

# Newsletter

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Dear families,

It has been a busy week in school for our Head Pupil and Deputy Head Pupil candidates. Earlier in the week they had the opportunity to talk to the whole school about why they would be suitable for the role. They all prepared their own speeches and spoke to the children in assembly with confidence.



Every child in school was then able to cast their vote. It was a tense time for all the candidates who all had lots to offer; we are very proud of all of them and would like to thank them for their hard work.

On Tuesday morning the votes were collated and Miss Tate and Miss Watling met with the new Head Pupil and Deputy Head Pupil to congratulate them and present their all-important badges.

Well done to **Sophia**, our Head Pupil, and **Casey**, our Deputy Head Pupil. We have no doubt that you will do your very best



for fellow pupils and represent our school with pride.



In the coming weeks the children will have many more opportunities to put themselves forward for different leadership roles such as subject ambassador roles, Climate Change Champions and prefects. We want to work with the children at Caister Junior to make their experience at school the best it can be and provide opportunities for them to develop their leadership skills.

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## Celebrations

Pupil of the Week is awarded during our celebration assembly on a Friday. Awards are given to one child in every class by their teachers. The awards celebrate good work and behaviour, as well as examples of good citizenship and friendship to others or for any behaviour or activity that positively reflects the school values and show a good example to other children in school. This week...

Pupil of the Week	
3D	Tylan
3E	Lily
3S	Sophie
4BW	Alfie
4B	Nate
4H	Jake
5JK	Emily-Grace
5M	Finley
5B	Rubie
6T	Maddi
6B	Poppy
6W	Riley

We also award two 'Recognition Awards' weekly which are children chosen by Miss Watling and Miss Cambridge because they have done something exceptional. This week they are awarded to

**Rebecca** (Year 6) and **Jayden** (Year 4).

Once a month (the last Thursday/Friday of every month) parents are invited to join us for celebration assemblies. In those assemblies we award 'Pupil of the Month' awards which are the awards where parents of those children receive a text to invite them along. However, all parents are warmly welcome to attend.

Our next celebration assemblies for this academic year are:

**Thursday 19th 8.55am Year 5 & 6**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 8.55am Year 3 & 4**



Today all the children attended an assembly with PC Chris Martin.

They discussed special events that are coming up such as Halloween and Bonfire Night and talked about how to keep themselves and others safe at those events and what respectful behaviour looks like.



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In school this week we celebrated World Mental Health Day. The aim of the day is to raise awareness of mental health and to drive positive change for everyone's wellbeing. The theme for this year's day is 'mental health is a universal human right'.

We worked with the children to improve their understanding of mental health and wellbeing, and to get them talking about it. We are passionate about children being able to recognise and talk about their mental health which, for children, can be particularly difficult at times. There are some useful ideas and resources to help parents and carers talk about some difficulties they might experience on this [webpage](#).



## A special thanks

A member of the public wanted to thank Kevin and Joseph who were kind and considerate to their child when they hurt themselves at the park. We are very proud of you – thank you Kevin and Joseph.

## Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 95.12%

Class	%	Congratulations to 6W who are our Attendance Winners this week with a fantastic 100%!
3D	96.44	
3E	98.01	
3S	89.32	
4BW	92.59	
4B	97.86	
4H	96.90	
5JK	94.05	
5M	91.67	
5B	95.79	
6T	88.46	
6B	89.68	
6W	100	

## Footballs

Please can children leave their own footballs at home as they will not be able to use them in school. We have school balls which will be used instead. Thank you.

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Ask me about.....

## Year 3

Maths	We have completed assessments and tasks in calculations and reasoning.
English	It's assessment week in Year 3 and we have been completing reading, grammar, punctuation, and spelling tasks.
Science	In Science we looked at different food groups and created a plate of healthy food.
History	We have looked at everyday life in the Stone Age and created double page spread with writing and illustrations.
PSHE	We are continuing to learn all about me, we also created a feelings poster for mental health day, what makes us happy, sad, angry, and excited.
RE	This week we are looking at the Hindu worship of Puja.
PE/Games	We worked on ball skills with tennis balls, football passing and stopping and teamwork games in Fundamentals.
Geography	We have looked at human and physical features in Geography.
Computing	We have been practising our logins and navigating our way around search engines and finding facts.
Art	In Art we have looked at pictures by famous artists using warm and cool colours and practised mixing colours to extend one of the paintings in our books.

## Year 4

Maths	We have been completing assessments in Arithmetic, calculations and reasoning. We have continued to look at multiplication, concentrating on our 4x table and have started our new unit on addition and subtraction.
English	We have been completing assessments in reading, grammar, punctuation and spellings. We have also started looking at our new books - Varmints and Zombierella!
Science	We have been learning about the digestive system, labelling each organ and finding out about their function.
PE/Games	We have continued our invasion games with hockey and rugby, and developed our balance skills in gymnastics.
History	We have been learning about Anglo Saxons and their invasion of Britain. We looked at where they came from and where they settled.
Computing	We have been adding hyperlinks to a word document.
RE	We have been looking at role models in our lives and their qualities.
PSHE	We have looked at our school community and how each person contributes to our learning.
DT	In DT, we have been making our healthy snack, packaging it to keep it fresh and starting to create a box to display it in.

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Maths	It's been assessment week in Year 5 this week. We have also finished our addition and subtraction unit this week looking at comparing calculations.
English	It's been assessment week in Year 5 this week. We have also started reading our new book called The Robot Girl by Malorie Blackman.
Science	We have carried out an experiment looking at thermal insulators. We made comparisons between different materials and measured the rate in which hot water cooled.
Geography	We have looked at national grid references and 4-figure grid references this week. We used our understanding to find references and analyse our local area using an ordnance survey map.
Computing	We carried on looking at search engines. This week, we compared the searches of particular words in different search engines to see how rankings work.
PE/Games	We have been learning the roles of attackers and defenders in football.
Art	We have sketched and/or painted our landscape pictures this week using a range of tints, tones and shades.
Music	We are learning about musicals and have started to create our own mini musicals in groups.
French	This week we have been creating 'Un Melange Monstre' (a monster mash-up, using our knowledge of body parts, animals and colours

## Year 6

Maths	We have been finishing our unit on Number. This week we have practised methods to calculate in our heads including rounding and counting on.
English	This week, year 6 have started our new book 'Windrush Child'. We have been learning about the Windrush generation.
Science	We had an incredibly fun science lesson this week- we made blood! The children used golden syrup, food colouring, milk and oil to create a test tube filled with the components of blood.
DT	We have been learning about our local bridges in Great Yarmouth. We learnt that many of the bridges we see now are not the original structures.
Computing	We have learnt about cloud storage and how companies sell their server space.
History	We have learnt about the weapons used in World War One. We have ranked them based and judged which weapon would be best for each battle.
PE/Games	We have been working on teamwork skills in PE this week. This includes listening to their teammates and working respectfully.
PSHE	It has been mental health awareness day this week, so the children looked into how to keep their minds and bodies active. They also created a poster to help keep Caister tidy.

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## ***Coral class***

Coral Class had a great trip to the beach this week. We do a lot of work on our wellbeing and mental health at Oceans, and a walk in the fresh air is a perfect way to take some time out and create some endorphins. We did lots of beach combing and found some amazing pebbles. We also dug a massive hole! We all had a paddle (in our wellies) and one of our pupils did a lot more than paddling and ended up with boots full of water and soggy clothes! We all came back feeling refreshed and full of energy.



Science club have been busy investigating and testing...



*Wishing you all a lovely weekend,  
Miss Watling*

Year 4 have been making and enjoying healthy snacks...

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Key dates for the diary		
October 2023	Black History Month	As part of their PSHE lessons, the children learn about diversity and discuss the importance of equality throughout the year. We are creating a display with the Agents for Change in school where we capture some of the discussions the children have had during Black History Month. This can also include discussions from home, and we would welcome any extra work the children may have done at home or any books they may be reading. Please ask the children to see Miss Watling to share any home learning.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Sit and see – look at your children's learning during the week	We invite parents and carers to collect their children at normal time and then come to the classroom to see the children's work and talk with them about their learning. Please see the list below for when classes are open for <b>20 minutes</b> after school: 6B – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October                      4BW – Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 6W – Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October                  4B – Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 6T – Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October                  4H – Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 5B – Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October                  3D – Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 5JK – Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October                3S – Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 5M – Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October                3E – Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October Acorns – Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 & 6 celebration assembly 8.55am	Once a month (usually the last Thursday – upper school/Friday – lower school) of every month, parents are invited to join us for celebration assemblies.  In those assemblies we award 'Pupil of the Month' awards which are the awards where parents of those children receive a text to invite them along. There will be other celebrations such as golden book and pupil of the week too!  All parents are warmly welcome to attend our end of month celebration assemblies – we hope you can join us!
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 & 4 celebration assembly 8.55am	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	End of this half term	Children return to school Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2022.
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Dental hygiene screening	NHS information sheet and permission slip will be sent home on paper on Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October to be completed and returned asap please.
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Start of Autumn 2	Children return to school today.
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent consultation evening	More information to follow
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent consultation evening	More information to follow

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November 17th	Children in Need Day	More information to follow
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of Autumn term	Children finish today for Christmas holidays

## New play equipment - King George field

The Parish Council would really like your support by voting for a plan for the new King George field play equipment. Come along to the Junior School front gate or the Rabbit Hutch to make your choice and sign your name which will help when presented to the Council to bid for funds to carry out the work.

Plan A



Plan B



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