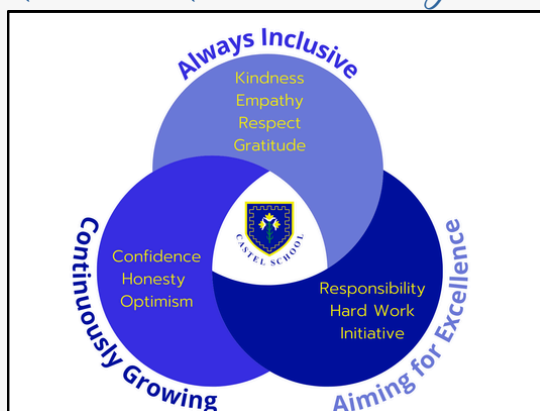


CASTEL CATCH-UP

The Newsletter for the Castel Primary School Community



July's Value of the Month: Confidence

Headteacher's Message

by Mr P. Curtis

As our last residential of the year comes to a close, it seems a good time to reflect on why we do these trips for our older children and the value they bring. Residential visits provide children with invaluable opportunities for personal growth that simply cannot be replicated in the classroom. Spending time away from home encourages children to develop greater independence, take responsibility for their belongings and manage daily routines with increasing confidence. They learn important organisational skills, from packing and caring for their possessions to being punctual and prepared for activities. For many children, a residential also presents the chance to step outside their comfort zone. Whether it is sleeping away from home, trying a new activity or working alongside different classmates, they learn to manage fears and anxieties and discover that they are capable of more than they may have imagined. These experiences help build resilience, self-belief and confidence. Perhaps most importantly, residential strengthen friendships, foster teamwork and create lasting memories. They help children grow not only as learners, but also as independent, responsible and confident young people.

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Residential

As I write, Year 6 are just starting their last day in Jersey on their residential. Year 5 completed theirs in Herm last week and Year 4 were the first in the middle of June.

All three trips have gone really well and have delivered what we had hoped they would for the pupils; greater independence, personal organisation, pushing their own personal limits and, perhaps most importantly, a huge amount of fun!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff who attended these trips. It is no small job working on a residential. It is long days, very often interrupted nights followed by early mornings. The health and safety aspect is huge plus medication management makes things even busier. Throw in fifty or so excited, tired children and it makes for a fun but exhausting experience. There is no extra pay for staff and they are also away from their own families. I really appreciate all their hard work and am extremely grateful to have such a dedicated team here at Castel Primary.

Staff Update

Following interviews recently, I am pleased to share that Miss Abigail Peek and Miss Millie Graham have been offered roles as LSAs from September. It will be excellent to welcome them to the team!

PTA Summer Fayre

The PTA Summer Fayre a couple of weeks ago was a big success and we really appreciate everyone who supported the event. Particular thanks to the PTA committee who worked tirelessly to ensure that it went smoothly.

The final amount raised was just over a thousand pounds which will directly benefit the pupils across the school.

Sponsored Swim

Our annual Sponsored Swim event took place recently and all the pupils who swam, from Reception through to Year 6, did incredibly well.

I am delighted to announce that, at the time of writing, the amount raised was £3,922.

We are so grateful for your sponsorship and support of this event.

School Street

I continue to receive feedback, both positive and negative, about the school street trial which is on-going. I am always happy to take people's views and thoughts.

My next meeting with Traffic and Highways will be within the next couple of weeks where all these views are shared and discussed.

World Cup

On **Monday 6th July from 7:30am**, we will be opening school early for any pupils who wish to watch the England v Mexico World Cup game on catch-up. As per my Class Dojo message, this is to avoid pupils staying up through the night.

This was put in place due to the letters I received from pupils asking if they could come in late having stayed up to watch the match. I was very pleased that they took the time to write so politely and constructively and was happy to put a solution in place. And if I may say..... COME ON, ENGLAND!!!!!!

Breakfast Club

We still have spaces for pupils at our breakfast club that runs each morning from 7:30am.

If this may be of use to you, please contact the office for further information.

