



Headteacher News



Term : Summer 2 2019

Whole School Topic: Rainforest & Ecosystems

It has been such an amazing term with so much going on. The Castle School Fete was a wonderful event. So well attended despite the changeable weather. A lovely community event – thank you to all who supported and came along.

We have had two fantastic sports days, which again were so well attended – a huge thank you to all the parents who came out to watch and in some cases join in the fun! Some of our older students completed their Duke of Edinburgh expedition – including an overnight camp. A real achievement. Our younger pupils had a lovely day out at Marwell Zoo as part of the Rotary Club Big Day Out.

It has also been a term of some amazing donations from local charities. Firstly, thanks to the Peter Baker Foundation who donated £30000 we have been able to build our superb new music garden. St James' Place gave us £10000, which is going towards our plans for a track on the field. A huge thank you to both.

For more information and news please visit us at www.thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk

I wish all our students, staff and parents a wonderful summer. Please note that the last day of term is **Wednesday 24th July 2019**



Preparing the burgers for The Castle Fete



DofE students studying their maps carefully



Watching the penguins At Marwell Zoo



St James' Place volunteers presenting a cheque

and pupils return to school on **Wednesday 4th September 2019.**

Many thanks, Jon Hewitt (Headteacher)

Governors' News

Governors hear a lot about the great things that are going on in the classroom with our students but at the Castle School the opportunities and activities available outside the classroom are equally exciting and so many, that it is often difficult for us to keep up.

Here are a few of things that I have been lucky enough to see this term.

The Castle Fete was a very happy occasion. A huge amount of work had gone into the preparation and on the day threatening rain could do nothing to dampen the atmosphere and success of the afternoon. There was a large turnout, and with so many different stalls something for everyone. I was mesmerised by the drumming - there wasn't a person in the hall not clapping, tapping or joining in in some way.

The new Music Garden on the playing fields has created a wonderful all-weather trail through a series of musical tubes, bells, xylophones and wind chimes – another place you feel the need to grasp a baton and make music.

This term has also seen the re-invigoration of the Sensory Garden by St James' Place staff. This has been beautifully done, providing a very special quiet space which I am sure will be enjoyed by many children.

Wishing you all a very happy summer break

Ursula Codrington