



Cotherstone Primary School

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Shadow Puppet Workshop Report

By Amelia and Lydia

On 10th January Class 3 went to the Witham Hall in Barnard Castle to do a World War 1 shadow theatre workshop.

When we got there we met Kelvin and Stephanie who were guiding us through the day. First we got dressed in our costumes. The boys dressed up as men/boys and soldiers. The girls dressed up as nurses and girls/ladies.

We practised each scene then filmed it. We really enjoyed the day.

Sports Centre

Just a reminder that KS2 (Classes 2 and 3) will be attending the Sports Centre on Monday afternoons starting this Monday. Those children swimming will be those who were in Tracey's group last term (plus Harriet). The remainder of Key Stage 2 will be using the dry side facilities.

Scooters

Could we ask if possible you could put your child's name / initials on their scooter or tie a name tag on the scooter.

Keeping Warm!

The weather has turned wintery so please ensure your child comes to school prepared for outside break times. A warm coat, hat and gloves are all necessary for the children to make the most of their time out-

side.

Times Tables Wrist Bands

In order to support the children's learning and knowledge of times tables facts we are going to trial the use of times tables wrist bands.



When children have shown 'mastery' of a particular times table they will be awarded a wrist band for that times table. When children wear their wrist band any member of staff may ask the child a question related to that times table.

These bands will not be worn during P.E. or other activities where they could be a health and safety hazard and will stay in school at the end of the day. So in theory they should not come home. There will be 12 bands to collect. To begin with we will focus using the bands for children in KS2 but the intention is to roll it out for the younger children once any 'teething' issues have been ironed out.

Robinwood

Please may we have all indication

Dates for your diary

Dates in bold are new additions from the last

Newsletter

22nd Jan - Celebration Assembly 2:45pm

5th Feb - Celebration Assembly 2:45pm

9th Feb - Class 3 to 'Forbidden Planet' production @ Teesdale School (possibility children may be slightly late)

10th Feb - Class 1 to Dance Festival

12th Feb - School closes for half term break

22nd Feb - School re-opens

Don't forget to book your child's place at Cool Kids! Contact Claire on 0751 2917262

of interest forms and deposit for Robinwood in by Monday. Should your child not be attending, could you please let us know so that we know who we are waiting to hear from. Thank you.

Contact Details

Please ensure we have your up to date contact details. Contact Alison in the office to inform us of any changes. Thank you.

Eco-greenhouse

Thank you to everyone who has sent in plastic bottles for our greenhouse. May we ask that no more bottles are sent in until the weather warms up, we have a large number to install and we may well already have enough! We will keep you posted.

Change 4 life

Each child has today been issued with a small Change 4 life wallet containing recently issued nutrition information.

Staff Offsite

Mon - Dr Jellis

Homework

Class 1 - Yr 1 and 2 - Three Little Pigs Story sheet

Class 2 - To be issued on Monday

Class 3 - Spellings (will now be issued weekly) & Maths worksheet

News from The Friends of Cotherstone School

Thank you for all the help we received for bag packing at Morrisons last weekend. We had lots of volunteers and all the children seemed to really enjoy being involved and we raised £344.47!

We have recently purchased a new reading scheme for the school, the money raised bag packing will go towards purchasing more iPads for the children to use.