

Weekly Newsletter, 28th June 2017

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CASTLE PARK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Weekly Checklist

Winning House for Summer Term and for the Year

EDWARDES



The members of the winning House enjoyed two celebrations last week - a pool party on Tuesday afternoon for winning House of the Summer Term and then on Wednesday evening they came back to School to enjoy the Winning House Supper which is celebrated along with this year's Leavers. Congratulations to Edwardes on all their hard work this year!

Office Hours during Holidays:

Autumn Term 2017

Thursday 31st August - term commences for all pupils

Half-term - Monday 23rd October to Friday 3rd November inclusive

Wednesday 21st December - term ends for all pupils

Summer Activity Camps

Multi-Activity & Swim Intensive Camps are on offer at the Swim Academy during the holidays - full details including weeks available are on the [website](#)

Farewell to Form VI

We would like to thank the pupils from Form VI (and their families) for the lovely gift of a bench for the Prep playground. You may have noticed it already around the tree near the classroom corridor - a lovely spot to sit and contemplate all that Castle Park has to offer. The bench has been specially constructed from red oak sourced in Co Meath and many thanks go in particular to Judith Kelly for coordinating the project.

Monday to Friday
9am to 4pm
Closed 1 to 2pm

Summer Camps:

Multi Activity &
Swim Intensive
on offer at the Swim
Academy & Sports Centre

contact 01 2712936

Lost Property:

A Canon camera was found
after Sports and Family Day -
please contact the School
Office if you have mislaid
yours.

**Lost Property - School
Uniform:**

We have endeavoured to
return all labelled items of
uniform to their correct
owner before the end of
term. There still remain
many items which we are
unable to return due to lack
of labelling, these items will
be held until Friday 30th
June and will then be
disposed of.



Our best wishes go to the 25 pupils who can now call themselves Old Cepians, we wish you every happiness and success as you embark on the next stage of your educational journey moving on to your chosen secondary schools in September.

Sports Department - the Final Score!

Sports & Family Day What a wonderful day we all enjoyed on Saturday 17th June, the magnificent weather was mirrored by the focussed and determined performances of the children as they competed in all the events - from the spider crawl in Pre-Prep to the highly competitive relays at the end of the day.



Many congratulations to Toone House who won the Junior Cup; Pringle who won the Senior Cup and the overall winners - Pringle.



Monday then saw the two Inter-House Swimming Galas which were held during the morning. Again, competition was fierce between the four Houses and congratulations are given to Edwardes House, winners of the both the Junior & Senior Galas.

Finally on Tuesday morning the Prep department pupils all gathered in the Sports Hall for the presentation of the 2016-17 Sports Prizes. Congratulations go to every pupil in the School who trained and competed in a wide range of sports throughout the year and special mention goes to those whose prowess was recognised in particular at the Assembly.



Past Pupils gain International Caps for Hockey Many congratulations to two past pupils, Katie Jane and Riley, who have recently been selected to represent Ireland at u16 level. They will both be playing abroad in several events and tournaments over the summer.

Pre-Prep Trip to Glenroe Farm

What fun we all had on Monday's trip, a super way to finish our happy year in Pre-Prep. Here are some of us taking a rest during the busy day.



Musical Notes

Please remember to return your Booking Form for music tuition for the academic year 2017/18 - all pupils must renew on a yearly basis. Further copies of the Form may be downloaded from the [Parent Zone on the School website](#).

Also, please make sure that any instrument that was rented from the School for this academic year is returned immediately. They may be dropped in to the School Office between 9am and 4pm daily this week (closed 1.00 - 2.00pm).

Update from Old Cepians

St Andrew's College Uganda Trip 2017

We are Katie-Jane and Riley, past pupils of Castle Park. We have just finished Transition Year in St Andrew's College. As part of the TY programme we were one of the lucky eighteen students to be selected to represent the school in Uganda, Africa.

Throughout the year we fundraised and collected donations to bring with us to multiple projects that we support. The first project we support is Good Shepard's Fold Orphanage in Jinja, east Uganda. Here, we taught classes in the orphanage's primary school, got to know the orphans, and went to a local village to help with their daily chores. After washing clothes, walking miles

for water, and sweeping the ground with grass brushes we are more aware of how privileged we are to have washing machines, and running water in our homes.

The second project we support is Rubrizi secondary school in Kisiizi, west Uganda, as well as Kisiizi Hospital. In Rubrizi school we gave donations, sponsor children through second and third level education, and spent a day in classes with the students. We gave donations to some of the families in the local area and sang and played with the kids in the children's ward of the hospital. The school and hospital were very different to those in Dublin but we believe that, despite the poverty and sickness, the people are so joyous, friendly and have a great sense of community.



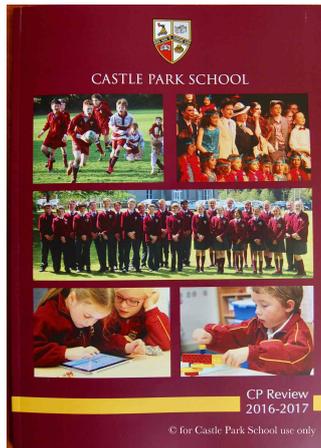
While in Kisiizi we visited St Mark's primary school and nursery. We received a very warm welcome as all the classes sang and danced for us. Their uniform was an orange colour but many of the children were unable to afford uniform and shoes. This is where Castle Park comes in. We dropped off the donation bags filled with second hand Castle Park uniform. They were all so excited to be given one piece of uniform. The next day when we were walking past the school, it was amazing to see all of the kids wearing the maroon uniform that we are so familiar with. Even in the scorching heat they were so happy in the big winter raincoats. Cannon Charles, the principal, and the children of St Mark's were so grateful for everything from us and Castle Park.

Overall this trip was a life changing experience and we hope to be given the opportunity to work in developing countries again. We would encourage the students of Castle Park to consider helping those less fortunate than themselves, whether that be in developing countries or closer to home. *(Katie Jane & Riley)*

We are also pleased to let you know that the monies raised last year by Nicole Le Saout (Moments) with a family photography session supported by many Castle Park families has enabled the construction of a specialised baby room at the Ugandan nursery.



CP Review 2016-17



Congratulations to Mr Meade on yet another wonderful celebration of the year here at Castle Park. The CP Review is a timely keepsake for each child in the School and we hope that you will enjoy showing family and friends all that has happened here during the year.

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