



Dear Families,  
September and October have flown by and I can't believe we are at half term already. We wish all our families a peaceful and enjoyable time and look forward to welcoming pupils back on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

### Fields Centre

In Wrens we have set up the classroom to celebrate Autumn and in particular this week we have focused on Halloween activities, too.

This is a particularly good link for a skeleton song [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pbl4BNkAq\\_U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pbl4BNkAq_U)

which is very apt for our topic this term "All about me". We've been singing and joining in with it this week.



### Work Related Learning and Transition

A group of 10 pupils from KS4 and 5 went to the territorial army barracks on Tuesday. They experienced a day in the army and looked at uniforms, target practice and an assault course. Everyone had an amazing time.



## Autumn Science

I have been so impressed with the amazing investigation skills shown by pupils in Balmoral, Dover, Corfe and Ludlow this half term. Experiments have included making model cells, testing model rib cages, finding out how toothpaste can protect teeth from acid and using mini microscopes to observe worms in our wormeries. Pupils have shown brilliant teamwork skills, they have asked amazing questions to keep me on my toes and had lots of fun measuring and observing.

Have a great half term from Meriel (Science Teacher)



organisations and providers for post 19s. We also screened a video Castle pupils and staff made with Cambridgeshire County Council which shows young people what options they have after school.



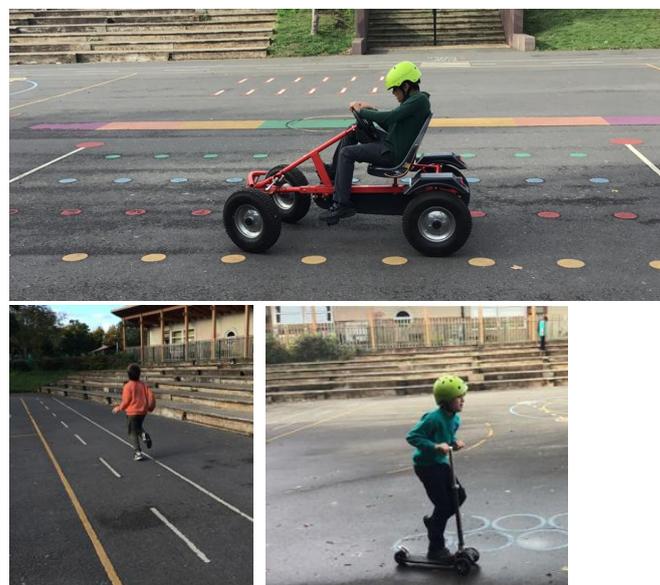
## P.E. News

In PE this half term students have been taking part in gymnastics. They have been using the low and high apparatus and have worked on balance, coordination, using different parts of their body when travelling, jumping and landing on two feet and improving upper body and leg strength. Some were able to make body shapes such as a star and a tuck. Students have also shown that turn taking skills are important in these lessons. Confidence was gained and everyone has made excellent progress.



## Next Steps

We had our Next Steps event on Wednesday evening, an opportunity for parents and carers to meet



## Castle Triathlon



Medal design

Meerkats

The second week of our whole school triathlon is complete. Students are recording data to keep track of all the cycling, walking, running, distances in wheelchairs and swimming they take part in.

The different ways of recording data have been very imaginative and very impressive. Tally charts, fingerprints and the use of computers.

After half term the triathlon will continue for a further two weeks. After then, all the data will be collected and logged, students will then be awarded a bespoke medal and certificate, not to forget a meerkat.

Keep up all the amazing effort Castle.

## Cancer Research

Last Friday, we dressed in pink to raise funds for a cause close to our hearts, Breast Cancer.

Thank you to all the staff and pupils who help us raise nearly £300 for this cause.



Best wishes

*Charlotte*

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