



It has been an unusual week at Castle School. The week started with a high when a small group of KS 4 and 6th form students attended the Commonwealth Service. You will see the account from Elanor later in the Newsletter, both pupils and staff had a magical day. I hope you were not too disrupted by the strike action this week, many of our staff travelled to London on Wednesday to represent the voice of special schools in the fairer funding debate. Today we have had “low key” Comic Relief celebration.

Online safety

We know supporting your young person to stay safe online can be a challenge. If you need support or advice, please talk to your young person's class teacher or a member of the safeguarding team. Further information and support can be found using the link below.

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

Dragonflies Class News

Dragonflies practiced their road safety on a walk to the shops this week, waiting for the green man before crossing the road. We had an excellent swimming session, sitting dives and swimming independent widths of the pool!





Badgers Class News

Our topic in Badgers this term has been around 'Buildings and People'. We have been enjoying reading our current story book 'A squash and a squeeze' by Julia Donaldson and acting out the story through role play. We have also been working on our conversational skills by pupils asking each other how they are feeling and why during morning circle time and socialising during snack lunch time by asking if pupils have enjoyed their food.

We have thoroughly enjoyed visiting the library and exploring through all the different genres of books and deciding which book we would like to read. Pupils then choose whether they would like to read to themselves in a quiet space, read to a friend, or to an adult.





Dover Class News

This term in Dover class we are focusing on reading. We have celebrated World book Day wearing our favourite costumes and bringing into school our favourite books. We also started a new story book call "They all saw a cat". Following this story, we made animal masks, and we wore them around the school to make our own sort of video clip recreating the story.





Commonwealth Service 2023

On the 13th of March some of our students from KS4 and Sixth Form got the opportunity to go to Westminster Abbey in London for the Commonwealth Service. It was amazing. We got to see the King of England up close, Jack even had a handshake from The King and Prince William.

We took the train there and back. For some of us it was the first time in the Tube and train. We got to see Buckingham Palace too. We had the best time in London and no one got left behind! –by Eleanor.





Parental Questionnaire

Please find a link to our Parent/Carer Survey. We would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to give us feedback on how you think we are doing as a school. Your views are very important to us, as they help us to shape our provision in the future. Please click on the following link to access the survey. Paper copies of the survey are available on request.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=i7t18Q_A0WMF7DYWMJEOLSeYhMwRxILvFUST58Mf-9UOTISNjBaMzZZNkM5RDdUNko1SzFEUEkOWS4u



Best wishes

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