

Le Cateau Keeping In Touch



2023/2024 Edition #8 - 30th November 2023

Mr M's Weekly Message...

As the snow flutters outside my window, the chill is definitely in the air as we head into December. With that, a variety of festivities are kicking in.

We look forward to seeing many of you at tomorrow evening's Christmas Fair. This is an outdoor fair taking place on the 'top playground' near FS1 and FS2. The FOLC have worked tirelessly on organising this and we hope to raise more valuable funds to support a variety of activities across the school.

TODAY is the final day for Christmas Lunch bookings so please make sure your child is not disappointed! Follow the links that have been shared and place your order.

Wednesday 20th December is the Christmas Lunch Day. As part of the festivities on that day, we are giving the children the opportunity to come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper if they wish.

Details for the FS2 Nativity plus Christmas Parties have already been shared although further details will be communicated next week.

Sporting Success...

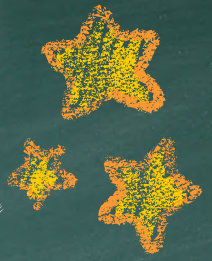
We have had a busy couple of weeks on the sports scene with great success in several areas. A huge congratulations to those taking part - more can be seen in today's KIT.

A reminder that school closes for Christmas at 3:15pm on Friday 22nd December 2023.





Celebrate



This week...

Most of school have now completed the celebrate module, and others have been re-capping on what we have learnt so far about our character strengths.

5 Key Character Strengths:

- 1 Love and kindness
- 2 Bravery and honesty
- 3 Teamwork and friendship
- 4 Learning and exploring
- 5 Love of life and our world

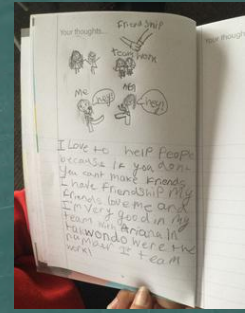
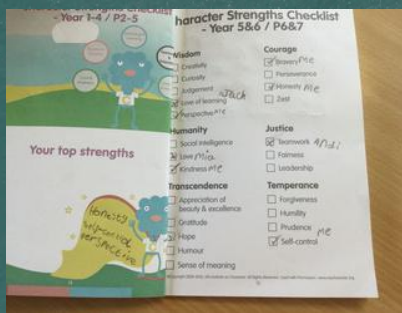
Here's what some of us have been up to...

YEAR 6..

In Year 6 this week, we have been discussing what gratitude is. We have discussing who and what we are grateful for in our lives. All of us have people who love us, all of us are grateful for brilliant experiences we have with our families and at school, and we are grateful for our own character strengths (which we discovered a couple of weeks ago).

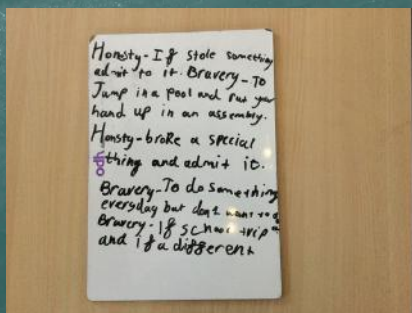
YEAR 3..

Year three have been learning about our character strengths, we have been reflecting on ourselves and what our own strengths are and we have enjoyed spotting them in our classmates.



YEAR 4..

We worked in small groups, dividing up the character strengths and using teamwork to create lists of examples for each area which we then shared.



Next week...

Next Week the year groups who haven't already, will be finishing the celebrate module. Others will be recapping parts of the module.





This week's attendance award
goes to...

5 Adventurers
with
98.7% attendance

YEAR 4 PARENT SESSION
Thursday 18th January 2024

3:30pm
School Hall

**A session for ALL Year 4 parents regarding the
National Multiplication Check that the children
will complete later in the school year.**

$$2 \times 2 = 4$$

$$3 \times 1 = 3$$

Reminders:

- If your child is poorly and going to be off school, then please leave a message on the school absence line - 01748 832292
- It is the time of year where there is a lot of bugs going round please remember children need to remain at home for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.
- Please phone us by 2pm if you need to let us know of changes to end of day pupil pick up arrangements



Sports Hall Athletics



14 schools took part in Sports Hall Athletics on Thursday 23rd November, 20 of our Yr 5 pupils took part and Gave 100% in all field and track events.

All worked hard together to as a team. Excellent behaviour.

Quote from Josua – hard work but very enjoyable. The best bit was when I threw the soft javelin.

On Monday 27th November 8 schools took part in the Yr 5/6 Less active, 19 pupils of our pupils took part All gave 100% in a new experience of competing at a school competition.

Quote from Emily- a very exciting experience. The best bit was when I raced against other schools.

Mrs Buxton and Mrs Neville are so proud of everyone who took part.

Good Luck

Good luck to our children taking part in the Football Finals next week at Richmond School



Supporting Learning at Home



At Le Cateau, we take three directions to supporting your child at home. **Extension, pre-learning and consolidation.** The aim is for pupils to feel more confident and secure with what they are learning at school, by building on it at home. Children will be given a variety of activities to choose from, through the Seesaw Home Learning App and on paper. With the advice of the teachers, we would like pupils and families to think carefully about what they feel they need to work on and focus in on their individual areas of interest. **Reading with your child at home regularly is an essential part of this.**

Extension



Each half term, your child will be sent a grid of activities to choose from. These will link to the curriculum areas being studied and will give them a chance to broaden their knowledge and spend a little more time practising skills or finding out more. These may include creative activities, practical tasks and ways to extend their understanding of the world. You can photograph or record these and upload to Seesaw, or send things in to school.

Pre-learning



Pupils will be sent activities to complete that will help them to be prepared for new learning coming up. These may be paper based, through Seesaw Home Learning or on paper. It may be as simple as a suggestion to start looking around at what things are made from to link with a science lesson the following week. It may be a revision exercise for something in maths that they have not done for a while. It may be a website to look at or something to read. Completing these will improve your child's confidence in the following lessons.

Consolidation



These activities will be based on learning that has taken place. If your child is not yet fully confident with something we have been learning, this is an opportunity for them to practise a little more at home. There may be a video of a maths method or some information about what we have been writing or it may be linked to other curriculum subjects. **Spelling words and/or sounds will also be sent home weekly to learn.**



SESSIONS / COFFEE MORNINGS

9AM - 10AM

**SEND
PARENT
DROP IN**

HERE AT LE GATEAU CP SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2023,

WEDNESDAY 6TH, 13TH DECEMBER 2023





**FRIENDS OF
LE CATEAU**

CHRISTMAS FAIR

**Stalls, Glitter Tattoos, Gifts, Games,
Snacks and a special visit from
Santa himself**

Enter through the Nursery gate

1st December @ 3pm

SCHOOL

Christmas

MENU

Roast Turkey, Christmas Chipolatas
and Seasonal Stuffing

or

✓ Cheesy Leek Croquette

Mrs Claus' Roast or Mashed Potatoes

Rudolph's favourite Gravy

A Merry Mix of
Seasonal Vegetables

The Elves' Hand Decorated
Chocolate Orange Christmas Cookie

Date

20th December
2023

The closing date to book is 30th November at
10pm



CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHTS

FS1 and FS2 movie night
Wednesday 6th December
3:15- 5:30pm

Year 1 and Year 2 movie night
Thursday 7th December
3:30-5:30pm

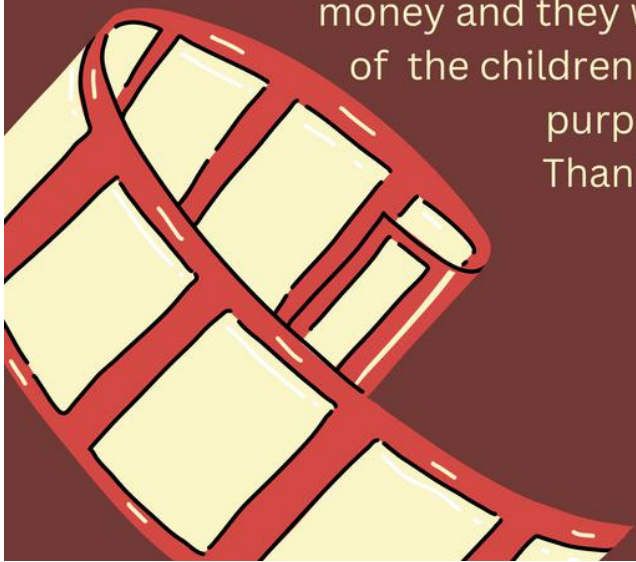
£2 includes popcorn and drink

Cash only please!

Money can be brought into school
from Monday 4th December.

Please give your class teacher the
money and they will keep a record
of the children for registration

purposes.
Thank you



From Foundation Stage 1



Shout outs to...

This week we have heard lots of please and thank you's. Everyone has been using lovely manners. Good job everyone.

Things you need to know...

- Look out for details of our Christmas singalong; if you have not received anything please talk to a member of staff.
- Please bring in your costumes by Friday 8th Dec.

This week we will be reading 'Supertato: Evil Pea rules' by Sue Hendra.

You can listen to the book here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmFYrfquR5k>

We will be trapping different things and freezing them in ice. I wonder how they will escape! Watch out Evil pea!! We will be experimenting with different ways to melt ice.

The Christmas singalong is getting close, and we will be practising next week to make sure our performance is extra special.

From Foundation Stage 2

Next week in FS2

Next week we will be reading the story 'Star in the Jar' and completing a range of activities around this text. In maths we are looking at 2D shapes.

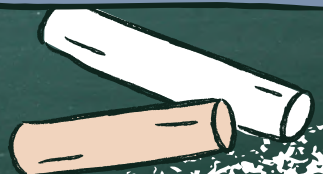
We continue to practice our acting and singing skills as we rehearse for the nativity. We are learning a small dance in P.E as part of our Nativity finale.

Dates & Messages

Please remember to return any unwanted Nativity tickets that you do not require for the nativity.

Well done to the following people this week...

The whole of FS2 have been amazing as we practice for the Nativity! You have shown resilience and patience!



Year 1 News...

Looking ahead to next week...

In maths next week, we will begin to learn how measure and compare heights and lengths.

In our writing, we will continue to look at 'Prince Cinders' and will create a product by following and writing instructions.

We will conduct an investigation in science around floating and sinking, as well as looking at 'The Huge Bag of Worries' in PSHE, assembling our 'no snow snowman' in DT and drawing an aerial map of our school in Geography.



Things to know...

Outdoor PE is on Tuesday and indoor PE is on Thursday. Please remember to practice the common exception word spellings at home.

Weekly special mentions to...

11E - Rose, Kusitino, Ettelina, Eva
1C - Hannah, Jackson, Misum

Year 2 News...

This week's stars....

Star Butterfly of the Week -
Ettie- consistently good work and effort in all aspects of her learning.

Star Bluebird of the Week -
Teddy for amazing Art work.
Well done to you both - keep up the great work 😊

Next week in Year 2...

Next week, we will be reading another adventure story about two friends that go on a special quest. In maths, we will start to think about adding using a formal method. In DT we will practice sewing skills. In art, we will create a wallpaper design ready to print onto paper.



Messages and dates...

Please ensure your child has a coat, hat, scarf and gloves in school over the coming weeks. It is very cold now.

Please ensure your child has appropriate and warm clothes for outdoor P.E on Friday mornings. They should wear extra layers and can wear gloves and a hat too.
Thank you.



What is going on in Year 3?



Next week in Year 3

Next week in Year 3 we will be continuing learning about multiplication in maths and learning colours in French. In science we will be investigating friction and in English we will continue writing about the stone age day.

Shout outs to...

3R
Navyata, Jacob M, Jacob L, Freddie

3H
william, macy, Aditti, Noah

Reminders to parents:

Next Wednesday we will be going to forest schools and creating stone age settlements so please bring warm cloths appropriate for forest schools.

Remember PE kit is needed on Thursday and Fridays.

Updates from Year 4



What is happening next week?

Next week in English, we will continue with story writing as we develop characters and then begin to put story elements together. We'll be finding out about Anglo Saxon beliefs, exploring Hindu ceremonies and festivals and comparing them to Christian ceremonies. Using our learning about William Morris's work, we will use our own tiles for block printing work. We'll be investigating where our food comes from with 'Farm to Fork'. E-safety will be on the agenda too. In Geography we are comparing climate zones and looking at natural disasters, this will link closely to our exploration of COP 28. Homework: Spellings and times tables (TT Rockstars etc). Activities from the Home Learning Grid.

Messages and dates...

School Christmas Fair - Friday 1st December
Harry Potter Day - Tuesday 12th December (please remember to sign up for the lunch).
PE days are Wednesday afternoon for outdoor and Friday afternoon for indoor.

This week's stars....

4JH: DOJO Champion - Billie-Jo
Harriers of the day - Jude, River, Thane

4EH: Noah and Aida for looking at their own strengths and identifying the strengths in others. Lola for a consistent great attitude to her learning and Barsha for her creative writing.

Year 5 Latest...



Next week in Year 5

We have been making our own Kahoot quizzes and challenging each other about what we have been learning. After careful sketching in art, we have designed and created our dragon eyes from clay. We look forward to painting them next week. We are in the middle of planning our Viking Sagas and have had some fantastic, creative ideas.

Dates and messages....

Christmas Fair (Friday 1st December).

If you have an old shirt or apron that can be brought in and left in school, this will be useful for art and craft activities over the next few weeks.

Shout outs to...

5W - Charlie and Lucas for their great ideas.

5A - Evie for setting the example of what we expect in Year 5.

5S - Annie-May for her excellent explanations.

All about Year 6



Next week, we will be...

We will be completing our Autumn 2 assessments. We are continuing to work on fractions, moving from fraction of shape and number, to adding, subtracting, simplifying and comparing fractions with different denominators. We will be revising word classes: nouns, adjectives, verbs etc.

Shout outs to...

6RH:

Adale: Being kind at all times

Caleb: Great contributions to PSHE

Skye: Working hard

Poppy: Great independent 'No Fear' Challenge work.

6JH:

Chris: superlearner of the week

Alice: always a high standard of work

Edie: being kind, helpful and great ideas in English

Robert: great subject knowledge

Kacey: being incredibly helpful!

Things you need to know...

Christmas Fair - 1st December 2023