

Castle Creatives

Newsletter

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Spring has Sprung and with it has brought a burst of creativity into the school. Pupils have been creating and making for mothers day and Easter. Many classes have taken advantage of the warmer weather to get out and about capturing the changing landscape of spring. We hope you enjoy reading about the wonderful opportunities our pupils have been invovled in this term.



Wildlife Photographer of the year!

Students across the school have been exploring nature, capturing beautiful photographs of spring flowers, wildlife, and other seasonal wonders for the Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition. Each student can enter up to five photographs, with the chance to have their work exhibited alongside the Natural History Museum's 'Photographer of the Year' collection, which will be on loan at The Base, Newbury



Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

We were thrilled to welcome three talented musicians from the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra into our school. Pupils across all year groups had the unique opportunity to work with a violinist, violist, and cellist. They explored a wide range of sounds, practiced plucking techniques, conducted the orchestra, and delved into rhythm and singing. It was an inspiring and educational experience that enriched our students' understanding and appreciation of music.

Cole Museum

Some of our KS3 pupils recently enjoyed an educational trip to the Cole Museum in Reading. The visit provided an excellent opportunity for students to explore fascinating exhibits and learn more about natural history. The pupils were engaged and inspired by the museum's collection, making it a memorable and enriching experience for everyone involved.



Generate Exhibition

The Castle School exhibited a range of artwork alongside other local schools at The Base's Generate Exhibition. This showcase celebrated the talent within Berkshire schools and was open to the public. Pupils, family, and friends attended to view the exhibition and celebrate the creativity within the school and the talent across the county..



Gruffalo

Our youngest students recently enjoyed a magical trip to The Corn Exchange to watch the theatre adaptation of Julia Donaldson's beloved book, The Gruffalo. For many, it was their first time experiencing the thrill of live theatre. The pupils were absolutely enthralled by the performance, joining in with singing, clapping, and even jigging in their seats.

Book Trust Story Time Prize

Classes within KS 4 have collaborated with Newbury Library on a creative story project. Pupils were given a range of books to review, as part of the Book Trust's Storytime Prize. All classes engaged deeply in sensory stories, writing reviews, and creating artwork inspired by the books. An exhibition of the student's work was held at the Library for the community to enjoy.



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.