



Cotherstone Primary Newsletter 4th July 2022

Sports Day

We will be holding our Sports Day on Wednesday 6th July. Parents/carers are welcome to attend and can arrive from 1:30pm via the school gate.

Friends of Cotherstone School will be selling refreshments and preloved school uniform.

Friends of Cotherstone School

We would like to take the opportunity to thank FOCS for their ongoing support! In the Summer Term alone FOCS have:

- Funded Zoolab for Pre-school/Class 1
- Paid for transport to Class 2 and Class 3's trips to Killhope and Locomotion
- Purchased Sports Day medals and treats for the children

- Funded furniture including decorations for the school library to make it a much more inviting area to promote a love of reading! (before and after pictures coming soon!)
- Purchased a whole set of guided reading books for Class 2
- Enhanced the book selection within Class 3's reading area and purchased soft furnishings to make it cosy and welcoming!
- Bought a bench for the EYFS/Class 1 garden and a water pump/mud kitchen

These experiences/resources enhance the curriculum for all of the children - we are incredibly grateful to have FOCS and for the support they receive.

This week in 'Little Learners Preschool'

On Thursday we had great fun making our own obstacle course at lunchtime. The children then spent a period of time talking through what they were doing, arranging the equipment differently and watching and learning from each other. Great work!

The children in preschool all planted these wildflowers from seed a few months ago. They have loved watering them and watching them grow and change. We are now enjoying the beautiful flowers and so are lots of lovely bees ☺



This week in Class 1

Last term Heidi from 'Pinks Flower Farm' came into school to work with Preschool and Class 1. She brought her own sunflower seeds for the children to grow. As you can see the sunflowers have grown rapidly! With only 3 weeks of school left, I thought it would be nice if the children took their own sunflower home to continue to grow and enjoy. Heidi very kindly sourced some bigger empty pots which we are also sending home if you would like to replant them or you can plant them straight into your garden at home.

I wonder who will grow the tallest sunflower?



This week in Class 2

In maths, we have started our new topic exploring shape. We have had lots of fun exploring angles on our outdoor angle adventure. Everyone took part and were brilliant explorers. We even had a go at measuring angles using our protractors!

In literacy, we have been exploring features of a diary and we have started planning our own diary entries, stepping into the shoes of the lighthouse keeper in our Literacy Shed clip 'The Lighthouse Keeper'. I can't wait to read them!

In science, we have been looking at light and dark and we explored what it would be like to have no light and had a great discussion about using our other senses. In particular, our sense of touch as we used a feely bag to feel and describe objects we could not see.

Everyone is enjoying our geography topic as we focus on Killhope mine, exploring maps and symbols! It is amazing to hear about all the things they know about Killhope mine and we often talk about all the different rocks they found!

This week in Class 3

In literacy this week we have started a new book, *The Nowhere Emporium*. Many people have visited 'The Nowhere Emporium,' but no one has ever remembered being there. When the Emporium arrives in Glasgow, young Daniel Holmes stumbles into the shop by accident. Daniel returns to the shop the following day, usually no one returns. Mr Silver sees something in Daniel and soon he draws him into a fantasy world of magic and mystery behind the curtains...

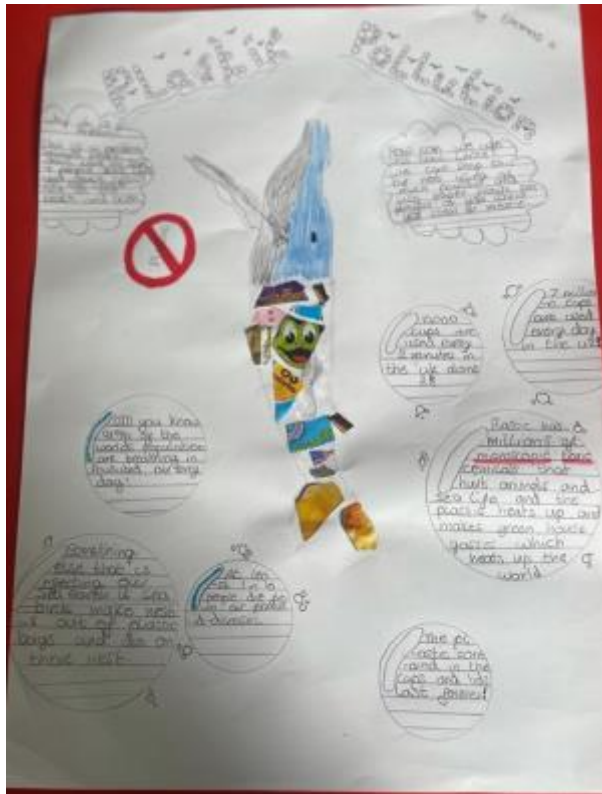
Our maths work has been based on real life maths throughout the week and Class 3 have enjoyed playing the 'Pirate Game'. They have been using the four operations (add, subtract, multiply and divide) to work out quantities of ingredients for a number of cakes. Today, we explored the cost of ingredients from a range of shops based on their weight/quantity of products to see which is the best value. When you are doing your next food shop, your child will be a useful tool to help you find the best deal!

We have been exploring how animals have evolved over time in science. Class 3 were shocked to learn that whales were once land mammals and over many millions of years they have evolved to look the way they do (for now!) They created some fantastic double page spreads on the evolution of a particular animal and studied how they adapted during each stage.

As part of our Climate Change topic in geography, Class 3 have explored what plastic pollution is and how we can help to prevent this. They created an informative/creative piece of work!

Finally, in art, Class 3 have created some fantastic pieces using a range of media and shading techniques.







Awards

Class 1: Star of the week - Elodie for fantastic reading! Presentation - Benji.

Class 2: Star of the week - Jon for being a great role model and for doing a great job at looking after everyone's sunflowers. Presentation - Henry.

Class 3: Star of the week- Brandon for your excellent problem solving skills in maths!

Presentation- Sophie.



This week's lunchtime awards go to:

Noah - for eating up all of his dinner.

Scarlett K - for her lovely manners at lunch time

Billy - for his team spirit during lunch time.

Ashton - for being a great friend.

Homework

Class 1 - Please continue to read with your child at home daily. 5 minutes support each night can make the world of difference ☺

See individual folders

Class 2 - Spelling practice and book prediction

Class 3 - Create a poster/leaflet about how we can help as a school to slow down Climate Change. Maths - problem solving investigation - have a go at this with someone at home - why not challenge them to see who can solve it first!



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 5th July - Year 6 SATs results released

Wednesday 6th July - Sports Day

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

Monday 11th July - End of year reports sent out

Monday 11th July- Class 3 Orienteering event at Staindrop Academy

Wednesday 13th July- Class 3 Athletics event at Staindrop Academy

Thursday 14th July- Class 1 Multi-skills at Staindrop Academy

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