



'BROADCAST

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Dear Parents,

What a wonderful memory has been created by being part of the Young Voices Choir with 6000 other children. It was evident that many of our children have never been anywhere with quite so many people. Many said how inspired they were by watching live performers. 13 year old South African born, musical prodigy, Nandi Bushell, was certainly very popular. We are glad so many parents came to join us. Music is a thriving part of Castle Hill. This opportunity to perform as well as weekly music lessons really enhances our curriculum. We are glad so many children are able to benefit. This is because we have incredible staff willing to work past 10 o'clock at night. Thank you to Mrs Blake-our music lead, Mrs Ward, Mrs Lee and Mrs Taylor. You are tremendous!

Can you please help us.....

As you will be aware, schools across the country continue to face financial challenges with funding simply not keeping up with increasing costs.

With this in mind, we have set up Amazon wish lists for areas in school where we would like to develop our resources and in turn enrich our children's learning experiences in school. If you feel you are able to donate any of the items on the links below, we would be hugely grateful. By clicking on the wish list links, you will be able to select the item and purchase with Amazon then sending the item directly to the school. When ordering, please feel free to add a note to the delivery stating the name family/child donating the item - in the case of books, we can then add a little note saying who donated the book. It is always fun for a pupil to find the book they donated in our library.

Thanks in advance for any help you can give.

English Wishlist <https://amzn.eu/bnNWVET>

Forest School Wishlist <https://amzn.eu/fkxiP5O>

Young Voices 2024

YV choir families can get the YV2024 concert video by going to yv24film.co.uk

You can stream it the day after your concert and not only watch the concert but also lots of backstage and bonus footage.

PLEASE NOTE: All concerts will be available to stream for 6 months and downloadable to keep at the end of this period.



Over the Rainbow

Have you ever been driving in a car towards a beautiful rainbow. Sometimes it even feels like you will reach the end of the rainbow. This is supposed to be very lucky. What luck would you wish for? Would this involve your friends or family too? In what way would your life be even better?



YOUNG VOICES

2024



The children work towards 'The Dolphin Award' every week. This is a reward, given in Friday's assembly, as a celebration of successful activities that have been completed in the week. This helps demonstrate our knowledge and understanding of environmental issues and how important it is that we do our part. Sometimes, teachers win the award to demonstrate to our children that it is everybody's responsibility to look after our environment. We appreciate how important this issue is to you too. This week's recommendation comes from Dr. Lormor. When collecting your child from school please avoid running your engines at rest. Are you aware that idling the engine for 30 seconds produces twice as much air pollution as actually switching off and restarting later. Did you know that when we stop, if we turn the engine off, but leave the ignition on, the heater will stay warm for up to 30 minutes?

Air pollution is known to be bad for our health as well as our planet, particularly for our children with known lung conditions like asthma.

Our trees help us breathe clean air. Please resist letting your child swing on delicate branches. The benefits of being surrounded by trees is invaluable to help combat air pollution.

Thank you for your anticipated support.



Winners!

Oracy Competition

Well done to all the Key Stage 2 children choosing to participate in the Oracy competition.

We are delighted to announce our winners of our school heats.

Harry will represent Castle Hill Primary School in the Lower Key Stage 2 round.

Olivia will represent Castle Hill Primary School in the Upper Key Stage 2 round.



Tesco Tokens

We have managed to secure one of the Blue token boxes at your local Tesco store. This week, you will be able to support us by placing your tokens in the Castle Hill allocated box. We are hoping that we will be able to raise sufficient tokens to buy new cycles for the Reception class.

Thank you for every contribution.

DATES FOR SPRING TERM

- Tuesday 30th (LKS2) and Wednesday 31st January (UKS2)- Gloucester Schools' Oracy Heats
- Friday 2nd February- School Disco KS1 4.15pm-5.15pm KS2 5.30pm-6.30pm
- Wednesday 7th February – Gloucester Schools' UKS2 Gym Competition
- Tuesday 20th February- Gloucester Schools' KS1 Orienteering (by invitation)
- **Monday 12th February- Friday 16th February- Half Term**
- Tuesday 12th March-Friday 15th March- Year 6 Residential
- Tuesday 19th March- Parents' Evening- 3.30pm-6pm (face to face)
- Wednesday 20th March- 4pm-7pm- Parents' Evening (online)
- Friday 15th March- PAWS in
- Friday 22nd March- Easter Service 1pm. School finishes at 2pm