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## **Cotherstone Primary School Newsletter 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

### **Covid-19**

Following government advice and risk assessments, Covid restrictions will stay in place and continue until the end of term.

### **Pre-school**

If you would like to register your child for our pre-school starting in September please get in touch and we will send you relevant paperwork and information.

### **Annual Reports**

Your child's annual report was emailed to you on Monday. Please use the feedback form which accompanied the report to acknowledge receipt and comment on your child's report. Thank you.

### **Book Raffle Winners**

Class 1: Benji, Harry, Elodie, Joss, Calvin, Zara, Claudette and Isabella

Class 2: Sennen, Charlie, Robby, Henry, Brandon and Finley

Class 3: Chloe, Aliccia, Isabella, Indi, Thomas and Bella N

### **Bridge Building Competition**

This week all the children in school have been taking part in a Bridge Building Competition. In previous years we have tried to support the 'Children North East Sandcastle Competition', whereby the children have travelled to Sandhaven Beach, South Shields to make some wonderful sculptures using sand and water. However, due to this year's Covid regulations, the alternative was to design and create some amazing bridge constructions using recycled materials in our own schools and bubbles. All of the children have really engaged with this activity and it has brought different age groups (within their bubbles) to work collaboratively, taking turns, sharing and developing their ideas and thoughts on how to create their bridges.



Once all the bridges have been constructed I will be sending photos of them along with explanations of how and why the bridges were designed and created to the charity. As it is the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 'Children North East Charity' there will be certificates for every child who takes part and the top three designs will all receive £200 for their school. We would like to thank the FOCS for paying for the entry fees which will go to the charity who works with children and young people in their families, schools and communities to ensure they grow up to be healthy and happy.

Miss Lee

### **Sports Day by Class 2**

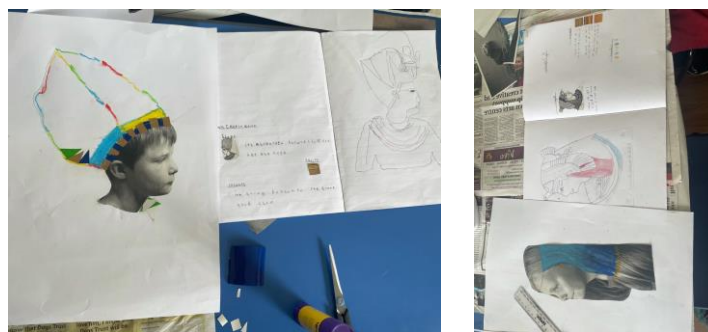
We held our annual sports day yesterday in our bubbles. The Class One bubble did their sports day on the morning and the Key Stage Two bubble in the afternoon. We had five sports activities to do. The long jump, an egg and spoon race, a football goal target activity, a throwing event and the legendary carrying water along the adventure trail event. We had lots of fun and we had juice and ice lollies at the end! The winning team this year was Barnard and they got a medal each. Everybody got some chocolate for taking part!



### **Class 2 Ancient Egypt Topic Day Part 1**

Yesterday we began our Ancient Egypt Topic Days in Class 2. On Thursday morning we designed and started to create our Pharaoh Headdresses. We explored the different shapes of headdress, their meaning and the Egyptian Collar Necklaces. We then explored patterns, colours and shapes to design our own.

Here is some of our artwork so far.



This afternoon we will create our own Cartouche with our name inscribed in Hieroglyphics.

Today we focussed on what was found in Tutankhamun's tomb and we explored Mummification in Egypt!

Photos of everything we get up to during our Egyptian days will be combined for Class 2 to take home.

## Music Performance - Class 2

Throughout the Summer term we have worked alongside Ms Diment from the Durham Music Service to learn to play the Violin. Class 2 have worked unbelievably hard learning the name of the strings, reading music, and using their bow to play their instrument. Yesterday we have recorded a final performance piece, and this will be available for parents/carers to watch via Google Classroom.

## The Hub by Owen and Monty

On Thursday, Class 3 went to the to do some outdoor and adventurous activities. These were:  
Canoeing: There were two people in each canoe. We were shown how to paddle straight and how to turn by pushing the water in the opposite direction. We played games with balls and canoe-tag. We also had races across the lake! Owen said, 'It felt amazing because it was like being a pirate on the verge of finding treasure!'



Bushcraft: For the bushcraft we were put into two teams (boys vs girls) and were set tasks to complete in time limits. First, we had to find a suitable location to build a shelter and then use natural and manmade resources to design and construct it. Then we were given flints and tinder and were challenged to create fire!



High-Ropes: For the high-ropes, we were challenged to build the highest tower out of milk crates. We had to work together to pass as many crates as possible to a member of our team who had to climb it. We built towers of 10, 12 and 14 crates! It was very high!

## A note from Mr B

This was our first trip out of school since February 2020 and not only was the weather perfect for the day but so were our children. Everybody worked together to complete the challenges, everybody supported everyone else when in challenging situations and everybody was a fine ambassador for our school throughout the day. Well done to all our children and I can't wait for more opportunities to show them off!

## Golden Ticket Lunchtime Awards

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Isabella – for always eating up her lunch

Elodie – for her kindness towards her fellow classmates

April – for always being willing to help lunchtime staff

Billy – for being a kind friend

Emmy - for always being helpful and friendly to everyone

Tom - for his mature attitude at lunchtimes.

Toby - for always being polite to lunchtime staff

Bella FB - for being a great friend.

## Awards

### Class 1 Awards:

Presentation award – Zara for lovely neat writing

Star of the week – Billy, for working collaboratively and enthusiastically on the bridge design

### Class 2 Awards:

Presentation Award- Robby

Stars of the week- Whole Class for their Egyptian Day Artwork!

### Class 3 Awards:

Presentation Award – Bella FB

Stars of the week – Toby – Being helpful and polite. Monty – Great teamwork!

Well done to you all!

## Homework

Please continue to read with your child at home as often as you can and record any reading you do in your child's reading record. For each occasion that your child reads at home, they are given a raffle ticket to enter our book draw for the chance to win one of our fantastic books.

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We would like to thank all parents who have supported us through this difficult year in abiding by Covid regulations and restrictions, supporting their children with home learning and continuing to positively affirm their support for all the staff.

We wish you all a safe and happy summer and look forward to welcoming you back in September.

***Thank you for all your support.***

***Chris Matthewman and the Cotherstone Team***

### ***Dates for your diary:***

19<sup>th</sup> July – Week 1 of lunch menu

20<sup>th</sup> July - Y5/6 Leavers assembly to be filmed for parents. No after school club.

2<sup>nd</sup> September - School re-opens for the Autumn term.