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Cotherstone Primary School Newsletter 7th May 2021

Covid

Please continue to wear a face mask when dropping off and collecting your children, for everyone's safety. Thank you.

School Lunch

Accompanying today's newsletter is a copy of Taylor Shaw's new 3-week Summer menu which will be introduced after the half term, starting on 7th June. Please complete the form on page 4 with your child's choices and return it to school by next Friday 14th May. As before, it is fine for your child to alternate between school lunch and packed lunch. Please note that pudding choice B is fresh fruit and pudding choice C is yogurt.

Science -Class 1

This week we have been learning about different animal habitats. The children researched about their chosen animal using the ipads and then they created their own animal habitat. It was great fun and the children found out about who the predators were and what their prey was.



Ronnie the Robot

EYFS children have really enjoyed making 'Ronnie the Robot' for Class 1. Ronnie will recycle any unwanted paper, card or recyclable materials. Well done!

Literacy in Class 2

Over the last few weeks we have been reading Fantastic Mr Fox. We have loved this book and we even got to watch some of the film! We wrote our own newspaper report about the farmer's plan to catch poor Mr Fox. We interviewed each other as witnesses and we also hot seated Mr Fox and The 3 'mean' farmers, Boggis, Bunce and Bean to include quotes in our reports! Then we wrote diary entries for poor Mr Badger. We have loved this book!

School Council - Composting Project by Kitty and Thomas

An idea was put in the suggestion box to think about what we do with our waste. We discussed it in our school council meeting and came up with some ideas. First of all we made a questionnaire for staff and pupils to answer about where they put their peelings and teabags once used. We then held a whole school assembly informing our friends about composting, the benefits of doing it and what you could and couldn't compost. We explained to everyone that we wanted to implement this into Cotherstone School life.



So far, it is working really well and everyone is doing their bit so thank you to everyone for your fabulous efforts! Let's make the Cotherstone Compost Project a success!

The School Garden

Last week we were busy planting seeds in the hope of growing some fruit and vegetables over the next few months. Here are some quotes of what the children thought of their gardening experiences so far:



"It's good fun and you get to mix the mud!" – April

"I like watering - it helps the seeds grow big into plants." – Rupert

"In the garden we planted carrot, courgette, lettuce and beetroot seeds – I'm looking forward to watching them grow." – Bella

"I liked planting the courgette seeds – it was good." – Robby

Homework

Class 1 – EYFS – Activities on ‘Google Classroom’ based around this week’s story ‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar’

Year 1 - Spellings, Maths and Animal Habitat tasks on ‘Google Classroom’

Year 2 - Spellings, Reading comprehension and Animal Habitats activity on ‘Google Classroom’.

Class 2 – Spellings Unit 3, Music- Notes on the stave worksheet, Maths- Fractions. Please continue to read with an adult/older sibling as often as you can.

Class 3 – Maths Mat Week 4. Sleepbuster plan and spellings.

After School Club

This week the children have enjoyed making pancakes, playing ‘Dodge the Lava’ outside and designed and decorated their own cakes. Please contact Alison in the office if you would like your child to get involved in the fun activities on offer.

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Unfortunately, Nev will leave us at the end of the month. 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