

CASTEL CATCH-UP

The Newsletter for the Castel Primary School Community



June's Value of the Month: Confidence

Headteacher's Message

by Mr P. Curtis

As we reach the second half of this busy summer term, the momentum in our school continues to build. It's been inspiring to witness the sustained effort and progress our pupils are making across all subjects. From exploring new topics in science to refining their skills in sport, their dedication and hard work is commendable. This period is often a time for consolidating learning and deepening understanding, and our staff are working incredibly hard to support every child's journey. We also have some wonderful events just around the corner – keep an eye on our upcoming communications for details on our sports day and summer fayre, which are shaping up to be fantastic celebrations of our school spirit and ethos.

I am immensely proud of the positive atmosphere and the way our children are supporting each other. We're very much looking forward to a productive second half of the term, filled with continued learning and memorable experiences.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in making this such a vibrant and productive time for everyone in our school community.

With best regards,
Mr Curtis

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Summer Fayre

A reminder that the PTA Summer Fayre is on **Saturday 21st June** between 2:00pm and 4:30pm. The usual range of stalls, food, drinks and games will be available. We really value your support and look forward to seeing you there!

Raffle tickets should already be with you for you to buy or sell on to friends and family. Please return the stubs and the money collected to school when you are able to.

KS1 Sports Day

Key Stage One sports day details as follows:

:Monday 7th July from 1:00pm. (*Playground open for parking from 12:45pm*)

Parents/carers are invited to watch and cheer along on the sports field.

Reading Competition

Well done to the following classes who won the latest class reading competition:

Infants: 2L

Lower KS2: 4B

Upper KS2: 6M

Island Representation

Well done to Isla Sebire who recently represented Guernsey in the Netball inter-insular against Jersey.

A great achievement to be selected - we are very proud of you Isla!

Happy News!

I am delighted to share the news that Mrs Birsen is expecting her second child and will be heading off on maternity leave after the October half-term. Congratulations to her and her husband.

Fortunately, that coincides with the return from maternity leave of Miss Martin who will take over the Year 3 class from Mrs Birsen after half term.

The Education Strategy

Please see below for this month's information on our work towards the Education Strategy:

Area: Outstanding Leadership and Governance.

Aim: Accurate, regular and meaningful reporting.

School Action:

As well as the on-going, formative assessments that teachers undertake throughout every lesson each day, this time of year also brings other more formal, summative assessments. These assessments, for reading, writing and Maths, give us useful data on both individual, class and year group levels. This allows further analysis of how effective our teaching has been and what we might need to modify in the future.

For the pupils, these tests are low-stakes, relatively informal sessions to reduce any perceived pressure the pupils may feel.

Staffing Update

Please find below a staffing update for next academic year. There has been a shuffle around of staff in several places due to a wide-range of factors including maternity leaves, staff professional development and having only one Year One class next year.

Reception: Miss Wherry (*Miss Conchar on Fridays*) and Mrs Bougourd

Year One: Mrs Garland

Year Two: Mrs Brogan and Miss Livingstone

Year Three: Mrs Birsen/Miss Martin and Miss Quevatre

Year Four: Mr Strappini and Mrs Bazzaz

Year Five: Mrs Maltby and Mrs Cochrane (*Mrs Curtis on Wednesdays*)

Year Six: Miss Maddern and Mrs Moore (*Mrs Curtis on Mondays*)

PPA Staff: Mrs Sangan, Mrs Curtis, Mrs Leete