

# Headteacher News



Term : Easter 2016

Whole School Topic: Inventions

It only seems like yesterday that we started this very short term. Although brief, the class teams have been exceptionally busy with wonderful learning and exciting events.

Pupils from across the school came together for our first ever Pupils 4 Positive Change (P4PC) Conference on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. The purpose of this conference was to give our pupils a true voice within the school community. The topic up for discussion was 'How we can improve safety and behaviour across the school'. All pupils discussed this topic in their classes before attending the conference. Each class then nominated pupils to attend. Each pupil was well prepared and spoke about their concerns and ideas on how to turn these into solutions. Everything raised will be discussed and a plan of action will be explained to the whole school. Our pupils excelled in this conference and were all AWESOME!

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March we held our second World of Work (WOW) event at The Castle School Post-16 Centre. The event was wonderful to say the very least. It was supported by a rich variety of employers who have helped us over the last few years to ensure that our pupils and students have access to high quality work placements in order to develop their key skills for employment. There is always so much more I want to tell you about, including Sports Relief, The Anvil Performance, our sporting successes, our Brexit debate and World Book Day Amongst others. Please visit [www.thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk](http://www.thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk) to find out more about these and other exciting things that have happened at The Castle.

Some photos of our learning



Pupils, Staff and Parents dance For Sport Relief



The Girls Football Team wins the tournament at Madjeski



Dressing up for World Book Day



Post-16 running the successful Café 16

Please note that the last day of term is **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March** and we return to school on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016**. I hope you all have a great Easter.

Thanks, Jon Hewitt (Headteacher)

## Governors' News

I have been a governor for around a year and have had an enjoyable time getting to know the school. As an accountant I bring a wealth of financial experience and have recently been appointed Chair of the Finance and Premises Committee. As Governors we focus closely on the school's finances and part of my role has been to support and challenge this area. During my time as a Governor I have met with Atul, the School Business Manager, to discuss the financial controls and processes in place. Atul is continually striving for improvement and using my professional experience I have been able to make some helpful suggestions. I have also spent time with Atul completing the Schools Financial Value Statement, which is an annually submitted document. The school has recently heard that a financial audit will take place imminently and I will be there to offer my support to Atul during this process.

On behalf of the Governors I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very enjoyable Easter holiday.

Katherine Wilkes – Co-opted Governor