



# Cotherstone Primary School Newsletter

## 11th February 2022



### **School Lunches**

We have been notified by Durham County Council that school lunches will increase in price from 4th April to £2.20 per pupil and £2.64 (£2.20 + VAT) per pre-school child.

### **Sports Events**

After an early lunch on Wednesday 16th, key stage 2 children will travel to Newton Aycliffe to take part in a netball tournament.

The following day Class 1 children will take part in a multi-skills festival at Staindrop Academy.

We will let you know how they get on in next week's newsletter.

## Class 1 and 'Little Learners'



### **First Responder Visit**

Susan Bainbridge, from Middleton-in-Teesdale very kindly offered to come out to school to talk about her role as a First Responder. Susan talked about her role and the children took great delight in exploring her great big backpack that she carries with her on duty. The children asked lots of interesting questions and she taught the children how to put somebody in a recovery position. The children practised on each other under her watchful eye. We then practised some slings and bandages. Thank you, Susan, for giving up your time to visit us. ☺

### **Mountain Rescue Visit**

Holly's dad- Jamie paid Class 1 a visit. Jamie volunteers for the Mountain Rescue. He brought with him a huge backpack filled with lots of vital equipment. He told the children a story initially about a rescue and asked them what they would do. He then went on to show the children a map and a compass and showed them how to use them. The children especially enjoyed going underneath a tent to keep them warm and trying on the safety helmet and gloves. Thank you, Jamie, for a really interesting visit.



### **Chinese New Year**

'Little Learner's' and Class 1 both celebrated Chinese New Year together. The children watched a short video clip of children celebrating 'Chinese New Year' and then we went on to a range of activities involving: tasting chinese food, making paper dragons and lanterns, painting Chinese numbers and singing and dancing to a New Year song. We compared the differences to how New Year is celebrated on 1st January. We had a very fun morning and the children took home fortune cookies too. 🥳

### **Puppets**

As part of our Design and Technology topic this half term we have been learning about different types of puppets. This week the children all designed and made their own finger puppets. The finger puppets will be used in our puppet theatre before going home. Well done everyone -some great designs! 🍷









## This week in Class 2

We have had another busy week in Class 2. In Maths, we have been jumping along number lines using number frog to help us with our mental subtraction methods. We have also been using written methods for addition. In Literacy, we have been reading lots of stories set in Africa and learning about people's everyday lives there through the characters of No1 and Anna Hibiscus. We have also been comparing the stories and writing reviews of our favourites. In history, we learned where, why and how Roman roads were built in Britain and created our own models of them using some unusual materials.

We met two police dogs, Jet and Ben, and learned how they help the police to keep us all safe.

We also celebrated Safer Internet Day by learning how to keep safe while gaming online and how to help others who may be being cyberbullied or pressurised into playing. We also began creating animations to show how to help someone online.

We also took part in an art project with The Hub in Barnard Castle to create a piece of art that will be displayed there.

I would also like to mention that people from police visitors to bus drivers for swimming to outside PE coaches and rappers are consistently contacting us to tell how well-behaved, hard-working and engaged our children are so a BIG WELL DONE to them all! 🎉

## This week in Class 3

Class 3 were very excited to welcome Kema Kay back into school for our final Music workshop. They have now produced and performed their very own rap song with a focus on similarities and differences. We have really enjoyed this opportunity.

In Maths, we have been mastering fractions and once again Class 3 have amazed me with their problem solving and reasoning work- well done C3!

In Literacy, we have focused on direct and indirect speech whilst writing a witness statement as part of our Three Pigs work. We have also focused on relative clauses, which we will use in our upcoming narrative writing as the Wolf, to add detail to our writing. (See what I did there Class 3?!)

We explored Geocentric and Heliocentric theories in Science and to present their work Class 3 used Book Creator on the iPads to create an e-book to explain the theories. They used playdough to create models of each theory as well as using masks and acting to role play the influential scientists.

It was Safer Internet Day this week and as part of this Class 3 explored a variety of online safety tasks. They explored what they enjoy doing online and what they dislike/would change. They also explored Digital Wellbeing and have created some fantastic stories, poems, songs and raps about having a balance between online and offline activities. They are now working on creating an animation to go with their writing.

Well done Class 3 - keep up all the hard work 🌟







### **Awards**

Class 1: Star of the Week: Josie for being so helpful, honest and kind. Presentation award: Holly.

Class 2: Star of The Week: Claudette for her fantastic Safer Internet Day poster. Presentation: Jon .

Class 3: Star of the Week: Finn for your enthusiasm and creativity. Presentation award: Thomas G.



This week's lunchtime awards go to:

Rupert - for being a great help to lunchtime staff.

Benji - for his lovely manners towards lunchtime staff.

Zara - for her mature attitude at lunch times.

Chloe - for being a great team player.

### **Homework**

Class 1 - Please see your child's homework folder.

Class 2 - Spellings. Numeracy: Daily maths sheet. Safer Internet Day activities.

Class 3 - SPAG work. Computing- Internet safety activity. Maths mat.



### **After School Club**

#### **TUESDAY DRAMA CLUB!**

Does your child, fancy joining our drama club in after school club on Tuesdays?

Do they fancy trying their acting skills or even writing their own script?

If your child would like to join please speak to a member of staff or ring the office.



#### **Dates for your Diary**

w/c 14th February – Week 1 of lunch menu

16th February - Key stage 2 to netball tournament

17th February - Class 1 to multi-skills event

Friday 18th February - School closes for the half term break

Monday 28th February - School re-opens

***Thank you for your continued support.***

***If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.***

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