Castle Newsletter Friday 10th November 2023 Headteacher Charlotte Whysall V 19 No. 8



Dear Families,

This week we have spent time thinking about remembrance, what it means to us and those worldwide within the Commonwealth that will commemorate together on 11th of November and this Sunday.



Sunday is a national day to remember the service and sacrifice of all who have protected our way of life. (https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/getinvolved/remembrance/about-remembrance).

This week we will have had a curriculum focus on Remembrance in conjunction with the Royal British Legion's annual Poppy Appeal.



In the lead up to Remembrance Sunday, classes in all curriculum pathways have engage in learning around the theme of remembrance. They have created artwork throughout the week and today we will had a whole school act of remembrance in and around our memory garden, with classes hanging their poppy themed artwork on the branches of our memory tree.



Dragonfly Class News

Dragonflies visited Hinchingbrook country park this week in the beautiful sunshine. We explored the area, climbing and running down hills. There was lots of different play equipment to choose from.





Trinity Class News



In Trinity Class we have had an amazing start to this academic year! We have started to take part in trips out on Thursday Mornings or Afternoons. We so far have explored some different places around the local community and looked at developing our own hobbies and interests through trying new experiences. We have been working on building our abilities to manage big emotions in new situations and around members of the public.



Donations

WE ARE COLLECTING STUFF TO DONATE TO ARTHUR RANK AND EACH HOSPICES THESE ARE THE THINGS WE WOULD LIKE:

- GOOD QUALITY CLEAN CLOTHING/SHOES
- TOYS
- JEWELLERY
- HOMEWARE
- PUZZLES/BOARD GAMES
- SMALL ELECTRICAL ITEMS
- BOOKS/DVDS
- ARTS AND CRAFTS
- SPORTING EQUIPMENT.

DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT IN COMPUTING / WARWICK CLASSROOM THANK YOU



Swimming Club

The Cambridge Disabled Kids Swimming Club is aimed at children with any disability in a friendly and supportive environment. Parents/carers & siblings are all welcome to take part.

Windmill Pool, Hinton Way, Fulbourn, family fun session, in a warm hydrotherapy pool for younger children and those that need warmer water or a smaller secure environment to swim.

Saturdays 9.30-11 am, cost £3.

Chesterton Sports Centre Pool session, Gilbert Road, Cambridge, a larger pool for older children, from age 5, this is a fun but more structured session with qualified instructors and volunteers assisting as often as possible.

Sundays 4pm-4.45pm, cost £3

For more information please contact Sally on 01223 315024 or <u>sally@cdksc.co.uk</u> or visit our website <u>www.cdksc.co.uk</u>



Charlotte Whysall Headteacher







We need your skills! We know that you all lead very busy lives but could you spare just a few hours of your time to help us provide even more opportunities for our students at Castle.

Over the years we have been successful at bidding for funds to support learning and enrichment in our school but we know that there are many more pots of money out there that we could access if we had more time.

We would really like to bid for funds to support a range of activities which include the following:

- A sound beam to support our music offering - currently this would cost £10,000
- ✓ Developing our immersive and interactive space to develop life skills requires £12,000
- Reading schemes to enhance our library and reading provision -£15,000
- Further developing our outside play area – phased projects starting from £5,000
- ✓ Other smaller projects such as developing Horticulture

We know the sources – we need your time to write the bids, you can do as much or as little as you are able to do.

Anyone who volunteers will be given support and guidance. This is not cold bidding, we know that there are pots and we know how to access them, we also have experience of bid writing and so you will not be alone:

Want to know more?

Then contact Anne Haberfield on <u>ahaberfield@castle.cambs.sch.uk</u> to discuss how you can help.

