

Twinny's travels

As part of an e-twinning project, Castle View students hosted a travelling Belgian Gnome called Twinny. Different groups of students took him to places of interest and helped him write a blog about his travels. Northumbrian Water supported the students in visiting Ryhope pumping station where they all took part in various activities.



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Principal appointed

Janet Bridges, will be the academy's new principal. From April 2008, Gateshead born Janet will work with the lead sponsor Northumbrian Water and co-sponsor Sunderland City Council to set up the academy which will be built on the existing Castle View School site. A Newcastle University graduate, she has taught in Northumberland and Easington before becoming head teacher of Stanley School of Technology in 2002.

Janet explains: "The creation of the new academy is a marvellous opportunity to work alongside parents, students and the wider community. I have thoroughly enjoyed my years leading the school in Stanley and I am sad to leave but I am looking forward to my exciting new challenge with such an important project. John Cuthbert, chair of the Castle View Academy board said: "We are delighted to have recruited someone as successful and well-qualified as Janet to lead Castle View Enterprise Academy. We look forward very much to working with Janet and her colleagues in the academy."



Janet Bridges



John Cuthbert

Welcome to Castle Views, the newsletter for the new Castle View Enterprise Academy. The aim of this newsletter is to let you know about the exciting opportunities for students and the community to get involved with the development of the new academy. Although the new academy will not be opening until September 2009, there is lots of activity underway.

My role is to chair the Castle View Enterprise Academy trust board, which will eventually become the governing body for the new academy, as well as being managing director of the lead sponsor, Northumbrian Water. As the opening of the new academy draws nearer you will hear more about our exciting plans for the students and will have lots of opportunities to ask Janet Bridges, the new principal, and me questions. In the meantime, I hope you find this newsletter a useful source of information. We plan to send it out on a regular basis so that you can find out all you need to know about Castle View Enterprise Academy. If you do have any questions or comments please contact us:

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Name our restaurant competition

Why not take part in our competition to name the new restaurant and win £100 of sport equipment vouchers?

The new academy will have excellent catering and dining facilities created with the students' best interests in mind. Our plan is that all students will remain on site during the lunch break with lunchtimes rotated for different age groups. So why not enter this competition and you could soon be sitting in the restaurant that you named?

Restaurant competition – entry form

Name for restaurant and why you have chosen that name: _____

Name: _____

Current school and address: _____

Closing date: **July 20th 2008**

Hand in to your teacher or place into the box at reception at Castle View School.

Contact us

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Architect's impression of the new academy

New visions

Current students at Castle View spent a considerable amount of time helping to design the new academy at a special event at the Stadium of Light. They worked closely with architects and designers to assist and 'put their view' into their new academy.



Consultation groups

Throughout the planning and development process a number of consultation groups have been established to ensure that students, parents and the wider community have a say in their new academy.

Design team

Events have been held at Castle View School to show students, parents and the wider community the plans, building designs and progress made by the contractor. Over 100 people attended the first session on 13th March 2008. The design team meet regularly with the Principal, Trust Board Members and City Council to ensure the building will be delivered on time and will incorporate all the views of the community it serves.

Marketing

Newcastle based company 'The Roundhouse' has been working with students at the school, governors, community members, teachers and parents to develop a new logo for the school and to decide on new colours for the academy. The results will all be revealed in the next issue, of Castle Views.

Trust board

This group is similar to the Governing Body and the group has been working in partnership with Sunderland City Council, other academy sponsors and local residents to ensure the academy development runs smoothly and any important decisions are made on time and for the benefit of local students and their families.

Transition/steering groups

These groups meet every month and form effective liaison with the existing school and the new academy. Representatives from the DCSF (Department for Children, Schools and Families) take a very active part in these sessions to ensure that any decisions made are in the best interests of students and their families.

It is the intention of the academy to establish wider forums for consultation and we look forward to members of the school body, parent body and community becoming involved in the groups in the coming months. Roadshow events will also be offered to all parents via the local primary schools in the autumn term. Further details will follow in the next newsletter.

Building work begins

Initial work has begun to build the exciting £16 million Castle View Enterprise Academy on the existing Castle View School site.

As part of the Sunderland City Council's £120 million BSF (Building Schools for the Future) project, the design will have state of the art facilities with a special base for Year 7 entrants to the school. Specialist facilities include: Internet Café facilities, 8 ICT Business and Enterprise Rooms, Student Parliament / Enterprise Centre, Enterprise Retail Outlets, Hairdressing Salon, Student Catering Kitchen and Restaurant for training, an Activity Studio, a Drama / Dance Studio, Recording Studio and Comprehensive Sport Facilities. Our own swimming pool, leisure centre and multi-user games area will remain and be upgraded as part of the new build.



Working with Northumbrian Water

Over the last two years we have been working closely with our lead sponsor Northumbrian Water, to develop business links and support our business and enterprise specialism. This has included securing sponsorship for the school's annual achievement awards and support for reward visits for students, such as trips to see the Newcastle Eagles play basketball or to watch Sunderland AFC play football.

One of the main highlights of this work was a visit from Tony Blair as part of the launch of the Tony Blair Sports Foundation. To launch the foundation officially, students took part in an indoor rowing competition held in Castle View sports hall. Mr Blair presented the winners with medals and congratulated everyone on their energetic and enthusiastic participation. During the visit representatives of the student council had the opportunity to ask Mr Blair questions about his views on everything from environmental issues to his favourite sports.

Facts about Castle View Enterprise Academy

- It is free and non selective.
- It will have places for 900 local students.
- All students in the existing school will have a place in the new academy.
- Procedures for admission will still be via Sunderland Local Authority – the same admission rules apply.
- It will not be a faith school, all faiths are welcome.
- The academy will specialise in business and enterprise.
- The school will be fully DDA compliant.
- The academy lead sponsor is Northumbrian Water and Sunderland City Council are the co-sponsor.

