

Headteacher News



Term : Spring 2 2017

Whole School Topic: Dinosaurs

It is amazing to think that we are at Easter already.

I am very proud to inform everyone that we have been awarded our Level 1 Rights Respecting Schools Award. This is wonderful news and recognises everyone's hard work over the past three years. The award demonstrates the unwavering commitment that staff, pupils, governors and the community of The Castle School have for the rights of every child. This is just a start and we will continue to passionately ensure that every child in our school community continues to have the rights that they should expect and build on our influence outside of our school community to push for rights for all children. The report highlighted many fantastic things that we do and concluded with this statement: "The school's commitment in supporting pupils and providing an inclusive, caring and positive learning environment is very evident"

Sadly, we must say goodbye to our Deputy Headteacher, Rhona O'Neill. After 5 very successful years at The Castle, Rhona is moving on to become Headteacher at Ysgol Tir Morfa Special School in Rhyl, Wales. Although we will all be sad to see Rhona go, we wish her the very best for her future as an amazing Headteacher. Well done Rhona.

Please remember to visit our website at www.thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk where you can read more about the stories in the photographs above

Some photos of our learning



Goodbye to our wonderful Deputy, Rhona



Boccia team fun



House of Commons visit



World Book Day 2017

Please note that the last day of term is **Friday 7th April 2017** and we return to school on **Monday 24th April 2017**. Have a really wonderful Easter.

Thanks, Jon Hewitt (Headteacher)

Governors' News

At the beginning of March I was lucky enough to attend the World of Work Celebration at Post-16, the third year this event has been held. The students entertained 46 guests, preparing a delicious lunch - you may have seen photographs on the website.

As WOW grows more and more students are getting to experience time in the workplace, in a huge variety of placements. Individual packages enable the best opportunity for each student, working in teams with school support or by themselves, supported by their workplace.

A taste of some of the many exciting stories: Amber is loving her placement at Boots where she has wonderful support with her training. Luke having completed his training at Donnington Valley is now a paid member of staff in the restaurant. And three severely autistic students from Stirling class have been working at a Christmas tree farm, helping with the planting and weeding of the trees - enjoying the opportunity to work outside. The enthusiasm of the students at Post-16 was infectious and the feedback from the visitors as to what WOW means to them as employers extremely positive – congratulations to everyone.

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