



Cotherstone Primary Newsletter 17th June 2022

KS1 Online Safety Resource

Please have a look at this resource from ThinkUKnow which discusses new and free interactive activities for you and your child to engage with to help them understand how to keep safe when spending time online. These activities complement the ongoing work your child does regarding online safety in school.

You will find a link to the activities in the resource. Mr B?

[CEOP Education 4-7s website \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

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Dietary Requirements

As of September, our school meals will be provided by Chartwells. Due to the change of provider, please find attached with this email a dietary medical requirement form to complete (if required). Please return your completed form by Friday 24th June.

New menus will be distributed in due course.

NSPCC -The Big Playtime

The whole school had a FANTASTIC time last Thursday by taking part in the NSPCC Big Playtime. We split the children into their three different houses and we rotated around various activities for an hour. The children played rounders on the field, various board games on the benches which included draughts, snakes and ladders, noughts and crosses, Jack straws, lotto game and snap to name but a few and then traditional games on the playground such as 'What's the Time Mr Wolf?', duck - duck - goose and Simon says. We would like to say a very big thank you to those parents and carers who sent their £1 donation in to school.



PE Kits - Key Stage 2 only

There have been several occasions recently where children have forgotten their PE kits. PE kits can be kept in school now for children to get changed into in school. They can then be taken home on a Friday to be washed. Thank you.

This week in 'Little Learners Pre-School'

This week we had great fun watching the butterflies emerge! We let four go free into our sensory garden on Thursday morning and then released the fifth and final butterfly on Friday. We would like to say a very big THANK YOU to the Friends of the school for purchasing them and allowing the Pre-school children and Class 1 to learn about their lifecycle and watch first hand the different changes they go through



This week in Class 1

Class 1

Farmer visits school

We have been continuing to learn about Farming Fortnight and on Thursday I invited my cousin, William, back into school to talk about egg production. William and his father have 30,000 free range hens between them. They produce free-range hen eggs for The Happy Egg Company which are sold in most supermarkets. William brought into school a couple of his hens and showed various videos of his hens at home, their surroundings, the feed that they eat, how the eggs are sorted on the farm and then when they go to Noble Foods. All the children seemed to enjoy this experience and of course stroking and feeding the hens!



30 Days of Wild

We have continued our nature activities outdoors which, this week, have consisted of cloud watching, making 3D sculptures using natural materials, conducting a minibeast count, playing games outdoors and reading a book on the grass.



This week in Class 2

We have had a very busy two weeks in Class 2!

In literacy, we have been looking at the opening scene of the short film 'The Lighthouse' on Literacy Shed and exploring powerful adjectives and sentence starters to write a short setting description.

In maths, we finished off our work on statistics, they really enjoyed collecting data and representing it in bar charts, tables, pictograms and line graphs. We have moved onto our new topic of money. You could ask them to identify the value of different coins and add up different amounts at home - I'm sure they will impress you with their skills. ☺

In science, we finished off our topic of Forces and Magnets by making compasses using a bowl, water and a magnet and exploring north and south poles. In history, we have enjoyed our topic on Anglo-Saxons and Scots and they have produced some incredible work!

Following on from our amazing trip to Killhope Mine, we will be exploring the mine's history and geographical features in more detail in class - they already know lots! Please see the pictures attached to see all the activities the children got up to while exploring the mine.

Miss Heaviside

We would all like to say a special thank you to FOCS for funding our trip to Killhope. We had an amazing time! And extra special thank you to Kelly Green for joining us! ☺

















This week in Class 3

In science this week, we have been researching the work of Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace to create a double-page spread on Evolution and Natural Selection.

We have been exploring Prospero's feelings towards Caliban and Ariel in the Tempest this week. Class 3 have produced a diary entry using a feature called DADWAVERS. See if your child can explain what DADWAVERS stands for!

In maths this week, we have been exploring nets of 3D shapes. To do this, Class 3 were given a challenge of having an amount of straws and an amount of plasticine balls and they had to create 5 skeleton shapes using these particular amounts of materials. They had to solve which shape went with which number of edges/vertices. Class 3's homework for last week was to play 'Guess What!' a shape guessing game.

We began our history topic this week, Railways, Rocket and the Industrial Revolution, with a trip to Shildon Locomotion. Whilst there, we learned about George Stephenson and Timothy Hackworth and their importance. Whilst on the trip, two retired teachers stopped Mrs Papworth to tell her that we should be very proud of the children and their behaviour. This was then reiterated by the museum's staff who commented on their inquisitiveness, enthusiasm and excellent behaviour throughout. Well done Class 3!



Awards

Class 1: Star of the week- Thea for rescuing one of our butterflies that got trapped in the Pre-school. Presentation - Josie.

Class 2: Star of the week - Oliver for always being super kind and thoughtful. Presentation - Billy.

Class 3: Star of the Week: All of Class 3 for your incredible behaviour on our trip. Presentation award: Thomas G.



This week's lunchtime awards go to:

Peter - for eating up all his dinners.

Harry - for being a great role model to his younger class friends

Jake - for happily following the lunchtime routine.

Scarlett N - for settling well to the lunchtime routine.

Homework

Class 1 - Please practise spellings for 5 minutes each day. Continue to read with your child daily. See individual homework folders.

Class 2 - Trip recount and lots of reading.📖

Class 3 - Spellings. History - Create a fact file on either George Stephenson or Timothy Hackworth (this could be a paper leaflet/PowerPoint/double-pagespread).



After School Club

Miss Heaviside's Art and Crafts Club got off to a great start on Wednesday. Don't forget to book your child a place if you would like them to be involved.



w/c 20th June - Week 3 of lunch menu

Tuesday 21st June - School photographer visiting

Wednesday 22nd June- Year 6 Football Tournament

Wednesday 6th July - Whole school sports day

Thursday 7th and Friday 8th July - Year 6 transition days at Teesdale School

Wednesday 20th July- Year 6 leavers' assembly (afternoon)

Wednesday 20th July - School closes for the summer break

Thank you for your continued support.

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

Richard Batchelor and the Cotherstone Team