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Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Families,

It's been another wonderful week for Team Castleway. From owls visiting school and dodgeball tournaments to our children being out in our Forest School space, it's all happening at Castleway! As always, here's your Friday Update full of news, celebrations and updates. Here we go...

## Nurture Class are Owl Experts!



This week our wonderful Nurture Class children have been exploring and learning all about owls. They have been reading 'That's not my Owl' and listening to some nocturnal animal sounds. They have been letting their creativity shine as they have been creating their own owls using feathers.

They have also met the 'Sound Train' character Alan Alpaca and have had great fun making the sound 'a'.

## **Dodgeball Competition**

Children from Years 3 & Year 4 represented our school in a local dodgeball tournament this week. As you'd expect, our children represented our school beautifully. Thanks to the staff who took our children to this after-school enrichment.



### What a Hoot!

We loved welcoming the Moonshine Owl Sanctuary to Castleway this week. Our Early Years children really enjoyed meeting our feathery visitors! Lots of books relating to owls have been enjoyed this week too. Just look at those smiles!





#### Golf Masters!

Year 5 & Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed their golf lessons as part of our wider PE offer at Castleway. It's been great to see our children really throw themselves in to learning the skills of another sport and we're quite sure there are some golfing superstars in the making here!



#### Our Terrific Twos were Fabulous in Forest School

Our Two-Year Old Class have thoroughly enjoyed being outside and exploring in our vast Forest School... and we don't just mean the children! They even had a fire to keep them warm, followed by hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows. This was the first time out in our Forest School for some of our children and we were so very proud of them!





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### Upcoming Events – It's all happening at Castleway!



### New Website & Communication Platform



There's a brand new #WeAreCastleway website coming your way very soon! We're bringing communication, celebration and collaboration together in one rainbow filled place! We're ready to start signing families up to the platform. If you attend Miss McDonough's Coffee Morning on Monday, we might just be using you as our guinea pigs!

I'm really excited to finally have both of our schools and all services that you need in one place. The letter shared on Tuesday gives some details.

If you missed it, the letter can be viewed on our current website here: <u>https://bit.ly/Castleway20230117</u>.



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### Our Terrific Twos!

This week, our youngest children have had great fun exploring their different senses. This started off with the snow, children loved playing in it and exploring the texture. This extended to the jumping in muddy puddles and even making their own snowflakes. In preparation for our special visitors, children read the classic story 'Owl Babies'.



### If you go down to the woods today...

It's not just our Nursery School children who get to benefit from our expansive Forest School area. Each week, our wonderful Reception Class have been enjoying their Forest School sessions. From toasted marshmallows to getting stuck in the muddlest of puddles, our children really are having the best time!





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## Dates for your Diary

When?	What?	Who?
23/01/23	Coffee Morning – Brian Senior	Parents from both schools
	(Involve North West's Job Coach)	
30/01/23	Coffee Morning – Family Tool Box	Parents from both schools
01/02/23	Come Dine with Nursery & Reception	Nursery & Reception Families
06/02/23	Children's Mental Health Week	Primary & Nursery School Children
15/02/23	Come Dine with Year 1 & Year 2	Year 1 & Year 2 Families
15/02/23	Valentine's Disco	11:00am & 2:00pm Nursery School
		15:25 – 16:00 – Reception & KS1
		16:00 – 16:45 – Key Stage 2
01/03/23	Books at Bedtime – Return to school at 5:30pm	Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Children
02/03/23	World Book Day	Primary & Nursery School Children
08/03/23	Come Dine with Year 3 & Year 4	Year 3 & Year 4 Families
08/03/23	KS2 Stories around the Campfire	Year 3 & Year 4 – 4:00pm
		Year 5 & Year 6 – 4:30pm
15/03/22	Mothers and Significant Others Afternoon Tea	Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Families
16/03/22	Mothers and Significant Others Afternoon Tea	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 Families
22/03/23	Come Dine with Year 5 & Year 6	Year 5 & Year 6 Families

As you can see, it's been another brilliantly busy week at Castleway and we're incredibly proud of all everything that our children benefit from as part of #TeamCastleway.

Have a fabulous weekend and we'll see you all, safe and well, on Monday morning.

Kind regards,

Mr. S. Mycroft Headteacher



