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**Autumn Term** **Newsletter 2** **Friday 18th September 2026**

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the new children for completing their first full week at **Nursery**! The teachers have continued to be surprised at how fantastically the children have come into the Nursery every day this week. The children are beginning to learn the routines of Nursery and have started to demonstrate beautiful sitting on the carpet during snack time. Children have enjoyed selecting and exploring with resources for both indoor and outdoor play. Children have been interested in completing jigsaw puzzles and building towers and structures with foam bricks.

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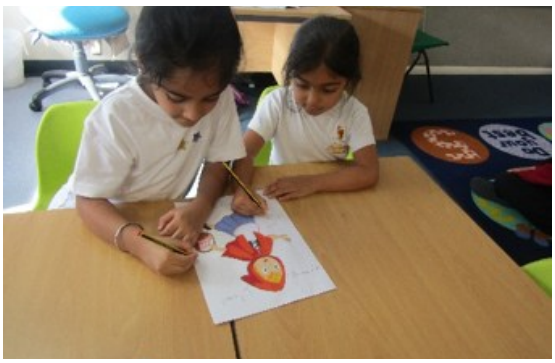
**Reception** are continuing to settle beautifully into their new routines and are becoming more confident and independent each day. This week, we have enjoyed getting to know one another even better, exploring our learning environment and taking part in lots of exciting activities. It has been lovely to see new friendships developing and so many happy faces in our classrooms. We are so proud of how well the children are settling in and we can't wait for another fun-filled week of learning and adventures!

This week in English, **Year 1** have been enjoying reading and completing a range of activities based on the traditional tale '*Little Red Riding Hood*'. The children listened to the story and discussed the different characters. As the week progressed, the children revisited their understanding of adjectives and used them to describe each of the characters. We were very impressed with their ideas and heard some fantastic vocabulary throughout the week. The children were then challenged to create their own story maps, helping them to sequence the key events. Finally, they used their story maps to write sentences and retell the story in their own words.



This week in Science, **Year 2** learnt how to recognise the difference between things that are alive, things that were once alive, and things that have never been alive. They explored the characteristics of living things, such as movement, growth, and reproduction. The class also discussed how some objects, like wooden furniture, were once part of living things, while others, like plastic toys, have never been alive. This lesson helped the children develop important observation and classification skills as they built their understanding of the world around them.

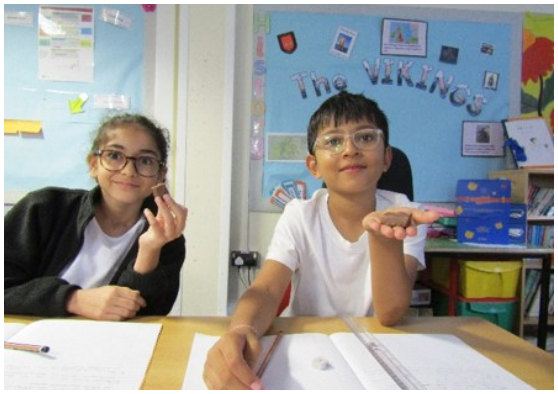
*"Our ability to reach unity in diversity will be the beauty and the test of our civilization."*

*Mahatma Gandhi*

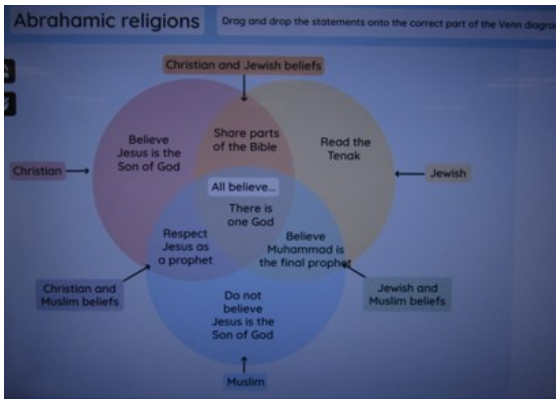
**Year 3** have been exploring the fascinating question, "What makes us human?" in RE. This week, we delved into the idea of the soul, considering how different religious beliefs understand its existence, as well as exploring the Humanist perspective. The children enjoyed sharing their thoughts and discussing what they imagine a soul might look like. They then used their creativity to draw their own representation of their soul, thinking carefully about the qualities, feelings and characteristics that make them unique. It was a thoughtful and imaginative lesson, with some wonderfully creative ideas!

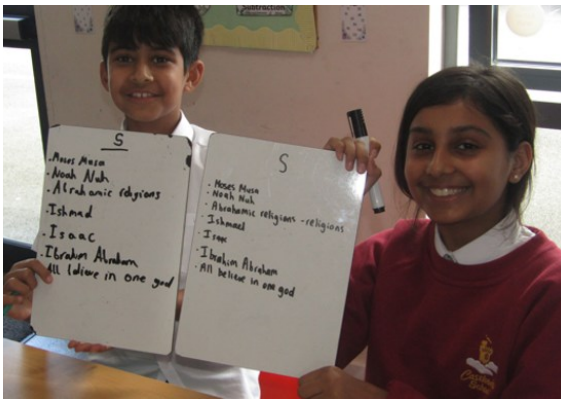
This week in Geography, **Year 4** explored the amazing Amazon rainforest! The children learnt about the four layers of a tropical rainforest and discovered how different plants and animals are adapted to survive in each layer. They explored how each layer has its own unique conditions, from the dark forest floor to the sunny emergent layer. They then brought their learning to life by creating and labelling their own colourful rainforests. Fantastic geographical learning, Year 4!

This week, **Year 5** have been captivated by their class novel, 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. As they journeyed through the magical wardrobe into Narnia, the children immersed themselves in the story by imagining life from the characters' perspectives. They particularly enjoyed stepping into the shoes of Edmund and exploring the temptation he faced when offered the White Witch's famous Turkish Delight. To bring the story to life, the children had the opportunity to taste Turkish Delight for themselves, describing its flavour, texture, and overall experience. This exciting sensory activity deepened their understanding of the text and helped them make meaningful connections with the characters and events in the story.



In RE, **Year 6** have been wonderfully reflective as we began our new topic: "Why does religion look different around the world?" We explored the Abrahamic religions and worked together to create a Venn diagram, identifying the similarities and differences between them. The children shared some thoughtful ideas and demonstrated great curiosity throughout the lesson. Another fantastic week of learning, creativity and hard work, Year 6! Well done!



*"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible."*

*Dalai Lama*

## Online Safety

### Please Visit Our Online Safety Page for Parents.

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You will find the Alan Mackenzie updates, on the Parent's page, by clicking the button shown below on our page.

How good are you and your children at spotting misinformation?

Internet Matters' free Find the Fake activity is designed for families to try together. It's a simple way to start conversations about whether something online can be trusted and what children can do before believing or sharing it.

Why not try it together and see who gets the highest score? Please visit our website for the link of the game!

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We have uploaded the #WakeUpWednesday features from The National College. Please click below to see the highly useful guide on our website. AI can make fake content look and sound real. This guide helps adults support children to question, verify and respond safely to what they see online.

Click here :-

Please visit our website to find out more about the these and other valuable updates!

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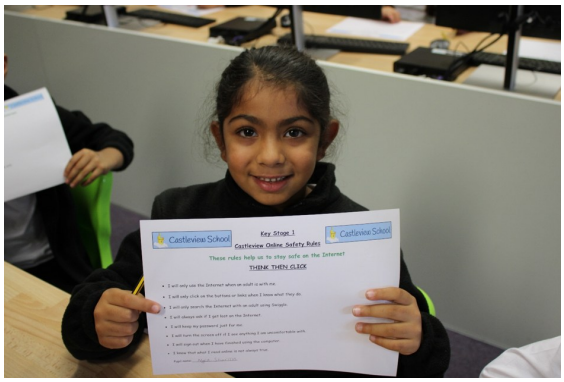
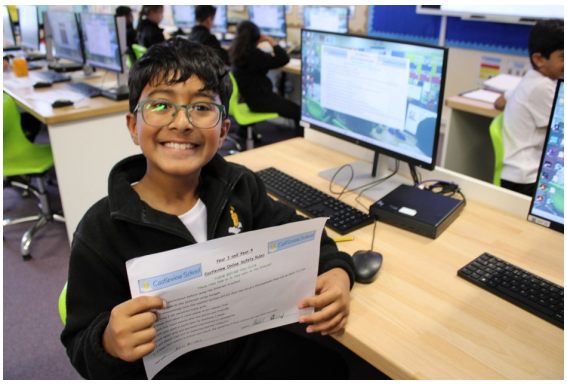
*"Respect is a two-way street. If you want to get it, you have to give it."*

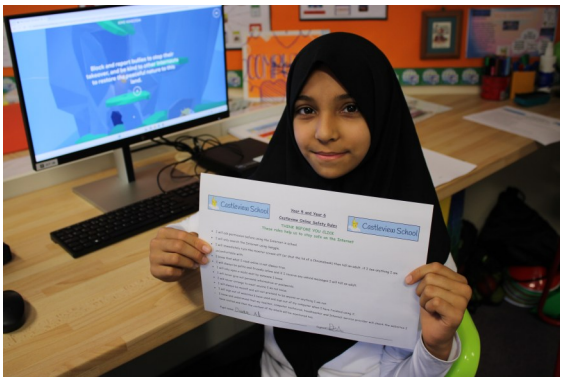
*Anonymous*

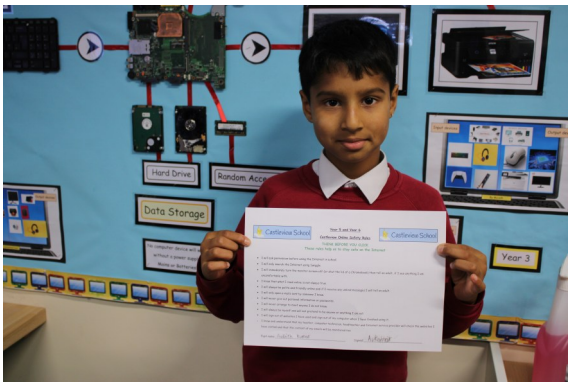
## Online Safety Cont'd

We have a continuous focus on online safety at Castleview and at the start of the new school year all children in KS1 & KS2 will have revised the rules on how to stay safe online. These rules also appear every time your child logs in to their school computer, to remind them how to conduct themselves online. In addition, the children have signed the Castleview Online Safety Agreement. Take a look at the rules we follow on our website and discuss them with your child.








## Computing

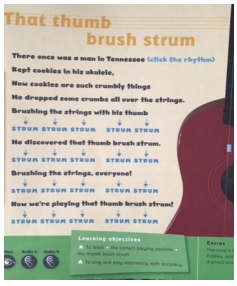
We would like to welcome our new team of Digital Leaders this year!

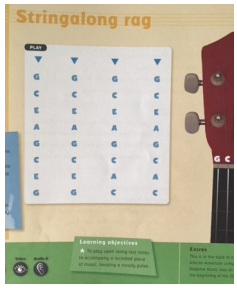
*"Hope is being able to believe that there is light despite all of the darkness."*

*Desmond Tutu*

## Music

In year 3 music this week, pupils learnt to play 2 songs on the ukulele, 'That Thumb Brush Strum' and 'Stringalong Rag'. Overall concentration and participation was fantastic and all children achieved the learning objectives of the lesson. They also had much fun whilst learning!



## Head Teacher's Message

It has been another busy and enjoyable week at Castleview. Nursery and Reception have settled in wonderfully and are quickly becoming familiar with their new routines.

Year 5 have begun reading 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' and enjoyed a lively debate about Turkish delight, it's definitely a "marmite" food!

I also had the pleasure of working alongside staff and pupils in our SEND Unit, delivering a practical Maths lesson focused on understanding tens and ones.

Finally, thank you for your generous donations in support of Jeans for Genes Day. It is a very worthy cause, and we greatly appreciate your continued support.

Have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Miss Austin

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## JEANS for GENES Day!

Thank you to everyone who participated and donated. We've raised £214.05!

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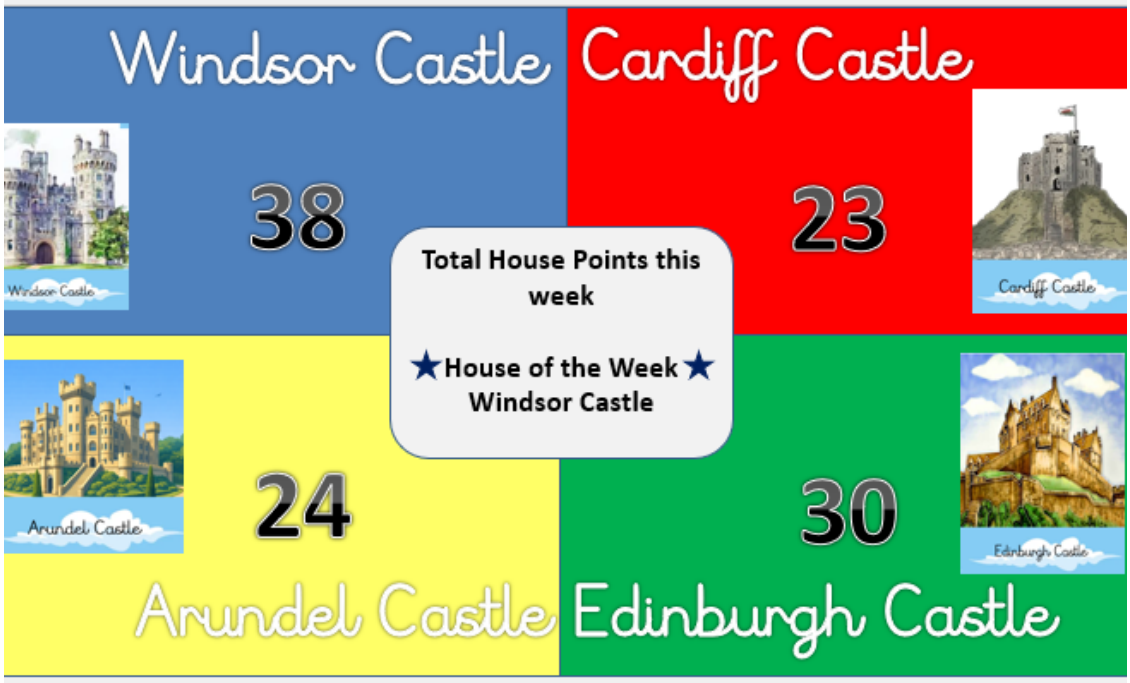
## Star of the Week Awards

This proud Stars of the Week are: Anyra (1G), Jujhar (1R), Siddiq (2B), Elizabeth (2YK), Darcie (3F), Karan (3Y), Savi (4DG), Reyansh (4S), Maliha (5A), Nakshatraa (5S), Jaxon (6B), Tasleen (6R)

## House Announcements




Have a lovely weekend!

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