

Headteacher News



Term : Summer 2 2015

Whole School Topic: The Living Rainforest

Welcome to the final newsletter of this academic year. As always, our staff and students have been very busy in their learning. The term has had so many exciting activities and events that it has whizzed past.

In June 7 of our Post-16 students embarked on their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze expedition paddling independently along the River Thames from Wolvercote to Abingdon. This is a wonderful achievement and we will be building on this again next year and looking to support some of our students to go for silver and even gold!

This term also saw our older students have their Castle School Prom and enjoyed a night of dancing, fun, food and alcohol-free wine at our Post-16 Unit, including DJing from myself! It was wonderful to see so many students attending - our highest number so far! Everyone had a great time, students and staff alike.

Our school community has done as proud once again by raising funds for a great cause. At our recent fundraising event at Post-16, Lancaster Class managed to raise an incredible £502 from the evening, which saw a bbq, balloon release and leg-shaving for the men! Throughout the school one of our pupils Clay has been collecting 20p pieces from everyone to raise money for ATE to fund meals in Ghana. We eventually got an amazing £193!

For those who saw the school production, there is nothing to say other than "WOW!". It was a superb production which showcased our student's incredible talents. A huge thank you to

Some photos of our learning



The amazing production of 'Jungle Book'



Our intrepid Duke of Edinburgh paddling along The Thames

All set for the Prom

all our staff who worked extremely hard to ensure that our students could do their best. Click the website to see lots of pictures.

For more news and information remember to check out our website. Visit www.thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk

I would like to thank everyone for all their hard work and dedication this year and we will see all our students back at school on **Wednesday 2nd September 2015**

Thanks, Jon Hewitt (Headteacher)

A message from our School Nurse

Hello,

My name is Leanne Graham and I am the Specialist School Nurse for the Castle School. I am one of five nurses who make up the Specialist School Nursing Team for West Berkshire, covering four Specialist Schools. I thought I would take this opportunity to introduce myself to those who have yet to meet me. I work four days a week usually Monday to Thursday generally 9am – 3pm although my time in school will vary from week to week depending on meetings and training requirements. I also cover the Nursery and Post-16 sites. My role is to ensure your child's health needs are being met whilst in school. I also give support, advice and training to school staff as well as offer support and advice to Parents/Carers and Pupils. I liaise and work closely with a number of Professionals such as Dieticians, Community Paediatricians and Community Nurses. If you wish to speak to me, you can contact me via the school's telephone number or leave a message in your child's home/school diary or indeed with your child's Class Teacher. From time to time I may use this opportunity to communicate to you any relevant health information.

Thank you, Kind Regards Leanne.