

# Headteacher News



Term : Spring 1 2018

Whole School Topic: To Infinity and Beyond

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2018. This term seems to have shot by with loads going on in and around The Castle School. Some of the highlights are below:

London Irish Rugby Club have been working with some of our key stage 4 and 5 students over the past term. The team offer and deliver exciting and challenging experience for our students, which has included learning the skills involved in contact rugby. Rugby sessions have continued to expose our students to new skills which has built their resilience and sporting potential. We are very grateful to London Irish for their involvement with us.

Over the last two years our younger pupils have been working with Newbury Community Resources Centre in the Shaw woodland. Classes in our lower primary take turns to spend one morning a week for a term going to the woodland to explore and learn new skills. The pupils love it and they go there whatever the weather, as you can see from the picture on the right!

You will be aware that we have some building work taking place at Love Lane at present. This will provide us with a suite of new classrooms as well as additional much-needed parking spaces by July. I will keep you posted with this exciting build.

Please visit us at

[www.thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk](http://www.thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk)

Some photos of our learning



Rugby fun with London Irish



Woodland learning whatever the weather!



Lunchtime club fun  
Learning with playdoh!



Colchester Class  
comparing planet sizes

I wish everyone a happy half-term break. Please note that the last day of term is **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** and pupils return to school on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**.

Many thanks, Jon Hewitt (Headteacher)

## Governors' News

### Working with Castle School

Our governing board has a vacancy for a co-opted governor, and we would like to extend the invitation to local employers to join us. You may either be interested yourself as a local employer or you may know someone who might be interested.

The board brings together a diverse range of skills and experience, and helps to review and shape ongoing plans for the school. We support the leadership team in delivering innovative provision to meet the current and future needs of our young people and their families. This is a voluntary post, and involves meeting 6 times per year at our sites in Newbury. We want someone who can bring their enthusiasm to the school and we would welcome experience with community organisations. An understanding of special educational needs is helpful, but not essential, as a full programme of training is provided to governors via the school and West Berkshire Council. To express your interest, please contact our Clerk to Governors, Vicki Murphy at [vmurphy@castle.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:vmurphy@castle.w-berks.sch.uk)