

Headteacher News



Term : July 2016

Whole School Topic: Olympics and Paralympics

Welcome to the final newsletter of this school year.

As another busy term is coming to an end I once again look at all the amazing things that our pupils and staff have achieved over the past term.

National Sports Week and Sports days saw all our pupils take part in an array of sporting events. Some wonderful collaboration took place during the week including Colchester Class teaching Balmoral yoga, Tintagel Class making a crazy golf course for Corfe pupils, Windsor Class teaching Conway class bowling and Dover Class working with Cardiff Class to learn about targets and team games. This was lovely to see. Classes also had a chance during the week to taste fruit kebabs and smoothies.

Derek Paravacini visited us again. He loved being here so much he came back to spend another afternoon playing tunes accompanying our pupils singing. Lots of children got up to sing and some even played piano next to Derek, which was a wonderful experience.

12 of our Post-16 students completed an expedition for their Duke of Edinburgh award. They canoed and camped along the River Thames. Four students actually completed their Bronze award, which is amazing. The assessor said 'I saw fantastic team work, and was impressed with the cooking and the way they have helped each other'.

I would also just like to thank Newbury Rotary Club for their brilliant support and organisation for the Primary day out at Paulton's Park. An amazing day was had by all.

Some photos of our learning



Pupils enjoying sports day



Paulton's Park excitement



Playing with Derek Paravacini



Duke of Edinburgh camping

Please remember that there is much more to see on our website news section. Just visit www.thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk and click on the Castle News on the right hand of the page.

Please note that the last day of term is **Wednesday 20th July 2016**. Pupils return to school on **Monday 5th September 2016**. I hope you all have a great summer.

Thanks, Jon Hewitt (Headteacher)

Governors' News

As the new Chair, I have had a busy year getting involved with the many activities and events going on at the Castle School. Looking at the crops in the polytunnels and seeing the array of local companies at the "World of Work" celebration were highlights demonstrating the energy at the school. Well done to everyone involved! The "World of Work" initiative is one I think the Castle can be very proud of and it brings benefits to our older students and to the wider community.

We have said goodbye to Brian Connolly, a long standing governor and Chair. Brian has been an inspirational Chair and given hugely valuable leadership to the Castle over many years - I would like to thank him for that from us all. We have also welcomed Alison Eade to the Board as a new parent governor.

The Castle has a great governor team and I am looking forward to working alongside them, Jon Hewitt and the whole school to enhance the development of all our young people in the future.

I hope to meet some of you at events over the year and please do get in contact if you have any questions.

Wendy Batchelor, Chair of Governors