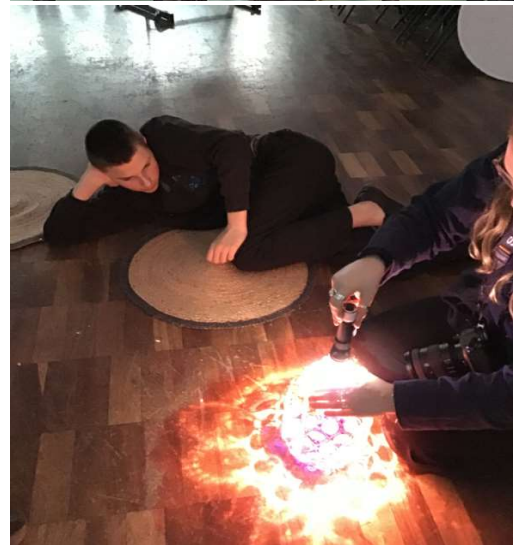
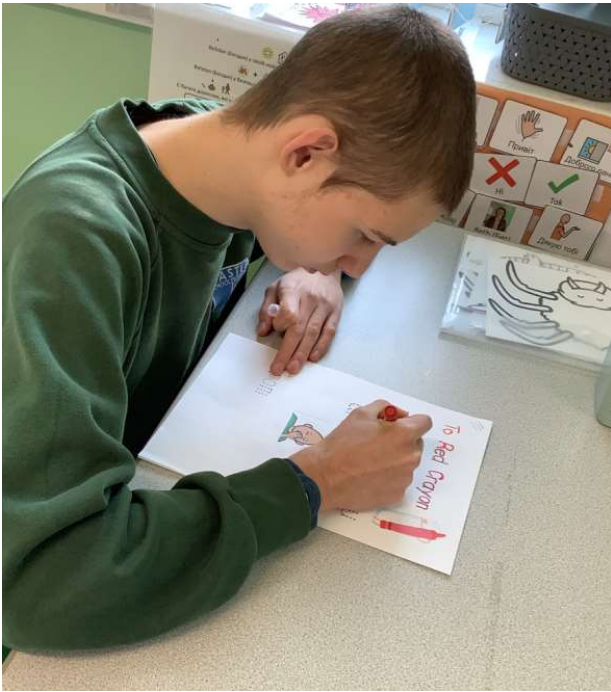
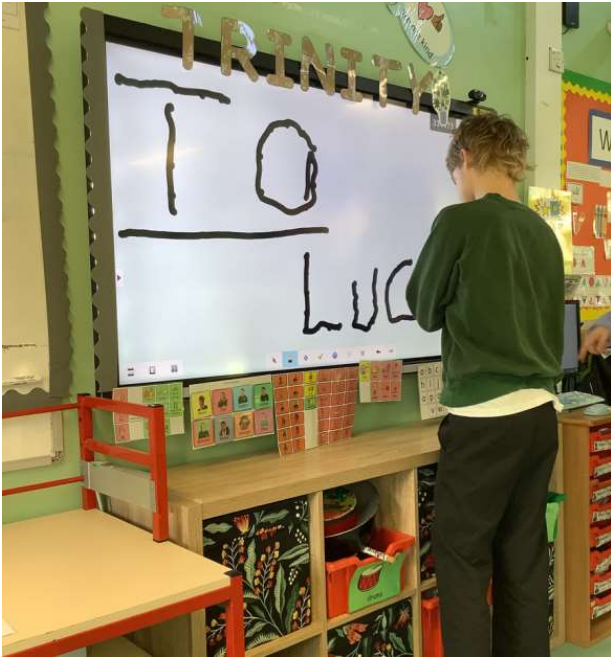
Parents evening is on Monday, we are looking forward to welcoming you into school then. Please make sure you have used the link to show the times you require, and have confirmation from your class teacher.

### Trinity Class News

In Trinity class this term we have been looking at the book "the day the crayons quit", we have been looking at writing letters to our friends and using lots of different words to describe how we are feeling. As a class we have also been working on our Makaton sign, looking at signing days of the week and key words from our book! We have been enjoying lots of different ways to experience and explore colours. This has linked well to our Wonder Week, allowing us to take part in lots of new art sessions, music sessions and trips.











### Tintagel Class News

Tintagel went to Kettles Yard house and gallery today, our students looked around the ground floor of the house to study the collection of art work and to do our on sketches. After that we went into one of the gallery rooms to look at the latest exhibition. We then went down stairs to the education Centre and had hands on experience making their own artwork and badges.



## Preparing For Adulthood Event

**Preparing for Adulthood Event on 24th March 10-2pm, at Burgess Hall, St Ives, PE27 6WU** to support parent carers who have young people with additional needs, aged 11 –25 years.

The event will be the themes of Preparing for Adulthood:

- Health: including health transitions and annual health checks for children and young people with learning disabilities
- Post-16 education, training, and employment
- Community inclusion and friendships
- Independence pathways

Please reserve your ticket via the link on Eventbrite [Preparing for Adulthood Conference Tickets, Fri 24 Mar 2023 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

## Safer Internet Day Tuesday 7th February 2023

The campaign slogan is **‘want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online’**.

Did you know that Safer Internet Day is celebrated in 170 countries worldwide?

Online safety resources for professionals, parents and carers, and children and young people from 4-18 years old, can be found at these websites:

- [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/)
- [www.childnet.com/](http://www.childnet.com/)
- [www.bbc.com/ownit](http://www.bbc.com/ownit)
- [www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/)

Education resources are available from the Safer Internet Centre, please [click here](#).

Please also see the parent information on the website.

## Calling all parents

One of the most important parts of Castle school is that every one of us feels part of our community and that we are all seen, heard, and accepted. To help make this happen we are hoping to do more school events that are important to our community and that parents can get involved in!

Our first two celebrations coming up are Easter, and Ramadan and Eid!

For the first time we are hoping to hold some whole school activities and celebrations on Monday 24th April to mark the Eid celebration. Ideas include a food collection for a local charity, music and traditional food in our hall, non-school uniform day for students to model new Eid clothes and lots more.

In the summer term we are also hoping to have a huge celebration to mark the range of SEND diversity across our school.

If you would like to help with organising or volunteer for our Eid celebration day please contact [KDocherty@castle.Cambs.Sch.uk](mailto:KDocherty@castle.Cambs.Sch.uk) or [shunt@castle.Cambs.Sch.uk](mailto:shunt@castle.Cambs.Sch.uk) or let your child's class teacher know and I will get in touch.

If there are other celebrations or important events you would like to discuss getting involved in email Katy Docherty at the above address!

**YMCA Trinity Mental Health Training**

**Let's Connect**  
6-12 February 2023

**Children's Mental Health Week**

Connecting with others is a great way of building resilience and mental health. Positive connections create feelings of safety. When we feel safe we can learn, make mistakes, reflect and work together with others.

With that in mind here at YMCA Trinity we have been thinking about what training could be helpful to help those of you working with children and young people.

**'Understanding behaviour as communication'**  
Explores and highlights what children and young people may be trying to tell us through their actions. By increasing our understanding we are better able to 'connect' with them, validating their experience and sense of self.

**Whole setting training**  
Create a shared ethos and knowledge base across your staff team with these courses:

**'How to have difficult conversations'**  
Helps build your skills in navigating complicated and emotional conversations. It will provide techniques and tips to promote understanding and ways to connect with young people and the adults around them.

**Senior Mental Health Lead Training**  
Introduction to Mental health Building Resilience Staff Wellbeing  
DFE Approved provided for all levels of Senior Mental Health Lead training

Contact: [mentalhealthtraining@ymcatrinity.org.uk](mailto:mentalhealthtraining@ymcatrinity.org.uk)

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Here for communities  
Here for you

Best wishes

*Anne*