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It's going to be chilly in school over the forthcoming weeks as guidance from the government is for schools to keep well ventilated during lockdown. Please therefore send your child to school in warm clothing and extra layers if necessary.

Lunch money

Please send in payment of £71.40 for school lunches this half term.

Spooky dress up day

On the 23rd October, we brought a pound into school to dress up in anything we wanted. We did different fun activities; the first activity was a Maths comprehension with special challenges. The second one we got to make and bake biscuits which we did in groups of 5. After break, we did some spooky symmetry and decorated our biscuits. After lunch, we watched a film and ate our biscuits. It was a nice, fun and great day.

by Thomas Year 5

Corn Dollies



On the week of harvest, the school was selling kits to make corn dollies at home. The corn dollies were fun and easy to make and the kits, during break times, were sold to the children for 1 pound. We raised £27 and the school council have decided that the money is going to a charity called 'Send a cow' which helps and educates families and farmers in rural Africa to have crops and food and to become self-sufficient for years to come - all the children in the school have been given the chance to vote for 4 options to put the funds towards:

- A tip tap - which is a simple and effective hand washer.
- A water catchment tank - helps farmers have access to water all year round.
- A Beehive - Which helps families who have poor soil still have a good yield of crops by pollination and produces bees wax and honey.
- A dairy cow - which can provide families with over 3000 litres of milk a year and plenty of manure for an excellent fertiliser, brilliant for farming.



The final counting of votes will happen today, and the result will be announced in next week's newsletter.

By Kitty and Bella FB Year 6

Tippy Tap

By Chloe , Isolina and Isabella -Year 5

This week, Class 3 designed and made 3 tippy taps for our school to use to help with hand washing. Tippy taps are used in Africa to help to wash hands with clean fresh water and maintain good hygiene. Two of our tippy taps are placed by the gates and the other one is in the process of going up in Class 1's garden. It was a fun and creative project and something that we will use every day. We loved using the natural resources from around the school to make it work.



Children in Need

Next Friday, the school council have voted on a 'Pyjamas and Spotty day'. Children will be able to come to school wearing either their pyjamas, (please add lots of layers to keep warm), or something spotty and a donation of £1 would be very much appreciated towards supporting children in poverty in the UK.

This week in Class 1

The Great Fire of London Cakes by Elodie

On the last day of term, we made 'Great Fire of London cakes'. We have been learning about 'The Great Fire of London' in History. We put flour, currants and more ingredients in the bowl. They tasted funny and yummy!

Elodie



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Thanks to Kitty's Mum for sending us the recipe - Miss Lee

Message from Miss Lee

Thank you to everyone who has sent 'Wow moments' into school on Monday. We have had a lovely time reading and sharing them with the rest of the class and have displayed them on our 'Wow' wall. Please continue to send them in on either a Monday or Friday but don't feel you have to send them in every week unless there is something you would like us to share and give praise for.

Poppies

I have requested 'Poppies in the Post' to be delivered to school this next week. As soon as they are available, they will be displayed outside the main entrance for you to purchase and wear if you would like to.

Miss Lee

Thanks to Middleton Forge

Key Stage 1 would like to say a very big thank you to Middleton Forge for their generous discount on the wood they sold to us to make the outdoor sand pit lids. As special thanks to David Blake, who cut the wood to the size specified as this is not common practise. The wood was also delivered to my house for free! The sand pit lids have been broken and unusable for over a year now and we have never been able to put sand in the box for the children to use as we could not keep it clean or watertight. We look forward to using the sand when Covid restrictions allow and will also continue to support the local firm again soon.

Mrs Murtagh

Homework

Please see Google Classroom for this week's homework.

Kind regards,

Chris Matthewman and the Cotherstone Team

