

Castle Creatives Newsletter



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Oh what fun it is to... be at The Castle School this Christmas.

The Christmas term has been full of creativity at Castle School, with pupils enjoying theatre trips, music, photography and enterprise projects. There has been a real buzz across the school as pupils shared festive experiences and memorable moments together.



Panto Time!

Different classes across the school have enjoyed some wonderful trips to the theatre this term, visiting local pantomimes including Robin Hood at The Corn Exchange and The Little Mermaid at The Watermill. We were also lucky to have M & M Productions bring the magic to us, performing Snow White in school – plenty of laughs, boos and cheers all round!

Open Orchestras!

We welcomed Open Orchestras into school, working with pupils with more complex learning needs to make music truly accessible for everyone. Using exciting digital technology, including the Clarion, pupils were able to take part and perform together as an orchestra. Music-making at its best.



Castle Theatre Company

Our brand-new Castle School Theatre Company is up and running! Pupils devised and performed Grandpa's Great Escape to peers and family, working as a brilliant ensemble of 11. Alongside performing, pupils also ran the sound and lighting a fantastic all-round theatre experience.



Berkshire Show

We were incredibly proud to showcase our students' work at the Royal Berkshire Show this year! Our display celebrated outdoor learning and nature, highlighting the creativity, curiosity, and hands-on experiences our pupils enjoy beyond the classroom. With an impressive footfall of around 200,000 visitors, it was a brilliant opportunity to share our work with the wider community.



Creative Ventures

Enterprise groups have been busy creating and selling festive goods for their Newbury Market stall. Pupils designed and sold Christmas decorations, handmade fudge and Christmas cards – even making their own paper along the way. Pupils also baked a delicious selection of sweet and savoury treats for people to enjoy, all proudly made by our students.



Singing Hands and The Rock Choir

The school was buzzing with song and dance as 70 amazing singers from the Rock Choir took to the stage for a fantastic concert! Our younger pupils were equally thrilled as the famous duo Singing Hands led Makaton songs, bringing big smiles all around. It wasn't long before everyone was dancing along – the perfect start to our festive celebrations!



The Hungry Caterpillar

Pupils enjoyed a magical trip to The Corn Exchange to watch The Very Hungry Caterpillar, brought to life through colourful puppetry and gentle storytelling. Pupils were completely captivated throughout, with many watching in awe from start to finish. For some, this was their very first visit to the theatre – a truly special experience that left everyone mesmerised.

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.

Finance: finance@castle.w-berks.sch.uk

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.

Creative Arts Team: ascholl@castle.w-berks.sch.uk

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.