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Federation

The federation consultation closes on Friday 4th December 2020. If you would like to comment please do so before that date.

Attendance

We would like to share with you the news that currently attendance is excellent and lateness is much reduced - a real positive amongst all the not so good news we have had recently! Thank you to all parents and children for their support.

Children in Need Day - by Bella N and Isabelle

Today for Children in Need day we dressed up in pyjamas and spotty clothes. We also brought in donations to go towards this charity. We did this because we would like children to get better and not be in poverty, so the money can go to treatments and food. Today there are lots of fun activities to do and take part in.



Thank you all for your kind donations we have raised £59.80 which we will be sending off to the Children in Need charity.



This week in Class 1

Spotty Cakes

By Peter

"We made spotty cakes because it's Pudsey day. We give money for children who need it. Pudsey has lots of spots like our cakes".



Poppy biscuits - By Joe

"We made poppy biscuits. We made them because it was Remembrance Day. It's where you remember all the soldiers that died in the war. We put flour, sugar, butter and eggs in to make the biscuits. The red icing was for the poppy and a chocolate button for the black bit in the middle."

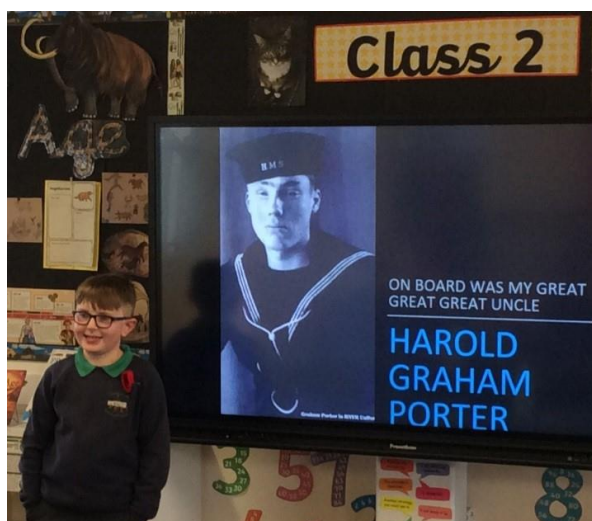


Diva Lamps - By Penny

"We made diva lamps from saltdough. First, we moulded the saltdough into a round shape. Then we put them in the oven (Mrs Murtagh and Miss Lee did!) We took them out and painted and decorated them. It is 'Diwali' this weekend where Hindus and Sikhs and anyone else who wants to celebrate the festival of light."

This week in Class 2

Remembrance Day Presentation



On Wednesday, Jon presented a very interesting presentation about his Great Great Great Uncle who was part of Operation Dynamo during WWII as we were remembering fallen soldiers on Remembrance Day. Class 2 listened carefully as Jon told us all about the Operation and the part his family member played. Fantastic work Jon - well done! Miss Gillard 😊

Class 2's Poppy Mobile - By Sennen and Summer

First, we used red biro and red felt tips on the bottom section. We only used dots and lines to make our patterns.

Next we used red tissue paper and red card on the top half to make mosaic.

Then, we did wax resist using pastels and water colours. The pastels resisted the water colour paint to make a great effect.

Finally, we used charcoal to shade in the middle of the poppies before they were all put together to make a mobile.

We had lots of fun making them!



This week in Class 3
Remembrance Day - by Toby and Monty

In Class 3, in our DT lesson we created our own poppies to be displayed and to represent our own "Flanders Fields". To make them we first made little cuts around a paper plate (which we had painted red). We used the paper plate as our loom and wove wool (weft) in and out of our warp, to form a circular woven shape. This was quite tricky! We attached a black button, a leaf, and a stick to the back so that we could place our poppy into the ground. At 11 o'clock on the 11th of November the whole school went out and stood around the poppies, in our bubbles, for our 2-minute silence. We also included some rainbows and candles in between the poppies.



Thank you all for your donations we have raised £35.00 which will go to the British Legion Poppy Appeal Fund.

School Council

Hello, we are the school council for this half term. This is our team... Noah, Harry, Lydia, Henry, Sennen, Josie and Libby. On our agenda today, we discussed children sending Christmas cards in school and how this tradition might be a problem due to the Coronavirus. Other ideas that were suggested was to make a small donation (the cost of a box of Christmas cards) and then send one class card to each class and all sign. However, we all thought it would be a shame to stop this because we all enjoy writing, sending, and receiving them so we had a vote, and all agreed to still send them but for them to go into a post box in school for 72 hours before being sorted by a member of staff.

We also discussed about interviewing teachers to find out interesting things about them, such as their favourite meal, favourite chocolate bar and if they have a pet. We would then produce a little fact file about that teacher to go in the newsletter.

Bye for now - Cotherstone School Council.



Thank you for all your support.

Chris Matthewman and the Cotherstone Team