

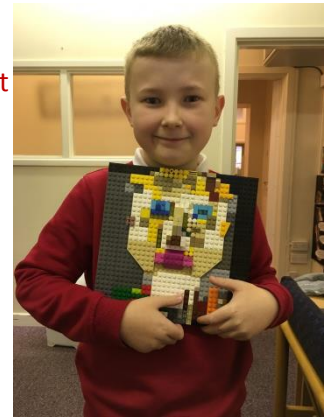
Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an exciting week in school. Cougars visited the Graves art gallery in Sheffield, travelling by train from Conisbrough station. The children behaved really well and were a shining example for Castle Academy.

This is part of their Astrea Promise work. This morning Xzander brought me a piece of art work inspired by the visit and I am sure you would agree that this is a super modern day sculpture.

In other news our new Dodge ball club started this week. It was lovely to see so many children being active after school. Other KS 2 clubs currently running are: Young Voices, French, Cross Stitch, dodgeball and Castle Force. If your child would like to sign up for a club then please contact office.

In assembly this week the children shared the work they had been doing in class as part of our anti-bullying week. We listened to Cougars recite a poem which really highlighted how someone feels when they are being bullied. I have put a copy of the poem in the school hall for you to see.



Attendance

Whole school attendance was right on target at 97% last week.

Excellent!

Well done Jaguars and Pumas- you have been awarded a certificate for the highest attendance.

You were 0.7% away from 100%

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 49 stars in our book which means that 35.25% of children recorded that they had read 4 times this week.

I hope you have a good weekend.

*Ann-Marie Mason*

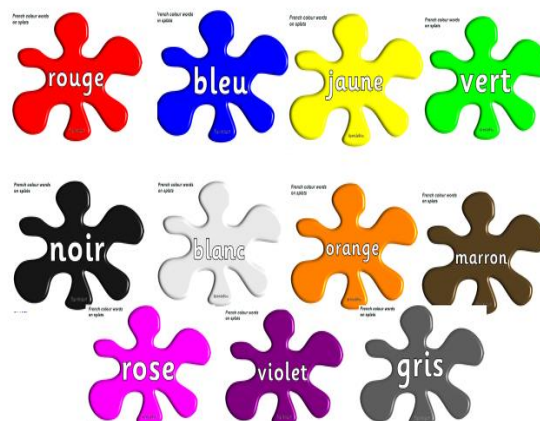
KS 2 Curriculum Theme.

KS 2 children are learning all about the Tudors. As part of her homework project Sarah created this drawing of Henry V111.



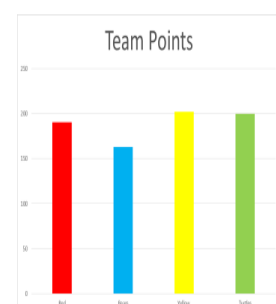
French of the week.

In my French lesson with Jaguars this week we tried to remember the names of the colours.



Well done to all teams for earning lots of points. Turtles are this week's winners.

This week's winners.



Red 221  
Blue 182  
Yellow 231  
Turtles 233

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

Year Group	Name	Reason
Lynx	Ellis	For being a caring friend.
	Sienna	For great participation in phonics.
Tigers	Jake	For remembering all of his phase 2 tricky words.
	Ethan	For a great Improvement in learning.
Leopards	Millie	For an excellent effort in reading both at school and at home.
	Libby	For innovating our class story with great imagination.
Jaguars	Declan	For excellent effort in all his work
	Freya	For showing a great understanding of instructions and how they should be written
Cougars	Ella	Always presenting work to a high standard.
	Lincoln	For trying hard with his independent learning in maths.
Pumas	Macey	For displaying a fantastic attitude to learning and accelerating her progress.
	Alex	For displaying resilience and striving to improve in Maths.

### 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
12 <sup>th</sup> November	87.5%	76.2%	78.5%	80.6%	86.7%	86.7%	83.5%

Well done everyone keep it up!

Dates for your diary- dates in red are new

28<sup>th</sup> November- Year 1 Multi skills event

30<sup>th</sup> November- Pumas visit

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2pm Pantomime for children in school.

December 6<sup>th</sup> - 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.

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

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

12<sup>th</sup> Year 1 safety talk. **Playground leaders training for children.**

**12<sup>th</sup> December 5pm PTA AGM- new members welcome.**

19<sup>th</sup> Christmas dinner followed by 100% Christmas Golden Time.

21<sup>st</sup> 2pm Christmas Fair- all invited- come and join in the fun

### Items raised by members- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November

1. Mrs Mason reported that we raised £263.29 for Children In Need. Safia was asked to record the total on the poster.
2. Pumas asked if children could bring their own handwriting pen when they had been awarded a pen licence. Mrs Mason to ask the English Team.
3. Cougars asked if we could stop wearing school uniform. Mrs Mason talked to the group about the reasons for wearing uniform.
4. Leopards asked about a football club. Mrs Mason explained that Doncaster Rovers would be working with us next term.

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5. Year 2 girls would like to perform a ballet. The group talked about the possibility of a school talent show in the summer term.
6. Pumas suggested that we have a golden circle added to the traffic lights for children who maintain 100%. The group voted unanimously for this.
7. Cougars suggested we have a Secret Santa for children. The group voted unanimously for this.

Next meeting: 30th November at 10.10 pm.

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> December in which to raise as close to this as possible. We will be hosting a sponsored Santa Walk on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December following our Curriculum Landing assembly.

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

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