



Weekly Newsletter- Autumn Edition 10

Friday 16th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will have noticed that we have planted our trees around the perimeter fencing. The children and staff worked together as a team to plant a magnificent 420 trees! The trees are a mixture of hedging such as Holly, Dogwood and Cherry and in time they should provide us with a natural screen of different colours. The hedging will change each season and will also provide a home for wildlife. Mrs Cope has made great progress with our Forest Schools area which is situated next to the trim trail on the KS 1 playground. This week in Castle Force club we have been picking up the litter which has blown onto the site from the surrounding areas. This has tidied the grounds up a great deal and also provided us with some interesting discussion during Friday's assembly.



Thursday November 15th Children In Need- organised by the School Council.

We raised a fantastic £263.29 - thank you to everyone for your generosity! The children had great fun seeing who made the longest line of coins. Pumas made 7 lines so are declared the school winners for this year.

Reminder

Sheffield Hallam Fundraising appeal.

We are taking part in the above challenge. The fundraising competition provides schools with the opportunity to fundraise over the Christmas half term and all money raised will go back to the school with prizes for the top 6 schools. Our target is £2500 and we have until 24th December in which to raise as close to this as possible.

We will be hosting a sponsored Santa Walk on Friday 7th December following our Curriculum Landing assembly.

More to follow soon.

If you click on the link below it will take you to our profile page where you will find more information.

<https://www.cashforkidsgive.co.uk//campaign/school-challenge/fundraisers/castle-academy/>

Attendance

Whole school attendance was a greatly improved 97.5% last week. Thank you to you all for helping us to be above the national average for the first time this year.

Well done Lynx- you have been awarded a certificate for the highest attendance and for being on time all week.

Remember- any class managing 100% attendance all week will be able to have a non-uniform day on the Friday of that week. We are also holding a 100% attendance tea party at the end of each full term.

Reading Challenge.

Each Thursday children will add a star to the Golden Book, be recognised in our special assembly and have their name added to the prize draw. At the end of each term we will pull out 2 names so the more you read the more chance you have of winning!

This week we have 47 stars in our book which means that 33% of children recorded that they had read 4 times this week.

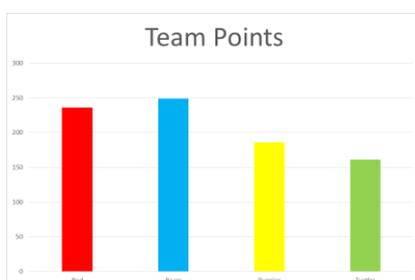
I hope you have a good weekend.

Ann-Marie Mason

Principal

French of the week.

In my French lesson with Jaguars this week we played a Pudsey bear game using the French colour names.



This week's winners.

Red	236
Bears	249
Puppies	186
Turtles	161

In assembly this week we discussed what bullying was.

All classes have been exploring this in the PSHE lessons this week.

Well done to the following children who were awarded certificates in assembly this week.

Year Group	Name	Reason
Lynx	Verity Kaden	For participating in whole class activities and following instructions. For showing developing resilience.
Tigers	Jack Minnie	For developing concentration and speed in writing and reading. For working on her writing at home.
Leopards	Alfie Xane	For showing a good understanding in money. For always trying hard to present his work to a very high quality.
Jaguars	Beren Jessie	For settling into the class and for being an excellent role model. Making a positive contribution to the class and making positive choices.
Cougars	Ethan Sidnee	For demonstrating an excellent understanding of multiples, factors and prime factors. Thinking carefully about the use of rhetorical questions in her introduction
Pumas	Kyle Emily	For enthusiastic and positive approach across all his subjects For challenging herself when working independently

Golden Time

Below is a breakdown of how many children earned the full 50 minutes for the last week of last term.

Thank you for maintaining your support of the strategy.

Week	Lynx	Tigers	Leopards	Jaguars	Cougars	Pumas	School Total
5 th November	81.3%	76.2%	78.5%	90.3%	86.7%	81.5%	83.5%

Well done everyone a much better week

100% Golden Time Reward

I have spoken to the children in assembly this week about this term's 100% Golden Time Reward. This will be Christmas themed. Ideas from the children so far: making decorations, decorating cookies, creating Santa models and outdoor art. I hope that we can beat last term's total of 98 children who managed to earn all of their Golden Time for the term.

Dates for your diary- dates in red are new

20th November- Cougars visit

23rd November FS 2 Local walk

28th November- Year 1 Multi skills event

30th November- Pumas visit

Tuesday 4th December 2pm Pantomime for children in school.

December 6th - School Council non uniform day and craft afternoon.
Parents invited at 1.30 pm

Please bring a donation of £1 which will be used for Christmas treats for the children.

7th December- Curriculum landing assembly to include a musical performance at 10 am and Santa Sponsored Walk. Parents invited.

11th 9.15 am Nativity Performance- all welcome and a repeat performance at 2pm- all welcome.

12th Year 1 safety talk

19th Christmas dinner followed by 100% Christmas Golden Time.

21st 2pm Christmas Fair- all invited- come and join in the fun.

School closes on Friday 21st December



Last Friday I accompanied Year 6 children to a special church service to commemorate Remembrance Day. I was very impressed with the maturity and respect they showed. They were a credit to you all and Castle Academy.

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