



Cotherstone Primary School Newsletter 25th March 2022

Easter Activities



On Friday 8th April, which is the final day of term, the children will take part in a variety of Easter-themed activities throughout the morning.

Of course, it wouldn't be Easter without the legendary Cotherstone School Egg Rolling competition. Prizes will be given for the furthest rolled egg. Please could you send your child in with a hard-boiled egg so that they can take part. Eggs can be brought in any day during the final week of term (Monday 4th April) and we will keep them safely stored until the competition.

In addition to the Egg Rolling competition, we have decided to hold an Easter Bonnet competition - children can decorate an Easter Bonnet and bring this into school for the final day of term. These will be judged by school council and prizes will be awarded. Be creative! 🎨

On the afternoon of the final day of term, the whole school will be heading to St Giles' Church in Bowes to attend Mrs Matthewman's leaving ceremony. We will be travelling by coach and will return in time for normal school pick up.

Science Day By Brandon and Isabelle

On the 17th of March, we had a Science Day, to celebrate Science Week 2022. We took part in some fun activities involving BISCUITS! We received a letter from an 81-year-old lady called 'Mrs Heather Goggins', requesting us to investigate the dunkability of different kinds of biscuits, to find what factors make a good dunker and to discover the perfect temperature of tea for dunking biscuits in.

We had lots of group discussions around fair testing, variables, and best ways to gather and show our results in a scientific manner. And of course, plenty of practical experiments to help 'Mrs Heather Goggins' find her perfect dunking biscuits.

We can recommend...Chocolate digestives!

Sports and Comic Relief Day By Isabella, Josie and Indi - Year 6

On the 18th March 2022, it was Comic Relief day. KS2 went on a 5 mile bike ride in pyjamas along the disused railway track to Romaldkirk and back. We had some snacks (thank you FOCS!) at Romaldkirk, which included KitKats, Twixs and drinks. Class 1 had a fabulous walk around the village in their pyjamas. In the afternoon, we had an Assembly and shared our favourite jokes. We all decided that the best jokes were told by: Aaron Y6, Finn Y5, Charlie Y4, Kitty Y3, Elodie Y2, Scarlett Y1 and Penny in Reception. By the way, did we mention that Zara in Y3 ran 5 miles! We raised just over £60 - a big thank you to everyone who donated and helped on the day.





Class 1 and 'Little Learners'

Little Learners

Pre-school have had a busy week helping to plant a range of flowers and vegetables outdoors. A couple of weeks ago the children planted sunflowers to keep in school and some to take home. Thom was very proud to share the growth of his sunflowers at home 🌻 Well done Thom!

Class 1

Class 1 children have also been helping to plant in the garden outdoors and in pots indoors.

We would like to say a very big THANK YOU to all of the parents and grandparents who have so kindly donated plant pots, trays, seeds, gardening gloves, watering cans and a variety of tools and brushes. You have all been incredibly generous and kind and the children have put them to good use straight away. We look forward to seeing the growth!





This week in Class 2

In Class 2 this week we have been writing our own 'I used to be ... but now I'm...' poems paying attention to structure, rhyme and rhythm. We have some fantastically creative and talented poets in years 3 and 4!

In Maths, we have been finding factors of numbers and listing factor pairs as well as looking at multiplying multiples of 10 and 100 - we even looked at the 30 and 300 x tables!

We wrote reports about Hadrian's wall and went outside to investigate the different parts of plant and their jobs.

Here is our report from Red Nose Day:

Bike Ride Report by Oliver and Emmy

On Friday 18th March 2022, Key Stage 2 children cycled 5 miles from Cotherstone to Romalkirk and back. We did this so disabled people and children who need extra help could receive some money to help them. It wasn't easy to ride to Romaldkirk because it was very hot but it was worth it. We raised £61.01 and it was all sent to people who needed it. While we were on our bike ride, Key Stage 1 children walked around the village. We would like to say 'well done!' to everyone who took part.

This week in Class 3

Yay! New Books! Thank you FOCS ☺ by Owen and Summer

This week in class 3 we received some amazing new books, which were purchased with the money that the super Friends of Cotherstone School gave to our class. Miss T set up a book tasting session, it was just like a high street bookshop atmosphere, and we had the opportunity to move round the tables sampling all the different books and produced a menu of reviews. I can't wait to read - A child through time, Cogheart by Peter Bunzl and The Valley of Lost Secrets by Lesley Parr.

In Literacy this week we have explored the use of punctuation in a poem. We are now at the stage where we are planning and writing our own poems. The theme of the poems is based on fictional children you may find in a school. Class 3 used their plans to create a free verse poem and are now at the stage of following a more specific poem structure to include rhyme and punctuation for effect. I am looking forward to sharing their finished poems ☺

As part of our WW2 topic, we explored the question 'How did WW2 affect the lives of children in Britain?'. This week we focused on evacuation, we explored primary and secondary sources of evidence from the past to build up a picture of the experiences of an evacuee. We then created some 3D pull up suitcases which were full of belongings children in WW2 would have taken with them. The children then thought about what a modern-day child may take with them.

Class 3 also explored rationing as part of our history work and on Thursday in Design Technology they tested out the new cooker- which FOCS kindly purchased for the school- to prepare some dishes which were served during WW2 using rations.



Awards

Class 1: Star of the Week: Scarlett, for beautiful writing. Presentation award: Harry

Class 2: Star of the Week: Zara - for her amazing resilience running the 'Bike Ride' - 5 miles!
Presentation: Claudette

Class 3: Star of the Week: Isabelle for working hard in maths. Presentation - Lissy



Golden Ticket Awards for this week:

Noah - for eating up all his dinner.

Scarlett - for looking after her younger class friends in the school playground.

Robby - for helping to clear up the playground toys.

Aaron - for his mature attitude.

Homework

Class 1 - see individual folders, spellings for Year 1 & 2 and reading books each night.

Class 2 - Spellings. Finding Factors. Parts of a Plant pairs game

Class 3 -Year 5- Spellings, reading comprehension, numeracy arithmetic work. Year 6- Spellings and SATs buster work (please see the homework file)



After School Club

There's been lots of fun in After School Club this week. Don't forget to book your child in if you would like them to be involved!

A Message from the Parish Council

Platinum Jubilee commemorative gift

Cotherstone Parish Council is making plans for a community event - Picnic in the Park - to mark the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen, in early June. The Parish Council is also hoping to give a commemorative gift to all children in Year 6 or younger to mark the Platinum Jubilee. If you'd like your child/children to receive a small commemorative gift, and they live in the Cotherstone parish, then please email clerk@cotherstoneparishcouncil.org.uk¹ with their name, age and address.



Dates for your Diary

28th March - Week 2 of lunch menu

29th & 31st March - Pre-School and Class 1 Parents Evening

30th March - Class 2 and Class 3 Parents Evening

30th March - Class 1 to Staindrop Academy for Football Competition

31st March /1st April - Key Stage 2 Space Camp

8th April - Easter Activity Day. Don't forget to send in a hard boiled egg for the Egg Rolling Competition!

8th April - Mrs Matthewman's leaving ceremony at St Giles' Church, Bowes

8th April - School closes for the Easter break

25th April - School re-opens

Thank you for your continued support.

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

¹<mailto:clerk@cotherstoneparishcouncil.org.uk>

Chris Matthewman and the Cotherstone Team