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## **Cotherstone Primary School**

### **Newsletter 16th September 2021**

#### **Class 1**

This week in Class 1 we have been learning how to use adjectives. We read the story 'Where the Wild Things Are', and we explored adjectives we could use to describe the 'Wild Things'. In Computing we read the story 'Digi Duck', and learnt about how to stay safe online.

#### **Class 3 Residential by Class 3**

##### **Day 1:**

Last Wednesday Class 3 embarked on a wild adventure and we said to goodbye to our parents and began a relatively short journey to Bowlees Visitor Centre where we got off the bus and walked to our camp which took roughly an hour.

When we arrived at the camp, we settled into our tents and made our own camp beds to sleep on. We ate our packed lunches and then we headed off to the river to cool off (as it was a very hot day!). We splashed around with our friends and our new friends from Bowes Hutchinson's School. Whilst in the river we made a Mexican wave and some of us dunked our heads in the water.



Next, we went into the woods and we all had to pick up a dry stick to ensure the fire was maintained and we were all kept warm. Whilst in the woods we took part in a Night Line Challenge, where we were blindfolded and had to follow a wire using our senses. Sometimes there were 2 wires and we had to choose which wire to follow. Miss Thomas had a leafy branch at the time and tickled people whilst they were blindfolded!

Before tea we played an organised football game against Bowes, which Mr Leinster refereed, and we drew 2-2. We had a brilliant BBQ cooked by Rob's dad (the chef) and we enjoyed it thoroughly. Whilst they were cooking the BBQ, we played team games and played the Mine Game.

We then got our pyjamas on and we toasted marshmallows and had hot chocolate with our friends. We told a story. Finally, we went to bed and talked in our tents before settling down to get some sleep.



## Day 2:

We woke up (quite early!) and had some cereal, croissants and brioches with orange juice. Then we went to get dressed and started our day with some archery. In Archery we were set a variety of challenges, one of which included a balloon popping activity and an activity where our names were placed on the board. After Archery we ate a buffet lunch and then we started to get our wetsuits, helmets and life jackets on for our Gorge walk.



At the Gorge Walk, to start with we did a trust fall which is when Rob held onto our buoyancy aid and we fell backwards into the water. Then we had to walk through the shallow river, watching out for slippery parts then we came up to a medium-sized waterfall and slid down it! After that we carried on a long a slippy river and we floated on our backs too! We came across a larger waterfall and some of us slid down whilst attached to a harness for safety! Then after sliding down the waterfall some people jumped off a big cliff. Those people included; Isabella, Josie, Chloe, Isolina, Indi, Summer and Sennen.



We started to walk back to the minibus and it began to thunder! This is when we had a Class Selfie. We arrived back at camp and enjoyed part two of the football match against Bowes and we won. Tea was served and it was some spaghetti bolognaise. After enjoying some more hot chocolate and a quiz we all settled down for bed.

***Our comments:***

Chloe: "I loved everything- especially the food and Gorge Walking because I jumped off a cliff and slid down a waterfall. I also liked winning the football match!"

Sennen: "I loved doing everything especially the Gorge Walking, Archery and the food!"

Tom H: "I loved Gorge Walking because we got to slide down a WATERFALL!"

Ashton: "Gorge Walking was good, sleep was fine and the food was great!"

Isolina: "I really enjoyed the Gorge Walking as it was a great challenge! I loved the food as it was delicious and I also loved chilling and playing football around camp."

Isabelle: "I enjoyed the football and also the river swim 😊"

Summer: "I liked jumping off the cliff and I was the first one off!"

Owen: "I enjoyed the quiz and hot chocolate with marshmallows!"

Indi: "I really enjoyed Gorge Walking because I jumped off the giant waterfall! I also really enjoyed the football match between Bowes vs Cotherstone because we won!"

Brandon: "I enjoyed the BBQ because it was the best BBQ I have ever tasted and we got an extra burger."

Aliccia: "I liked the residential because of the football match."

Isabella: "I really liked the Gorge Walking as we jumped off a cliff! I also loved the food! Especially the Spaghetti Bolognaise!"

Finn: "My favourite part was Archery and the Gorge Walking."

Thomas G: "I liked the activities and the fire!"

Josie: "I enjoyed the football match!"

Aaron: "I liked the residential because I liked the gorge walk!"

***Thank you to Rob and his team for looking after us and giving us the best experience.***

***A message from Miss Thomas:***

Class 3 were exceptional whilst on the trip, they did themselves proud and I am looking forward to teaching them all for the rest of this academic year.

**After School Club**

Please contact the school office to book your child a place.

## **Lunchtime Golden Tickets**

Golden Ticket Lunchtime Awards this week were awarded to:

Calvin - for settling in well to the lunch-time routine.  
Joss - for being a great role model to his younger class friends.  
Ryan - for his mature attitude at lunchtime.  
Finn - for showing great independence at lunchtime.

## **Awards**

Class 1 – Star of the Week: Thea for settling in to school so quickly.

Presentation Award: Joseph

Class 2 – Star of the Week: Robby for his great maths skills.

Presentation Award: Kitty

Class 3 - Star of the Week: All of Class 3 for their behaviour, enthusiasm, and confidence on our residential trip.

Presentation Award: Thomas H

## **Homework**

Class 1: Please continue to read your reading books regularly and practise your sounds.

Class 2: Maths mat. Spellings.

Class 3: Maths - Place Value Work. Spellings. Reading comprehension.

Please continue to read with your child as often as possible and record this in their reading record. Thank you.

***Thank you for your continued support,  
Chris Matthewman and the Cotherstone Team***

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

w/c 20<sup>th</sup> September – Week 1 of lunch menu

24<sup>th</sup> September – Key stage 2 swimming

1<sup>st</sup> October – Key stage 2 swimming

8<sup>th</sup> October – Key stage 2 swimming

15<sup>th</sup> October – Key stage 2 swimming

22<sup>nd</sup> October – Key stage 2 swimming