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Taiwanese Lessons

We are excited to share with you that children from both Bowes and Cotherstone schools will be having an online lesson with a Durham University student, who will teach them about Taiwan and Taiwanese culture. The children will also learn a Taiwanese folk song along with a simple game that can be played with the song. This follows on from a recent lesson with a Russian language student and is part of the Scholars into Schools' education project.

Design and Technology -Class 1

We have been designing and making free-standing structures this week as part of our Design and Technology. The children were given the challenge to make something for Humpty Dumpty's garden. Isabella made a super butterfly ornament and Kitty made a chair for him.



Captain Tom 100 Challenges

The children enjoyed taking the challenge of walking 100 steps around the playground to see how far they could get to remember and commemorate Sir Captain Tom's birthday, which would have been today.



We also collected 100 natural objects and put them in a line to count them. To consolidate our counting in 2's, 5's and 10's this week we asked the children to group them into these groups and record the numbers.

School Council

School Council interview with Mr P Nicholls By Summer and Jon

On Thursday 29th of April, the School Council had a meeting with Mr Nicholls, who is our Chair of the Bowes Cotherstone Federation Governing Body. This was arranged because we wrote a letter to him asking if we could interview him and he wrote back and said he would be delighted to meet us. We were really excited to ask him some questions that we had thought of and he gave us some really good answers like:

What is your favourite tree or plant? Sycamore and a Queen Elizabeth Rose, which are pink.

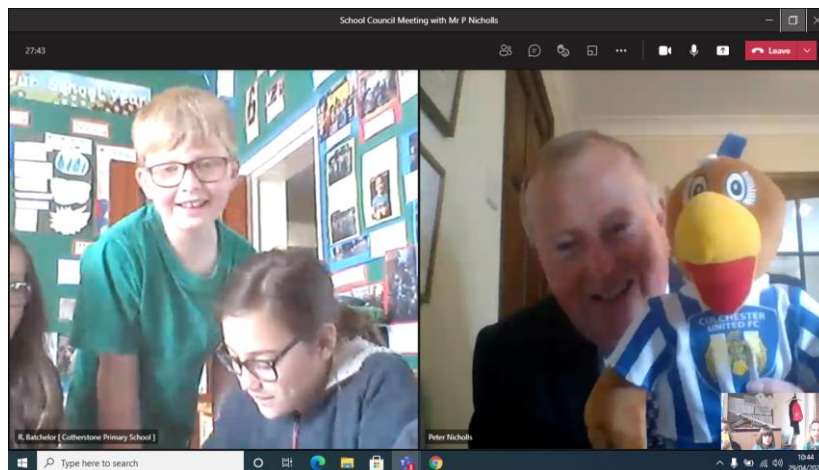
Have you got a pet? A goldfish called Fishy who is 8 years old.

Have you got a favourite song? 'Dreams' by Fleetwood Mac, 'Take it Easy' by The Eagles, 'Baker Street' by Gerry Rafferty and a classical one, 'Dance of the Knights' by Sergei Prokofiev, which is from Romeo and Juliet. (Mr Nicholls had 4 and we have listened to them all and they are pretty good!)

Have you a favourite teddy bear? Eddy the Eagle who is a football mascot.

What did you want to be when you grew up? A train driver.

And the most important question – DO YOU SNAP A KITKAT? YES, I DO



It was really fun to interview him and he was a very nice man. Hopefully he will be coming in when the Covid restrictions are lifted and we can show him around our beautiful school.

Homework

Class 1 – EYFS - Go on a minibeast hunt and see what creatures you can find in your garden. Draw your minibeasts and label them. Y1 - Count in 2's, 5's and 10's rote counting to 100. Y2 -To know 2x, 5x and 10 x tables - quick recall. Please can all children read daily and practise the red 'tricky' words too.

Class 2 – Spellings: unit 3. Maths: Division problems. Reading: Please read at home with an adult or older sibling as often as you can.

Class 3 – Numeracy: Maths Mat week 3. Spellings. Please read at home with an adult or older sibling as often as you can.

Computing: Blocking and Reporting activity - Please help your child complete this activity. It is a good reminder for children and adults on how to keep safe online. Any questions just let me know. Mr B.

After School Club

This week in After School Club the children have been making puppets and put on a puppet show, made carrot and pasta necklaces and enjoyed watching Shrek 2 on Film and Treat Night. If you would like to book your child into club please contact Alison in the office.

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We are very sorry that Nev will leave us in May. If you know anyone who may be interested in the post of After School Club Leader, please contact Alison in the office.

***Thank you for all your support.
Chris Matthewman and the Cotherstone Team***

Dates for your diary:

w/c 10th May - Mental Health Awareness Week