

# Castle Newsletter



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Dear Families

Last day of November! We have a very busy two and a half weeks of term ahead of us and look forward to seeing you in school at some point over this period.

We are really delighted to have received a generous cheque for £3500 from the Rotary Club this week. The donation will be used to further improve our sensory provision to the benefit of all our young people.

A massive well done to all those who took part in the Boccia competition at Cambridge Regional College yesterday. Thank you to our students for providing the reports below.

## Boccia Competition

Eloise 29/11/2018  
Boccia Competition  
I was proud that Phil chose me to be Team Captain for Castle 1. I enjoyed playing against other schools. I felt happy to represent my class as well as Castle School.



Amber

29/11/18

I enjoyed the Boccia Competition against the other schools and I had lots of fun there.

## Christmas Bazaar – 14<sup>th</sup> December

Our Christmas Bazaar will take place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 1.45pm-2.45pm. Any donations towards the bric-a-brac, tombola and raffle will be gratefully received.

## National Citizenship Service

Last week we were very excited to be invited to the “Children and Young People Now” Awards ceremony in London. This was because a joint project between Special Schools and the Youth Service in Cambridgeshire had been nominated for a National Award. The project nominated is linked to the National Citizenship Service. This is the Country’s fastest growing youth movement “enabling teenagers to discover who they are and what they can be.” We have worked in partnership to devise a bespoke programme for pupils with SEND across Cambridgeshire. We have ensured that the programme is accessible for the majority of our pupils and there are additional plans to make it accessible to all.



We are delighted to say we won. Some of the pupils who have taken part in the scheme were excited to be photographed with the trophy.

## Joint Research Project

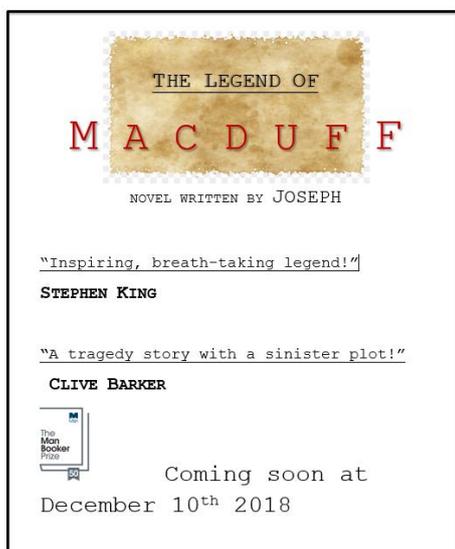
Churchill and Darwin classes have just finished a series of lessons that were delivered by myself and Claire Melvin, a researcher from the University of Kent. The aim of the lessons was to try to improve the pupils' capacity for empathy, the ability to understand and share the feelings of others. These lessons are being designed to promote the further development of social skills and reduce the incidence of any inappropriate behaviours.

I was very pleased to see how well the pupils engaged with these lessons. We had some very interesting discussions and pupils have since reported that they have used what they learned to help them in situations in their lives outside the classroom. As for me, I found it very useful to have someone bringing new ideas into my classroom, so I am very grateful to Claire for all her hard work and all the driving she had to do to make this project happen. By Peter Nelmes

## Subject news – English

Key Stage 4 and 5 have been studying the epic legend Beowulf in their English lessons, and are now using their knowledge of legends to write their own epic tales. They have chosen main characters, baddies and settings, and are now writing and illustrating their legends to produce beautiful books. They have also been creating advertising for their books. Would you like to read

The Legend of Super Sky (by Mya), The Legend of Super Norman (by Jack), or The Tale of the Friendly Cyberman (by Jay)? Watch this space! Poster by Joseph



## Deer Class Decorate Tree at St Giles' Church



## Visit to Pantomime 6<sup>th</sup> December

We are delighted to have been invited to the Arts Theatre, as their guests, to this year's Pantomime of Aladdin. This will be a whole school event on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December. A voluntary contribution of £5 per child would be greatly appreciated. We will be having a late lunch, so please send in a packed lunch with your child. If your child usually receives a free school meal then a packed lunch will be provided for them.

## Dates for your Diary

Visit to Pantomime 6<sup>th</sup> December  
Primary Christmas Lunch 11<sup>th</sup> December  
Father Christmas visiting Primary 11<sup>th</sup> December  
Secondary Christmas Lunch 12<sup>th</sup> December  
KS2 Christmas Play 12<sup>th</sup> December  
KS1 Christmas Play 14<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Jumper Day 14<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Bazaar 14<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Service St Giles Church 18<sup>th</sup> December  
Secondary Christmas Disco 18<sup>th</sup> December

Best wishes

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