CASTLE
NEWSletter

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WANTED

Have you seen this character at home?

At the Castle we have many awesome educational toys and fantasy play toys for our little learners to use and develop holistically. With the bright colours and little creatures, these toys can be tempting to place in a pocket.

Young children sneaking an item into their pocket is part of their learning experience. Is it right? No, it is not, however, we use these situations as a learning experience to teach ethics. Ethics is generally only taught when a young child makes a bad choice. At the Castle we make use of these opportunities to creating learning platforms. We seek ways to teach values and then implement them every day.

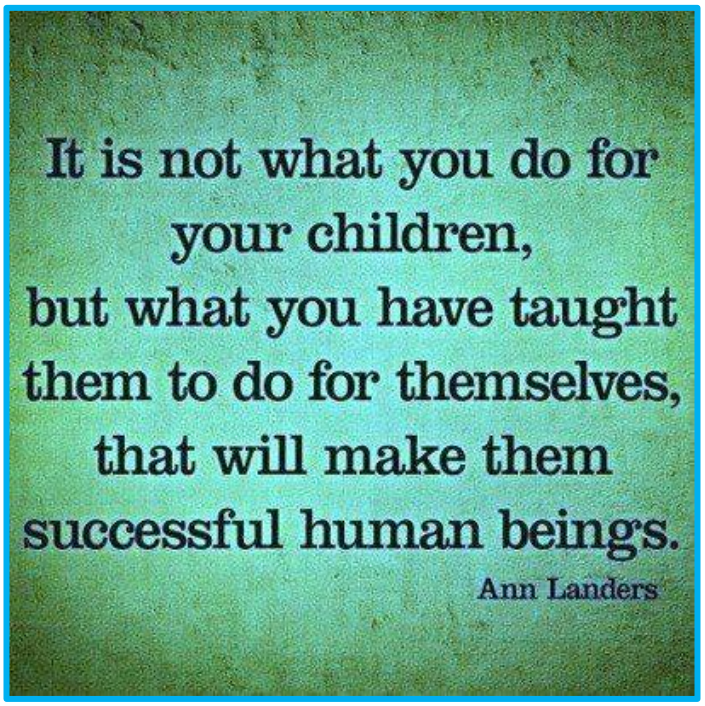
- **Trustworthiness** - Be honest. Do not deceive, cheat, or steal. Be reliable - do what you say you will do. Be loyal.
- **Respect** - Treat others with respect. Be tolerant of differences. Use good manners, not bad language.
- **Responsibility** - Do what you are supposed to do. Use self-control. Be self-disciplined and accountable for your choices.
- **Fairness** - Play by the rules. Take turns and share. Be open-minded. Do not take advantage of others.
- **Caring** - Be kind. Be compassionate. Express gratitude. Forgive others. Help people in need.
- **Citizenship** - Do your share. Be a good neighbour. Obey laws and rules. Respect authority. Protect the environment.

Please keep a look out for any of these Lego characters.

Some advice for our parents:

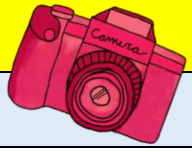
- **Teach your children that character counts** - that their success and happiness will depend on who they are inside, not what they have or how they look.
- **Enforce your values by rewarding good behaviour** (usually, praise is enough) and discouraging all instances of bad behaviour by fair, consistent consequences. I.e., every lie should be treated in the same way and have the same consequence.
- **Be an advocate for character**. Do not be neutral about the importance of character or casual about improper conduct. Be clear and uncompromising that you want and expect your children to be trustworthy, respectful, responsible, fair, caring, and good citizens.
- Finally, model the behaviour you would like to see in your child. **Be careful and self-conscious about setting a good example in everything you say and do**. Everything you do and not do sends a message about your values. And you are bound to slip up, so be accountable when you do. For example, even though it may seem that you are lying about your child's height to get him on an amusement park ride is insignificant, you are actually teaching him that it is okay to lie to get what he wants. "Whatever you allow, you encourage."

Building character does not happen overnight. It is certainly not easy, and there is always room for improvement. If you are unsure about where to begin, start with trying to do the right thing in every situation. Little by little, by modelling the behaviour you would like to see in your child and policing yourself in tempting situations, you will show your child how to live the values you deem important.



MAY

Week 7	Understanding Diversity -isiXhosa Week (Greetings)
Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 May	School Photos
Friday 28 May POSTPONED	Grade R Fitness Day - B-Active



JUNE

Week 8	Understanding Diversity - Setswana Week (Greetings)
Friday 4 June	Group 3 to Group 5 – Mobile zoo Visit
Week 9	Understanding Diversity - siSwati Week (Greetings)
Friday 11 June	Pajama Day
Week 10	Understanding Diversity - Sepedi Week (Greetings)
Wednesday 16 June	Public Holiday – Youth Day
Friday 18 June	All about Dad
Sunday 20 June	Father's Day
Week 11	Understanding Diversity - Xitsonga Week (Greetings)
Tuesday 22 June	Parent Consultation - By Invite only - MS Teams
Wednesday 23 June	Parent Consultation - By Invite only - MS Teams
Friday 25 June	Break up day. Group 3 to 5 – 11:00 / Grade R 11:30

AWESOME
AUTUMN

FOR SALE

CURRO Beanies and Scarves will be on sale at the main reception if you would like to buy for your primary or high school child.
Beanies R75
Scarves R150
Note that your school fee accounts will be debited, and no cash will be accepted.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the donors for attending our blood drives that took place at Curro Aurora on the 14 May 2021. The number of donors who donated were 63. This excludes donors who were unable to donate. Your continued support is highly appreciated.

FACE MASKS

What does your child's face mask look like at the end of the day?
At the Castle children are encouraged to wear a mask that is safe (3 layers) and is comfortable. It needs to cover both their nose and mouth. I do find, however, some masks look so grubby by the end of the day – even if the teacher has changed it during the day.

Please take the following into consideration when choosing a mask for your child:

SIZE and FITTING:
Does it fit your child correctly? It needs to cover both their nose and mouth. Many masks tend HANG on the child's face exposing their nose or it engulfs their hold face.

SPACE TO BREATH:
There needs to be sufficient space within the mask so that your child can breathe easily. Having the mask stretched across tightly on their face must be incredibly uncomfortable.

HYGIENE:
Teachers change masks during the day. It is age appropriate for some of the younger children to still drool into the mask while their oral muscles are developing, however, by Group 5 and Grade R your child's mask should be able to stay dry during the day. A soaked mask raises some concerns over hygiene and audibility through the mask.

Please put on a new mask every day!

Chat to your child's class teacher about what masks are a good choice if you need some advice.

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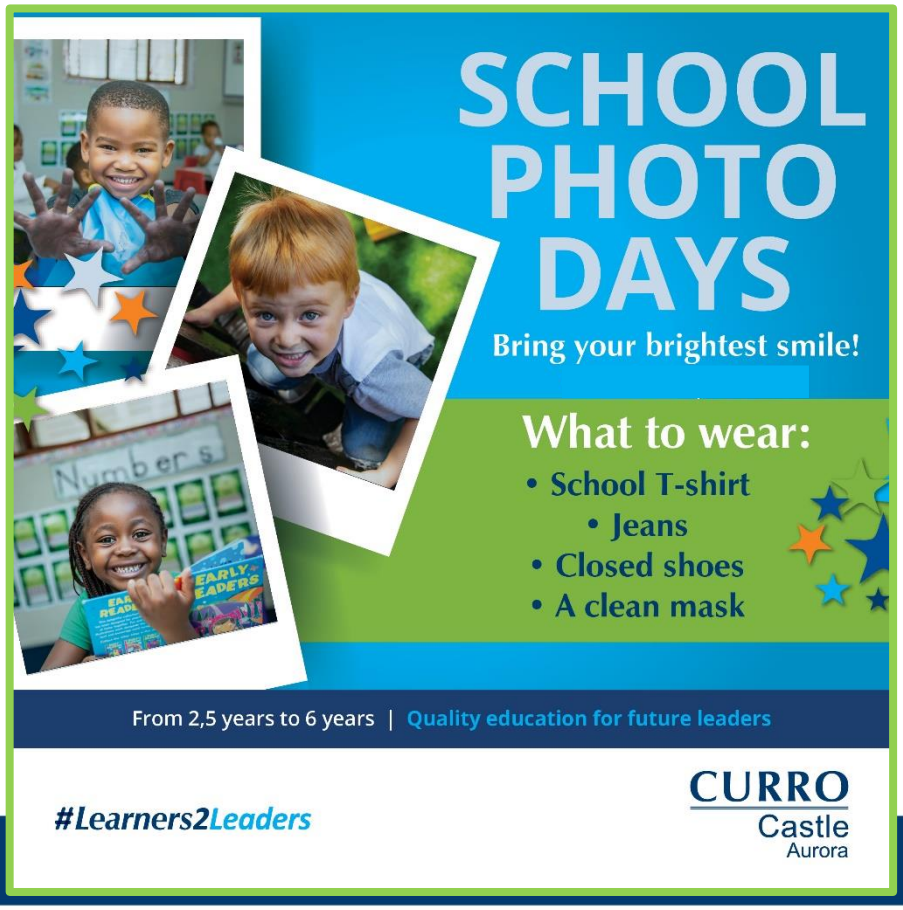
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