Castle Newsletter
Friday 13th October 2023
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Dear Families,

It's hard to believe that half term is only one week away.

Thank you to all the parents that attended our parent's evening on Monday. It was lovely to see you all.

Hedgehogs Class News

Hedgehogs have had a fun and busy start to the term. We have explored the story 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch' by Ronda and David Armitage through sensory retelling, art, and colourful semantics. We have also been enjoying learning our phonics with Fergie the Phonics Frog and practising our letter formation. In PE we have been experimenting with different types of movement and balance with Connie, and in Music we have had the opportunity to try a range of instruments with Anthony and dance and sing in choir with Sofia!

Wolfson Class News

Last week a group of pupils from Wolfson class attended a 5-day school residential trip to Buckinghamshire! This was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to experience what it is like to stay somewhere new, overnight and away from home. We all had an amazing time! We were fortunate enough to experience a whole host of exciting and challenging activities, including bush craft, archery, climbing and abseiling to name a few! It is safe to say by the end of our 5 days there were some very tired bodies. I am super proud of everyone who attended, and to all of our young people who were willing to take on new challenges and experiences. Well done all!

Spooky Disco-20th October

On Friday 20th October we are having a non-uniform day at Castle. Students can opt to wear either spooky (not too scary) Halloween costumes, non-uniform or uniform if they wish. In the afternoon there will be a spooky disco event.

Refreshments will be available for students to buy if they wish. However, please do not bring more than £1.

The Fitzwilliam Museum Drop-in Family Workshops

The Fitzwilliam Museum (Trumpington Street, Cambridge, CB2 1RB) are doing free drop-in art sessions workshops on Tuesday 24 & Thursday 26 October, 10am to 1pm with Cambridgeshire artist Sandra Scott. Drop into the Learning Studio at the Fitz on either day between 10am and 1pm to take part. Sandra is a textile artist and printmaker. Her work explores colour, lines and patterns which are extracted from drawing. These are then combined or enhanced with stitch and sometimes print. She is passionate about creating and enjoys sharing her ideas and love of the art process with others. This activity is suitable for families with children aged 4 to 12.

Formal Students Opportunities- NCS SEND 2023 – Community Experience

NCS have secured some funding to run a targeted project with pupils who have left Castle in the last few years.

This programme is specifically designed for students with an EHCP, to support and help prepare them on their journey into adulthood. The students will develop the following:

- Independence and life skills
- Social Mixing
- Volunteering, work readiness and employability skills.

If you are young adult attends CRC there will be drop in sessions on Friday 20th October and Monday 30th October between 10am and 12 noon in the LRC room near the study zone.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Best wishes

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