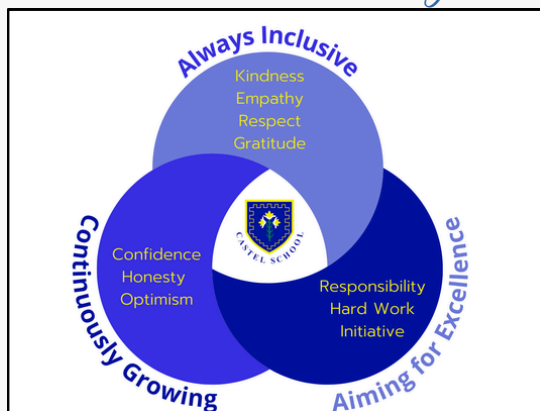


CASTEL CATCH-UP

The Newsletter for the Castel Primary School Community



June's Value of the Month: Confidence

Headteacher's Message

by Mr P. Curtis

At Castel, we believe that every child has the right to feel safe, respected, and able to learn without disruption. A calm, orderly environment isn't just a nice extra – it's the foundation that allows children to thrive academically and socially. When behaviour is positive, classrooms become places where curiosity grows, confidence builds, and every pupil can focus on achieving their best. This is why we place such importance on consistent routines, clear expectations, and a shared understanding of how we treat one another. This is increasingly important as we head towards the end of the year.

We also recognise that children are still learning how to manage their emotions, make good decisions, and understand the impact of their actions. When mistakes happen, fair and proportionate consequences play an important role in helping pupils learn from those moments. They are not about punishment, but about teaching responsibility, reflection, and respect for others. By working together – staff, families, and pupils – we can ensure that our school remains a place where every child feels secure, supported, and ready to learn.

Mr Curtis

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Residentials

Our Year 4 residential went exceedingly well just before half term! Years 5 and 6 have theirs over the next few weeks so do please keep an eye out for key communications if you have a child involved.

Staff Update

I am very sad to share that both Mrs Bramwell and Miss Falla, two of our LSAs, will be leaving us in July. Mrs Bramwell is moving back to the UK and Miss Falla is exploring other opportunities outside of school. I would like to thank them both for their contributions to school life at Castel since they have been with us - they have both been absolutely fantastic to work with and they will be much missed when they go.

Also leaving us is Miss Quevatre who, after 15 years service to Castel Primary, is heading to teach in Thailand with her family. Her contribution to school life over the years has been significant and we are extremely grateful for all she has done. We wish her all the very best as she heads off.

For information, from September, Mrs Cochrane will be reverting to being called Miss Hamilton. So we don't have a new teacher - just a different name!

PTA Summer Fayre

The PTA Summer Fayre is fast approaching. The date for this event is **Saturday 20th June** between **2:00pm - 4:00pm**.

To ensure this event can run smoothly, we do need to ask for parent/carer volunteers to help supervise stalls.

If you might be able to spare a small amount of time to either help set-up, run a stall for an hour, or clear up at the end, please email **castelpta@gmail.com** to express your availability. Without additional volunteers, the fayre simply cannot happen.

With huge thanks in advance.

Sponsored Swim

Our annual Sponsored Swim event is in full flow. This is being held over a two-week period and every pupil will be able to take part. Any sponsorship you can offer is very gratefully received. Please complete the form that should have come home and send any money in to the office or via bank transfer.

A big thanks in advance for your support.

School Website

Over the last few months, we have been working on a new school website. I am delighted to share that it has now gone live and can be found at www.castelprimary.gg. It remains a repository for key information for both current and prospective parents. As always, any thoughts or feedback are welcome.

I would like to thank Justin Guilbert and his company, De:Limited, who hosted the previous iteration of the school website. He has been incredibly generous with his time and technical expertise and it is very much appreciated.

Non-Uniform Day

On **Friday 12th June**, we will be holding our usual non-uniform day in aid of the bottle stall at the summer fayre. We would welcome donations of anything bottle based such as wine, squash, shampoo, ketchup, fizzy drinks, gin.... anything that is bottle-based!

If you are able to contribute and support one of the most popular stalls at the fayre, then please bring in bottles that morning and deliver them to the school office.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Pupil Feedback

I was delighted to receive the following email recently following a trip to Candie Museum by our Year 3 pupils.

“Dear Mr Curtis

My name is Jonathan and I work at Candie Museum and have had year 3 visit the museum today to learn about the Romans. This has been the second time I have run a workshop with this year at the museum and both times both classes have been an absolute delight to work with. I found them to be engaged, well behaved and eager to learn about the topic so I wanted to pass on my praise to you. It has been a pleasure to work with your school this year and I look forward to welcoming Castel and your students to the museum in the future.”

It is a real delight for me when I receive emails such as this - it shows that all the hard work we do regarding our values is a worthwhile investment and is paying off.

A big well done to Year 3 for such a successful trip.

Breakfast Club

Due to the imminent departure of Miss Falla, from September we will have a vacancy for **Breakfast Club Care Leader**. If this is a role you may be interested in exploring, either full-time or part-time, please contact me at your earliest convenience. A formal advert will be coming out shortly.