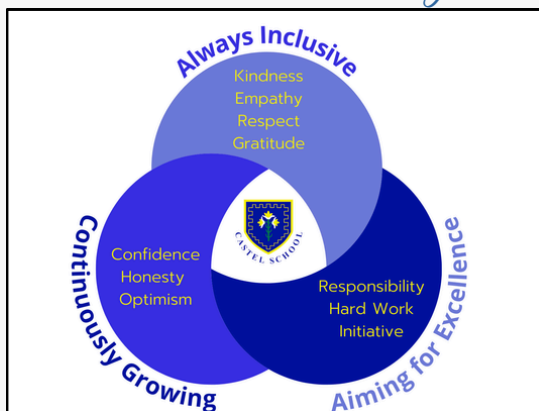


# CASTEL CATCH-UP

The Newsletter for the Castel Primary School Community



## March’s Value of the Month: Optimism

### Headteacher's Message

by Mr P. Curtis

The evenings are lighter, the days are longer and sunshine is (slowly) becoming more and more a feature of our days!

Over the next few months at school, there are many trips, visits and events that are a cause of great fun and enjoyment. These include sports days, residentials, house matches, Easter Egg hunts, beach days along with several other things.

All these events are a vital part of the life of a primary school. In my view, schools should provide events that evoke joy and excitement whilst, at the same time, being cognisant of the fact that the most important role of schools is to educate. That is why all our events still have a focus on learning. This ‘learning’ may include things such as enhanced team work, greater independence, developing resilience, competing with desire but winning or losing with grace, or perhaps a more explicit skill such as sea-swimming.

However subjective or unquantifiable these things may be, they are still inherently important in the life and work of a primary school. We look forward to seeing the pupils take full advantage of these events and opportunities as we head into the summer term.

Mr Curtis

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## Residentials

If your child is attending a residential trip in the summer term, please do ensure that you are up to date with payments. The school now has significant outgoings to pay for transport, accommodation and activities. We need to ensure that we have income in order to cover those costs.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

## Film Nights

We have two film nights coming up which you should have recently received a letter about.

Our **Infant** film night is on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March from 3:15pm - 4:45pm.

Our **Junior** film night is on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March from 3:15pm - 4:45pm.

If you wish for your child to attend, please complete the slip and return with the money in an envelope to the school office.

All proceeds are going towards the charity 'Childhood First' who work with children who have been neglected and abused.

## 10 Steps to Resilience

Katie Powis, who used to work at Castel Primary and now works at Les Vois School, has put together a program for parents called '10 Steps To Resilience'. This was used as part of the workshops that she and I ran recently at school. She now has a Facebook group, entitled '10 Steps To Resilience' which contain resources, recordings and other items that are really useful for parents and carers. If you do a simple Facebook search, the group is very easy to find.

## House Matches

Our house matches this year are spread over two days in order to enable greater pupil participation.

The football house matches will be on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The netball house matches will be on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. On both days, the events will start at 10:30am.

Parents/carers of those pupils playing are more than welcome to come and spectate. The netball will be on the playground and the football will be on the sports field through the gate.

We look forward to some fun mornings of sport!

## Sports Results

The school mixed-netball team recently took part in an Island Primary Schools competition. They did very well and came second! We are proud of them and their amazing effort!

In addition to this, our Girls' Netball team also took part in their Primary Schools' competition. They represented the school fantastically and came joint third which is a great effort. A big well done to them.

Finally, a big well done to our Year 3-4 football teams who took part in a friendly, multi-school tournament. They represented the school very well and performed to an excellent standard. Big thanks to Mr Strappini, Mrs Bazzaz and Mrs Cochrane who manage these teams and organise practices.

## School Disco Profit

I am delighted to share the the recent school discos raised £746.39. This is a superb effort and I would like to thank the PTA for organising the event and giving the children such a fun evening!

