



Castle Hill News: 17.1.25

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy week in school and the children continue to shine. Bella in Reception brought in a fantastic piece of work about Jack and the Beanstalk showing how she had been inspired to keep learning at home.

We hope that you have enjoyed starting this term's PAWS activities – the ducklings have caused quite a stir!

Panathlon

Some of our KS2 pupils – Olivia, Fatih, Brooke, Trinity, Molly, Chase, Rueben and Francesca - attended a Panathlon this week at Gloucester Academy. They took part in a range of activities and represented our school brilliantly. They all returned to school with a medal round their necks and received certificates in assembly today.

Reading log

Mr. Bowers is launching a new initiative to encourage children to read at home as often as possible. Class teachers, from Reception to Year 3, will be counting up how many times each child in their class reads at home weekly. The children will then be able to work towards certificates for reading at home that will be presented at the end of each term.

Look Who's Talking – Oracy competition

The children (from Year 1 to Year 6) have been taking part in class heats this week talking about a topic of their choice. Class teachers have chosen two finalists from their class to go through to the school heats in assembly next Tuesday. All children who took part did a great job speaking with passion and confidence about their chosen topic. Well done to you all for being brave enough to stand up and speak in front of an audience.

Big Write

Next week's Big Write title is linked to 'Winnie the Pooh' week.



Y4 will be completing a different writing task in line with our assessment calendar.

Congratulations

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that Miss Baldwin is expecting a baby! Huge congratulations to both her and her partner. The baby is due at the end of May and we are delighted to say that Mrs. Richards will be taking over once Miss Baldwin goes on her maternity leave.

Key upcoming dates

Tuesday 4th February – SEND coffee morning – 9am – 10am - all welcome
(more details to follow)

Wednesday 12th February – Y3/4 Gymnastics competition (details tbc)

Amazon Wishlist links

English <https://amzn.eu/bnNwVET> Forest School <https://amzn.eu/fkxiP5O>

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Ettrick