



March 2019

CASTLE HILL PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



Victoria Theatre Visit



Year 4 had a magnificent, musical day on Wednesday. They were extremely lucky to be invited to the Victoria Theatre in Halifax to experience the Music for Youth Primary Proms and see some inspiring and talented young musicians playing a huge range of instruments and genres of music. The first act was an orchestra who played the soundtrack we all love from *The Pirates of the Caribbean*. The next act to take to the stage was Little Folk, who were from Rochdale. They played some folk songs we all know including 'Rattlin' bog' and 'The Drunken' Sailor'. We all had fun joining in with our best pirate accents and even doing some actions whilst they performed. Following that, 100 children from all over Calderdale took to the stage and sang with the Calderdale Youth Choir. We joined in with Eye of the Tiger and some of us even had a little bop! The show finished with an amazing voice and a jazz band. They sang 'Valerie' and 'Feeling Good'. We all loved singing along.

Levi in Mr Hobbs class was disappointed to leave Victoria Theatre he said that he would have liked to have stayed watching the music all day. We finished our trip at the Piece hall, where we ate our dinner and learnt about the trading of cloth in the 1900s. We were lucky that there was a fabulous sculpture called *The Blanket* by David Murphy. This huge woven sculpture is inspired by the history of the fabulous building. We had a great time playing on it. Before we left for the coach, we wowed the people of Halifax with a few songs of our own, some of the public even joined in! What a day!

TWO Britain in Bloom

Home Episodes

On TV
TWO Tue 9 Apr 2018
18:00
BBC TWO & BBC SCOTLAND

More episodes

PREVIOUS
Episode 11
Series 2

NEXT
Episode 13
Series 2

See all episodes from Britain in Bloom.

Episode 12
Series 2

Chris Barker helps the experienced Bloomers of Todmorden in Yorkshire create a heritage Skyring and Ferry in the town centre to attract visitors and wow the judges.

09 April 2018
29 minutes

Castle Hill Gardening club will be on BBC2 Tuesday 9th April at 6.00pm. The programme is Britain in Bloom and we are very excited about it.



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Safety First!



On Thursday 14th, year 5 children took part in a workshop with firefighters from Todmorden fire station. They learnt about the importance of fitting smoke alarms and having a fire escape plan, as well as what to do should a fire happen. They also learnt about road safety, including the importance of wearing seatbelts and not distracting the driver.

The Riot Act!



On Thursday morning, year 5 were treated to a hair-raising visit from The Riot Act. The children enjoyed a morning of fantastically funny theatre as part of a Calderdale-wide project to encourage sustainable travel. Joining fourteen other schools, Year 5 will be working in the coming weeks to develop their SAFE (sustainable, active, fun, environmental) travel cup campaign. Watch this space!

Ofsted

As you are aware, HMI Chris Cook inspected the school on Wednesday. Many thanks to all the parents who filled out parent view and the questionnaires. It gave the inspector a true reflection of the school. The outcome of the inspection is confidential until the report is released, which should be shortly after Easter.



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Reception Workshop



Our Reception children enjoyed working with their parents at our Maths workshop. The children thoroughly enjoyed showing them the methods we use in class to add and subtract two numbers. They then used tens frames to work out number bonds to 10. This demonstrated their reasoning and problem solving skills. Thank you for attending!

Clay Workshop



KS1 were joined by Jen from Artsmill last week. The children learned how to make bowls using their thumbs and fists, then how to decorate them with textures by printing all sorts of objects into the clay. We then filled them with plaster and saw how the plaster set to make a relief of the clay bowl. The children had a brilliant time and created some beautiful pieces of art.

PFA Easter Bake Sale

The PFA will be holding an Easter Bake sale after school on **Monday 8th April**. Please do get baking so we can raise funds for the school.



Swimming Gala

Written by Gray Parrott and Phoebe Brady.

Two weeks ago, four people from each class in KS2 went to the Todmorden swimming gala. We had some fast and slow swimmers but that doesn't matter because to us it is all about team work, fun and participating.



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Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 2nd April	3.45pm-7.00pm Parents' evening
Wednesday 3 rd April	Class Photographs
Thursday 4 th April	3.45pm-7.00pm Parents' evening High 5 Netball Tournament: Todmorden High School
Friday 12 th April	9.00am Reception Craft Morning Year 2 & 3 Transition project - Norse Myths by Arty Physical 3.30pm Break for Easter
Monday 29 th April	Back to school
Thursday 2 nd May	INSET DAY 3 Polling Day: School Closed
Friday 3 rd May	INSET DAY 4: School Closed
Tuesday 7 th May	New Nursery children open evening 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Monday 13 th - Fri 17 th May	Year 6 SATS week
Wednesday 15 th May	Foundation Stage Trip to Manchester Airport
Monday 20 th May	Year 6 Art Exhibition at Platform One
Thursday 23 rd May	Kwik Cricket Competition - TCC
Thursday 23 rd May - Friday 24 th May	Year 4 Residential
Friday 24 th May	3.30pm Break for Half term
Monday 3 rd June	Back to school
Thursday 6 th June	6.00pm New Reception intake open evening
Thursday 13 th June	U11s Football - Walsden playing field
Monday 17 th June	1.30pm Open Afternoon for parents
Thursday 27 th June	4.00pm Choir performance for parents (school hall)
Sunday 30 th June	11.00am -1.00pm PFA Summer Fair
Monday 1 st July	Year 4 visiting Todmorden High School
Wednesday 3 rd July	6.00pm Castle Hill's Got Talent (Hippodrome Theatre)
Thursday 18 th July	2.00pm Year 6 Leaving Assembly
Friday 19 th July	School closes for Summer Holidays



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