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Friday, 12th May 2023

Dear Families,

We've reached the end of another eventful week for Team Castleway. We started the week with an additional Bank Holiday celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III and we've ended the week with our Year 6 children finishing their SATs and everyone enjoying a 'EuroDisco' ahead of the Grand Final of Eurovision on Saturday. As always, here's your Friday Update filled with news and celebrations. Here we go...



SATs All Folks!

We're incredibly proud of our Year 6 children this week as they've completed their End of Key Stage 2 assessments. You may have seen in the national press and even on Good Morning Britain that there's been a lot of discussion around the complexity and difficulty of this year's assessments. However difficult they may have been, I'm incredibly proud of our children for letting our core value of resilience shine through this week.

Continuing the tradition that we started last year, our Year 6 children will be treated to a special McDonald's lunch on Monday. Just a little thank you from us for our children's hard work, dedication and resilience. Children won't need to

bring or order a lunch on Monday... unless they want to that is!

Castleway's Book Wish List

Thanks to our friends at A New Chapter Books, we're pleased to share our book 'wish list' with you. We've selected some wonderful books that our children will just love to read! If you can purchase a book for us, we'd be most grateful! <u>www.bit.ly/CastlewayBookWishList</u>.



Even More Forest School Fun

I know we share a lot of photos about our Forest School but it really is a special place that truly enhances our children's learning experience at Castleway. This week, we have welcomed even more of our Nursery children in to our forest this week. Seeing our children thrive in this wonderful space really is something special!





CastleVision's Big Night In

This week saw our first ever 'Big Night In' for adults and community members. We proved that there really ain't no party like a Castleway party! Local band Xebra (with a very familiar front man) put on an amazing show for us with some Liverpool & Eurovision classics and 'Nana Caz's Scouse' was a big hit too! We were able to put this event on thanks to funding from EuroGrant. We've already had questions about when the next event is so watch this space!



Proud to be part of The Unity Federation



It's not my disco, it's EuroDisco!

It'll come as no surprise to you all that we've been excited about Eurovision at Castleway. We decided to celebrate today being the eve of the Grand Final in the only way we know how. Fun, games, dancing, sunshine, party treats... what's not to love! Children from our 2-year olds right through to Y6 have had a good old dance and made lots of memories today.







Walk to School Week

Each day next week, we will be running a 'Walking Bus'. Staff members will be stationed at each of the three walking bus stops (see map below) to travel to school alongside families. All staff members will be leaving their walking bus stop to walk to school at 8:25am each morning. Please do your best to join us!



If you missed it, the original letter from Mr. Smith can be read here.

Wake Up & Shake Up

It's back by popular demand! Following the success during Children's Mental Health Week, we will be holding 'Wake Up, Shake Up' routines on the playground at 8:40am each day next week.





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Goodbye and Good Luck

Miss Hughes (Gemma) has made the decision to leave Castleway today to take up a new post at another school after a successful interview last week. We will miss Gemma from the team but we wish her well in her new role when she starts on Monday. I'm sure you'll join me in thanking Miss Hughes for all she's done during her time at our Nursery School.





Mrs. Bibby has contacted the families of our Nurture Class children personally to explain our initial plans of what our provision will look like going forward. Given how our inclusive practice has grown and developed in our Nursery School since joining us on this site, I

know that our children will continue to make amazing progress and have fun doing it.

Dates for your Diary

Please see the revised 'dates for your diary' below. It's a busy old time at Castleway. Apologies for any confusion with typos on my behalf! Any changes, updates or amendments are detailed in yellow.

When?	What?	Who?
15/05/23	Mission Eurovision	All Nursery & Primary children
15/05/23	Walk to School Week	All Nursery & Primary children
<mark>16/05/23</mark>	CastleVision Concert for Families	Primary School Families
	Tickets should be booked via the School Spider App.	
26/05/23	School Closes for Whitsuntide Break	All Nursery & Primary children
05/06/23	Return to School	All Nursery & Primary children
WB: 19/06/23	Year 2 & Reception Swimming	Year 2 and Reception children
WB: 03/07/23	Year 1 Swimming	Year 1 children
<mark>10/07/23</mark>	Year 2 Residential Visit	<mark>Year 2 children</mark>
18/07/23	School's Out for Summer!	All Nursery & Primary children
04/09/23	Return to School	All Nursery & Primary children

As you can see, it's been another busy week at Castleway and we're looking forward to starting all over again on Monday.

Have a lovely weekend, enjoy whatever you decide to do and we'll see you on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mr. S. Mycroft Headteacher

