



The BROADCAST'

Newsletter 3: 20th January 2023

Look at Milo being inspired by the book his class are reading. He has made The Iron Man come to life.



The School Council

The School Improvement Partner (SIP) met with our School Council. They talked confidently about the 10 opportunities set in stone for pupils at Castle Hill. Not only were they able to eloquently describe specific activities that they had taken part in but they were also able to express the skills they had learnt from these that would help them later in life.

Dear Parents

We were very proud to show off our school today to our external school improvement advisers. These are visitors that go into schools regularly to ensure standards are maintained and to support schools in taking constructive reflective time to identify areas for improvement. We welcome these visits as we continually strive for the best for each and every one of your children.

The areas our School Improvement Partners focussed on:

- Does Castle Hill Curriculum prepare pupils to be effective in our Democratic Society and can pupils talk about it?
They spoke to:-
- A sample of pupils and a parent talking about their PAWS.
- The School Council evaluating the impact of the 10 opportunities we offer.
- The Curriculum Leads in Year 6 and their success in monitoring practice in school.

The Curriculum Leads

The SIP met with our Year 6 pupils that make up the curriculum team. They demonstrated their maturity and understanding about how our curriculum is weaved together by the key words power, exploration and discovery. They were reflective of their own behaviours and how by working as a group they are able to support each other by contributing their strengths.

The Year 5 curriculum team led a session with pupils throughout the school discussing the merits of PAWS and how much it extended their learning. A big thank you to Mrs Bevan for representing parents and demonstrating the importance of close home school ties in order to achieve our belief that we should 'do with not for'.



Big Write

The Big Write title for next week is:

‘Starry, Starry Night’.

The children will be shown a video as a stimulus for their writing this week (based on the famous painting by Vincent Van Gogh).



Year 1 and 2 WOW Morning

Parents of Year 1 and 2 are invited to join their children in school at 9.15am-10.15am on Friday 27th January.

As part of their topic, World Kitchen, we have organised a Chinese New Year celebration. Children will be participating in a variety of activities linked to this event.

You are welcome to join in. We are sorry that we cannot accommodate younger siblings on this occasion.

Panathlon ▶

A group of Year 1 and 2 children participated in a Panathlon with other Gloucester Primary Schools. They were delighted to experience new challenges and have a go at new activities. They were all presented with a medal and a certificate.



Dance Club

Tuesday - KS1 3pm-3.45pm
KS2 4-5pm

Mrs Hending successfully started Dance Club on Tuesday. The feedback from our pupils was extremely positive and they are excited to have this opportunity. Sessions are £3. If you are interested and your child did not attend the taster session please ring the school to enquire about a place.

A thought provoking monument which aims to inspire social change will visit Gloucester Cathedral next February as part of the UK National Youth Anti-Violence Tour & Programme.

Key Dates for Spring Term 2023

Wednesday 25th January

Young Voices

Friday 27th January

PAWS- 2 minute talks prepared for class heats

Tuesday 7th February

Year 6 Dental Survey

Tuesday 14th February

NCMP Screening (Vision, height and weight) for Reception and Year 6

Monday 20th February- Friday 24th February- Half Term

Tuesday 7th March

KS1 SATs information sharing for Year 2 parents

Tuesday 14th March - Friday 17th March

Year 6 Residential

Friday 17th March

Comic Relief

PAWS- Art Exhibition entries in

Tuesday 21st March

Parents' Evening

(3.20pm -6.00pm – online)

Wednesday 22nd March

Parents' Evening

(4.00 pm - 7.00pm – Face to face)

Friday 24th March

PAWS in / Egg entries in

Friday 31st March – Term finishes at 2pm- Easter Holiday

Teachers Striking

You will be aware there has been a ballot by teachers' unions for strike action. Whilst no teacher wants to disrupt the education of our children, this action has become a way of highlighting to you the challenges that schools are facing. It is more than about teachers' pay. It is also because school budgets have been stretched so much that it is becoming increasingly difficult to provide the level of service we want to.

It is the NEU that have agreed to strike. The first date is February 1st. Although not all teachers are in this union, they remain supportive of their colleagues. I cannot share which classes will be affected at this stage but will keep you informed as soon as I can.

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