



## **FAMILY NEWSLETTER SPRING 2019**

### **Highlights during March**

#### **Creativity week**

Our first ever creativity week (theme space) has been a huge success and we will be making this a regular yearly event. During the week we held live music, arts and crafts activities, story-telling, trails and treasure hunts, cooking events, a science rocket launch, creative writing challenges and included world book day and creative costumes. Thank you to all our families for the support you gave. I hope that those of you who were able to join us for an informal afternoon during the week enjoyed your visits to class. The week gave pupils a real chance to engage with enriching and motivating activities and experiences such as live music which are not always readily available. Pupils developed those themes in lessons, for example, simple sound compositions in music lessons and will take them forward into their future learning.

#### **Our sports events continue with enjoyment and success:**

On Tuesday 26 March Granta Table Cricket team went to Gretton School to participate in the Cambridgeshire County Table Cricket Championships. We won both our matches against Castle school and Gretton School to become county champions. We will now go on to play in the regional championships at Newmarket on Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Trainee teacher**

We take our responsibilities to train the next generation of teachers for their future work with pupils with special educational needs seriously. For that reason, we regularly provide speakers and workshops for groups outside of school. Occasionally we host trainee teacher placements and one took place this month. We wish Katie well in her future career and maybe one day she will return to Granta or another special school. Families may be interested to know that several of our current teachers began their careers with support and training at Granta.

#### **Cambridgeshire Joint Playschemes**

It was a pleasure to see so many of our, and Castle School's, young people enjoying a moment of fame on ITV news this week! Well done to you all and if any family is unsure about their fund raising project, which will cost you nothing but could provide £40,000 of funding to them, you can find out more via our website.

#### **Dates for your diary:**

The last day of term is this Friday (5 April) and pupils return on Wednesday 24 April.

Dates for next term:

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| 08 May            | Cooking Club               |
| 13 May (for week) | Bendrigg residential visit |
| 14 May            | Ark Farm visiting Granta   |
| 24 June           | KS3 activity week          |
| 03 July           | Secondary Sports morning   |
| 05 July           | Primary Sports morning     |
| 17 July           | Cooking Club               |

Best wishes

Lucie