

# Castle Creatives

## Newsletter

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The Autumn term is our favourite time of year as it leads us beautifully into Christmas. The school has been buzzing with excitement and creativity. From festive preparations and panto visits to Christmas performances, our students have been really busy. We hope you enjoy reading about the magic of this season and the hard work of our talented students.



### School Mural

Our talented art teacher, along with her daughter Bee, designed a bespoke mural for our school hall.

Local artist Layla Cope then brought this design to life, creating a stunning feature that beautifully reflects our school's philosophy and diversity.

### Harp Harmony!

Two talented harpists visited, bringing with them the enchanting sounds of the harp. They provided our pupils with a unique, hands-on experience, allowing them to explore the instrument up close. The children listened to the beautiful melodies, tried their hand at playing the strings, and felt the vibrations resonate through their legs.



### Singing Hands

The famous Makaton duo Suzanne and Tracy visited Primary pupils for an afternoon of singing, signing and dancing. The highlight of the afternoon was definitely everyone joining in with the Conga as it snaked its way around the hall.



### Newbury Show

We are thrilled to announce that our pupils' artwork earned third place at the Royal County of Berkshire Show. The theme, "Outside the Classroom," inspired watercolour birds, winter skies, wet felting landscapes, and paste sunsets. With 60,000 visitors, the event was a fantastic opportunity to display our students' talents.



## Creative Ventures

Pupils have been busy crafting a wonderful assortment of items for the Christmas season. They have made Christmas cards, decorations, candles, and novelty Christmas food gifts. These handmade goods were well received by the community during sales at Newbury Market and Newbury Hospital.



## Bears in Books

The national charity Book Start, Build-A-Bear, and Newbury Library helped us promote English literature in the school by providing a wonderful array of reading books and a Build-A-Bear for every child. Inspired by this, we launched our own initiative. Classes explored bears in literature and used this theme to spark creativity. The students produced amazing work, showcasing their bear-themed projects in Drama, Art, and Music.

## It's Behind You!

Pupils across the school have had wonderful opportunities to visit various pantomimes at local theatres, including Snow Queen at Reading Rep, Pinocchio at Watermill Theatre, and Dick Whittington at The Corn Exchange. We were also fortunate to have Chaplins Theatre Company visit the school for a performance of Jack and the Beanstalk.



## Show Time!

Classes across the school have been busy rehearsing for their Christmas performances. Family and friends were invited to watch and even participate in these wonderful shows. Our pupils showcased their singing and acting to playing music. Thank you to everyone who joined us for these events!

## THANK YOU



for their generous funding, which has allowed us to provide pupils with valuable resources, opportunities, and experiences.



## Support

Financial donations help us to continue to enrich the lives of our pupils through the creative arts. Whether you are a local business looking for charitable partnership or an individual wanting to donate to a worthy cause, please consider The Castle Creatives.

## Partner

Are you a school or college? The Castle Creatives are looking to partner with local schools on exciting and bespoke creative projects. Please contact the Creative Arts Team for an informal chat.

## Collaborate

Calling local artists and art organisations. We are always looking to broaden our community creative connections. Please contact the Creative Arts Team for an informal chat.