



NEWSLETTER

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Castle Life

Yesterday the school was a little quieter as our Y6 pupils visited their secondary schools. It was lovely to hear the excited buzz on their return this morning as they talked about their different experiences. With school camp and their production next week, their last fortnight at Castle promises to be busy and full of memory making.

This evening you will be sent a text to inform you of the class that your child will be in. We will be welcoming three new members of staff to Castle in September. Please read below to find out a little bit about them.

Our transition days will be held on Wednesday 15 July and Thursday 16 July. We will share more details about how these days will run in next week's newsletter.

Kate Cole, our Chair of Governors, has included a Governor update later in the newsletter – governor updates will continue termly next academic year.

Mrs Sessions

Year 2 Connect with India!

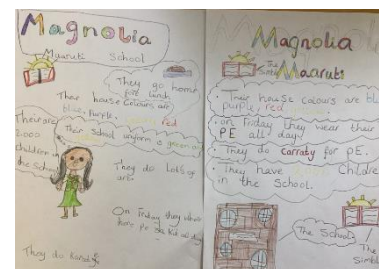
Yesterday, Year 2 enjoyed an exciting Zoom call with **AECS Magnolia Maaruti Public School** as part of our enquiry learning 'Are all schools the same?'

We compared our schools by looking at similarities and differences in our uniforms and PE kits. We spoke about a typical school day and asked each other lots of interesting questions. The children were amazed that they have 2000 children in their school. Some of the children shared pieces of our learning from throughout the year.



We then made posters to show similarities and differences. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn about life in another

country and to make new connections across the world. The children represented our school brilliantly and thoroughly enjoyed the experience!



New Staff for September

Miss Lacy re-joins our team as a teacher in Y1 Ahlberg,

'I am delighted to rejoin the wonderful Castle Team as a teacher in Y1. I have a passion for nature, reading, music and connecting with people. I am really looking forward to catching up with familiar faces and meeting new ones!'



Miss Fort joins us as one of our Y4 teachers:



'Hi Year 4/ Castle Primary!

My name is Miss Fort and I am super excited to be teaching Year 4 starting in September!!

Outside of school, I enjoy swimming and reading, especially adventure stories. I also love going to the cinema to watch the latest films and

spending time baking, even though I'm still working on perfecting my recipes!

I am really looking forward to becoming part of the Castle Primary School community and getting to know you all. See you in July!'

Miss Picton will be teaching in Y5: 'I'm so excited to be joining the team and can't wait to get to know all of the children and families. Outside of school, you'll usually find me surrounded by my ever-growing collection of houseplants, listening to Harry Styles or a musical soundtrack (Wicked is a firm favourite!), or getting stuck into something

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creative like sketching or scrapbooking. I love trying new things, whether that's visiting somewhere new and travelling to different countries around the world, or getting stuck into a new hobby recommended to me by a pupil (I have recently been getting into Pokémon Scarlet on my Switch).

I'm really looking forward to becoming part of the school community and meeting everyone over the coming weeks. If you see me around, please do come and say hello!

Summer Fayre

Thanks to everyone who supported the fantastic Summer Fayre. A special thank you to Sam and the Friends team for organising such a successful community event and raising an impressive **£3,289.25!**



Library Books

We are currently re-stocking our library and class libraries ready for September. Please can any school library books be returned to classrooms next week so we can complete a stock check. Phonics books will also be collected over the summer. We will be promoting the Library Summer Reading Challenge with the children during the last week of term.



Castle Governors

It's been a great year for the Governing Committee! Between the seven of us we have met many of your children through attending school trips, joining assemblies, assisting at sports day and spending time in school. This year across the board we have conducted 11 visits to strategically support the school in achieving its goals covering a range of focuses from Reading, Writing and Maths to Health and Safety and Safeguarding.

After 2 years on the board, Ceci Bitterlin, has decided to step down from her role as Community Governor. On behalf of the committee and the school, I would like to thank Ceci for the dedication she has shown to supporting Wider Curriculum at Castle. Her experience and insight in the arts as well as Spanish has been hugely valuable over the last two years. Ceci, her family and of course

their dog Luna, remain valued members of the Castle community so you will still see them all battling the school run!

This creates a position for one new community Governor (non-parent) on the committee. Working with the school and understanding its vision in greater depth is a huge privilege and exceptionally rewarding. We need a dynamic and enthusiastic individual to join our committee and take the school into its next era! So, if you know of any grandparents, godparents or family friends who would like to join our team as Community Governor please do see the attached post and get in touch.

Enjoy the last couple of weeks sunny school runs and have a wonderful summer.

Planned Teacher Changes

Date	Class	Cover
Monday 6 th July	Cowell	Mrs Sale

Birthday Books & Thank You's

Happy Birthday and a big thank you to:
Alfie (Rosen) for donating 'The camel who had the hump' for his 5th Birthday
Morgan (Carle) for donating The Tooth Fairy for her 5th Birthday
Marley (Rosen) for donating 'I love my little story book' for her 5th Birthday
Alyssa (Ahlberg) for donating Twinkle Twinkle Little Star for her 6th Birthday.
Noah (Griffiths) for donating Dinosaurs Love Underpants for his 6th Birthday.
Arabella (Wilson) for donating 'Fact or Fake The Human Body' for her 8th Birthday

Achievements Outside School

Alex (Foster) passed his grade 2 in diving. Well done!



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1st	Farleigh
2nd	Caldicot
3rd	Chepstow
4th	Berkeley

George W (Cowell) has received his 100 metre certificate for swimming. Well done!



Congratulations to **Farleigh** for gaining the most points!

Violet (Rosen) is really proud this week for getting her Puffin Award in Swimming and moving up to Orange Hats. Well done!



Thea (Adepitan) has achieved her 25 metres. Well done!



Well done to **Katherine (Foster)** for achieving Foundation Boulderer Level 1 and Level 2 at Bloc Climbing.

Well done to **Riley (Wilson)** for achieving his 25 meter swimming award.

Star Pupils & Frosty Friday

Our **STAR learners** are:

Marley	(Rosen)	Robyne	(Carle)
Louis	(Ahlberg)	Ada	(Donaldson)
Alanna	(Griffiths)	Amelia	(Adepitan)
Julia	(Wilson)	Oliver	(Cowell)
Henry	(Dahl)	Arthur	(Foster)
Zach & Imran	(Blackman)	Amelie	(Rauf)

For always displaying Castle Behaviour our

Frosty Friday winners:

Edie	(Rosen)	Ava	(Carle)
Mac	(Ahlberg)	Alice	(Donaldson)
Lola	(Griffiths)	Callie	(Adepitan)
Alfie	(Wilson)	Jenson	(Cowell)
Ruari	(Dahl)	Noah	(Foster)
Amelia	(Blackman)	Obi	(Rauf)

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