

Headteacher News



Term : Autumn 1 2019

Whole School Topic: Colours

It seems like only yesterday that we started back after the summer holidays. It has been a busy and exciting term with lots of wonderful learning taking place.

Dover and Oxford Class created a sculpture titled 'Don't feed us your rubbish.' The classes were inspired by watching BBC's Blue Planet and Hugh's War on Plastic. The sculpture won a prize at the Greenfest Festival.

As part of their Guided Options (GO) Afternoon, some students in Key Stage 4 and 5 have been taking part in photography lessons. They learnt how to look closely at an object and search for letters. They are very impressive.

We are hugely thankful to George Rixon, who raised £350 for us by successfully completing Walk The Night – a marathon length course in London. We are also very grateful to Vinci-UK Foundation for donating £10,000 to help us buy a multi-purpose vehicle to help transport our World of Work students around. I would also like to thank all the runners who braved wet and windy conditions to run the Greenham Trust 10K and Family Runs for Castle. I am hugely grateful to James, Emily, Kate, Amy, Charles, Anthony, Gian, Tasha, Joe, Ciara, Harry, Katie and Emily.

And finally, don't forget to come along to our fantastic **Christmas Fayre** with carol singing next term from **4.30pm to 6.30pm** on **Thursday 5th December 2019**.



Thanks to George Rixon for his efforts



Thanks to Vinci for helping us to buy a new vehicle



Fantastic Photographers



Sculpture celebration

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I wish all our students, staff and parents a wonderful half term. Please note that the last day of term is **Friday 25th October 2019** and pupils return to school on **Monday 4th November 2019**.

Many thanks, Jon Hewitt (Headteacher)

Governors' News

As a Governor on the Finance and Premises committee, I get to be involved in health and safety at The Castle School.

It's very reassuring to see the high standards that the site team maintain the school at. Every aspect from tree inspections, electrical appliance testing to hygiene ratings, are taken very seriously.

Recent changes to the school layout have increased pupil and staff security and the new system is working well. Over half term, new fencing around the back perimeter of the school as well as a gate to the entrance at Love Lane are being installed. This will keep the school site much safer during evenings, weekends and school holidays.

Post 16 has also recently benefitted from new fencing and card access points. The balance to keeping these students safe, whilst allowing a greater level of mobility around the immediate area is extremely successful. Parents/carers should be assured that their child's safety whilst at school is of the utmost importance.

Wishing you all a very happy half term

Ali Eade (Parent Governor)