

Dear families,

Some of our Sixth Form pupils are taking the Art GCSE exams this week. We would like to wish them the best of luck.

Please remember that Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of May is a Bank Holiday and school will be closed. We will be back on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of May.

## Bees Class News

This term Bee's class are reading a book called "The Listening Walk" in our story a little girl goes for a walk in her community and describes all the sounds she hears along the way.



Our sensory story includes lots of fun things to see, touch and smell as well as the sounds and Bee's class have been enjoying reading our book as a group.



This week we also went on our own listening walk down by the river. During our walk we also listened out for different sounds from the book. When we got to the river we stopped to feed the birds and listen to the ducks like the girl in our story.

## Kings Class News

A great start to the term. We were happy to be back at school and see all our friends, and getting back to our routine and activities. We worked hard during our work-related learning. At Wimpole Estate, we worked to clear and tidy the grounds and move and distribute woodchip, and in the food tech room, we helped preparing a sponge cake and a banana loaf for the school's Cafe.



It was a beautiful day for a walk and all the children had a lovely time!



We particularly enjoyed getting back to into swimming. Since the beginning of the year, we've developed our water confidence and have worked on mastering

different styles, such as swimming on our front, back and floating. We are ready and excited to participate in the swimming gala and share with everyone our skills.



## Research opportunity for parents!

A new study investigating the relationship between sensory sensitivities, autistic traits, and anxiety traits in children is looking to recruit parents of children aged 6-11 to fill in a 10-minute questionnaire of their children's experiences. This research is some of the first of its kind, and is crucial in better understanding children's holistic experiences of developmental difficulties, promoting better mental health, and in developing support for affected children.

If you are a parent of a child/children aged 6-11 and have a spare 10 minutes to fill in the survey it would really be appreciated – please find the link to the information letter and survey below.

[https://maastrichtuniversity.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_a9u1UMYrwAIZXfg](https://maastrichtuniversity.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a9u1UMYrwAIZXfg)

I have also attached the QR code to the study in case it is a physical newsletter and using a link is not possible.



## Donation



Last month Taj Street Kitchen Restaurant, ran a competition offering £150 to a local organization. We are proud to announce that the winner was Castle School.

'Today, I had the privilege of visiting Castle School. Walking through the school, I was completely bowled over the love, care and expertise that pours into every corner. The staff aren't just teachers-they are every day heroes, creating an environment where every child, no matter their needs, is given the opportunity to flourish and thrive.

Some of the challenges these children face are beyond what many of us can imagine, yet there is so much joy, energy and hope alive in that school. It truly opened my eyes and touched my heart.

Hats off to every single teacher, carer and child at Castle School. You are nothing short of amazing.

Thank you for everything you do- and we can't wait to support you more in the future!' said Syed Haque owner of Taj Street Kitchen Restaurant.

## Triangle Week at Castle School: A Maths Adventure!

This week, Castle School has been buzzing with excitement as our students dive into the fascinating world of triangles! During Triangle Week, pupils have explored triangles in all kinds of fun and engaging ways, from sensory exploration to problem-solving challenges. It's been an exciting journey of discovery, helping students see

maths in a whole new light and sparking their curiosity for geometry. The week has been full of hands-on activities, teamwork, and lots of learning.

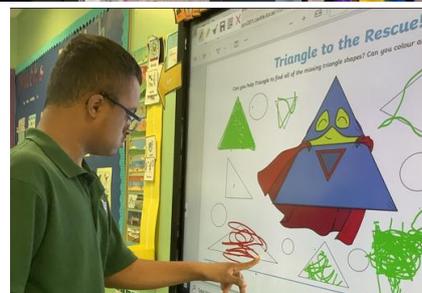
## PE News

After taking part in the intra-school boccia tournament here at Castle a few weeks ago, Kings visited Granta for an inter-school boccia tournament.

Kings showed excellent technique, which was noticed by the Granta team, the Martin Bacon team and the Heltwate team, which were the other schools taking part.

Each student received a certificate of participation and gained a great experience of competitive competition out of school.

Well done Kings class.





Best wishes

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