



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I have started the first of our library induction visits for each class. The library will reopen on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Year 6 children will be acting as library monitors each morning. I will let you know opening times next week.

Attendance

Last week's attendance figure was 95.7%.

Our target for the year is 97%. Pumas had the best attendance with 99.2%

I am afraid to say that we have had another week where no class has had all children on time. This means that we have a small number of children who are missing out on the start of the day's activities. Did you know that 10 minutes late every day adds up to 32 hours lost learning per year? Each class at Castle start learning from the minute they step into their classroom. This means that children who are regularly late are regularly missing out on key parts of their education. Mrs Bond and I monitor attendance and punctuality each week. If your child's attendance starts to impact upon their education we will be contacting you. If you feel you need any support in this area please make contact with either Mrs Bond or myself. Thank you.



Recycle with Michael!

Castle Academy have signed up to the Recycle with Michael scheme. We are asking families to collect clothing and shoes that are no longer wanted or needed. We want to encourage children to help Michael which in turn helps: The environment, our school and The Salvation Army. Please click on the link for more information about the scheme.

<https://recyclewithmichael.co.uk/> we are asking for donations after the half term.

Reading Challenge.

This week **63** children have read at least 4 times. This is the best figure yet so very well done everyone! Remember the more you read the more you find out and the easier reading becomes.

I hope you have a good weekend.

*Ann-Marie Mason*

Principal



**How would you explain this?**

**We are aiming high.**

**Castle's Key Questions.**

**How do you know?**

**What would happen if?**

**Can you clarify?**

**Can you think of another instance?**

**Our Team Points.**

Dragons	232
Bears	305
Lions	208
Turtles	256

**What does a good learner look like?**

**I CAN DO IT. I WILL DO IT**

Regardez, écoutez et répétez

In assembly this week we have talked about the importance of listening and looking. Good learners practise these skills.

**Why is it important to look and listen?**

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=How+the+Brain+Works+video+for+kids&viewdetail&mid=911E05880F39E27F6344911E05880F39E27F63448&FORM=VIRE>

**Weekly certificates.**

Year Group	Name	Reason
Lynx	Alex Hollie	Forming recognisable letters and writing his own name. For being a great friend to others.
Tigers	Eliza Minnie	For trying so hard to use her phonics in her reading and writing. For making sure she is using capital letters and full stops in her writing.
Leopards	Erin Ollie	For excellent effort in writing For showing an excellent understanding in maths and contributing enthusiastically and confidently.
Jaguars	Holly  Matthew	For displaying exemplary behaviour and fantastic work ethic throughout the curriculum For showing resilience and increased confidence during maths lessons.
Cougars	Penny  Ava	Excellent effort & contributions when multiplying & dividing using formal written methods Interesting vocabulary when innovating setting of model text.
Pumas	Lexi-Mae Oliver	For always being an excellent role model and taking great pride in her work. For extending his vocabulary and using the words he has learned within his writing.

Golden Time

Below is a breakdown of how many children earned 100% Golden Time during the last week.  
Thank you for maintaining your support of the strategy.

Week	Lynx	Tigers	Leopards	Jaguars	Cougars	Pumas	School Total
21.01.19	82.4%	90%	81.3%	63.3%	82.8%	81.5%	79.9%

Dates for your diary- dates in red are new

**February**

4<sup>th</sup> Y2 Multi sports event

5<sup>th</sup> 5pm PTA Meeting new members welcome

13<sup>th</sup> Team competitions- Lego and art. 100% GT Party

**15<sup>th</sup> School Closed to children - staff training.**

Half term holidays. School reopens on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February

**Thank you to our new School Council members.**

Items raised by members- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January

1. Mrs Mason asked the children what they would like to see in the school hall. Carter said he would like to see paintings of all the children and teachers. Libby said she would like to see a rainbow display. Charlie and Liam said that they would like to see photos of our Lego competition.
2. Charlie asked if the children who keep all of their Golden Time could come to school in non uniform. SC agreed unanimously.
3. Year 2 asked for a swimming pool. Charlie explained how this was not possible.
4. Year 2 representatives talked about children who did not follow rules. The children discussed what the school did to help these children to learn our rules.

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