



Celebrations of our learning this term:

At the Castle School, we work really hard in PSHE, and have some celebrations to share with you:

School Council have been very busy planning their project to improve the sensory garden. They met and looked at the garden, which needs lots of TLC. School council have lots of plans to improve the environment and involve the whole school. School council will be giving everyone jobs soon, including making wind chimes and growing herbs for the raised beds. We are very proud of how considerate the school council have been to their peers, ensuring everyone is included and has something that they will enjoy, at playtime. Well done to all involved.

Another school council initiative, which has been embraced by the whole school, is Easter bags for the food bank. Lots of classes have decorated the bags, which will be given out to people using food banks, in our local community, over Easter. It was lovely to see the colourful bags – we hope they make people smile.

Chillingham class have been learning to brush their teeth and have been role playing going to the dentist.

Arundel have been looking at the pros and cons of social media. Don't forget, Castle has a subscription to National College, which has lots of useful parent guides. Have a look at this one: [12 Smartphone Tips | Free Online Safety Guide](#) There is more information at the bottom of this letter.

Some photos of our learning



Lots of classes have been helping each other and developing friendships, including Skipton class, who have been playing games, and helping each other on the swing.

Some pupils have been helping in the wider community as well. Tiverton have been litter picking in our local community. Well done Tiverton.

More classes have visited the recycle centre. Porchester class also thought carefully about recycle safety, by trying on hard hats and high vis vests, before they went on their visit. Conway class have been learning about appropriate clothes to wear for summer and winter, Let's hope we get some sunshine next term!



Just a reminder that everyone with an EHCP, age 14 plus, is eligible for an annual health check.

Here is some information from Dr Heather Howells, who is the GP Clinical Lead for Mental Health and Learning Disabilities, for Berkshire West:

You may be aware that from the age of 14, everyone in a special needs school, is eligible for an Annual Health Check at their GP surgery. All people with a Learning Disability aged 14 and over should receive a check every year.

The Annual Health check covers all aspects of health and wellbeing, you can learn more

about Annual Health Checks here:

<https://www.mencap.org.uk/advice-and-support/health/annual-health-checks>



The Castle School is a National Online safety certified school. Thank you to the parents who signed up or completed a course last year. You can see our plaque in reception, along with some internet safety guides, which you can also download from the National Online

Safety workshop, or pick up from the display in the pastoral room. There are also some guides on our school website, in We now have National online safety logins for all staff, so that everyone can complete their annual certificate for online safety this year, so that we can help keep our pupils safe online. Many staff have also accessed other courses and seminars. Teachers are able to use the resources and planning to ensure that we are giving our students relevant and up to date online safety lessons, throughout the year. Some parents and carers have signed up, and have completed courses have accessed important internet safety guides for their child. We are hoping that more parents will sign up soon. If you would like to sign up to help your child stay safe online, please do. We have put some useful courses in the watch list, once you log on.

We are sure that you will agree that online safety is so important to keep everyone safe, which is why we are committed to training our staff and giving our pupils the best possible lessons and care. We are looking forward to more parents joining us with our National Online safety journey.

We would like to achieve the award again this year, as online safety is a big priority at The Castle school. We need parents to complete courses too. If you would like a parent login, for National Online safety, to make use of the brilliant training and resources, please contact Hayley.

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