

CASTEL CATCH-UP

The Newsletter for the Castel Primary School Community



March's Value of the Month: Optimism

Headteacher's Message

by Mr P. Curtis

March is now behind us as almost is the Spring Term. We are definitely in the period of brighter and warmer mornings and evenings.

As always, there is a multitude of events and opportunities coming up towards the end of the Spring term and on into the summer term. We have house matches, sports days, beach trips, residentials, sea swimming and several curriculum-based trips. These are vital opportunities for our children to broaden their horizons, develop their resilience and independence and enhance their educational experience more generally. They are an incredibly important part of our curriculum provision. However, they also come with a caveat that we have to be able to trust that our pupils will conduct themselves in a manner that will keep themselves, and others on the trip, safe and secure. I have outlined to the pupils many times that we have to see responsible, respectful, orderly behaviour displayed within school in order for us to be able to take them on trips out of school. If we do not see this behaviour, then that makes it challenging for us to be able to trust them in external environments. Your support in reinforcing this message is very much appreciated.

With best regards,
Mr Curtis

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Film Nights

A huge thank you to those who supported the film nights earlier this week. Our Infants enjoyed 'Sing' and the Juniors enjoyed 'Moana 2'. The money raised amounted to £640.

This will be split between the Year 6 Residential trip and Mr Curtis' marathon fund for the charity 'Childhood First'.

Cake Sale

A reminder that there is a cake sale on the afternoon of **Friday 4th April**. As always, any home-made or shop bought cake donations are very much appreciated and should be brought in on the morning of Friday 4th.

To ease the issue of pupils forgetting their 50p if they wish to buy a cake, money can be brought in any day this week and given to the class teacher ready for Friday. Pupils names will then be ticked off and they can then have their cake safe in the knowledge that they have already paid. We hope this helps any last minute stress for pupils and parents alike!

Reading Competition

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

Infants: 2L

Lower KS2: 3M

Upper KS2: 6M

Island Representation

A special mention and well done to another one of our teachers who represented the island recently. Mrs Curtis represented Guernsey against Jersey in the inter-insulars last weekend. Another great sporting example to our children!



The Education Strategy

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

Area: High Quality Learning & Excellent Outcomes

Aim: Developing our curriculum in line with best practice.

School Action:

We have two inset days coming up in the near future (*Monday 28th April; Tuesday 6th May*). The majority of the time of these two days will be spent reviewing, analysing and editing our foundation subject curriculum to ensure we are covering the Guernsey Learning Entitlements as precisely and efficiently as we should be. This enables us to maximise our teaching time and deliver the best quality of learning possible.

Visiting Poet

Year One recently had Ian Bland, a visiting poet in to work with them. He has been visiting Castel for a number of years now and is a lively, fun and entertaining addition to our curriculum provision.

Year One thoroughly enjoyed their workshop and came up with some fantastic poetry themselves!

Residentials - Reminder

This year's residentials have now been finalised. Please see below for the key dates. As always, a big thanks to the staff who organise and run these trips - it is no small job but one that all the pupils benefit hugely from.

Year 4 - Lihou Island - Wednesday 11th - Friday 13th June

Year 5 - Fauxquets Valley - Wednesday 21st - Friday 23rd May

Year 6 - Jersey - Tuesday 1st - Friday 4th July

If your child is involved in these trips, please keep a close eye on Dojo for any updates. Please also ensure payments are made promptly. We are settling invoices as we approach the trips so need money in the account in order to do this.



Residential Trips