



Cotherstone Primary Newsletter 8th July 2022

Year 6 SATs

On Tuesday, our Year 6's received their SATs results from the tests they sat in May. These were the first cohort taking the tests since 2019 due to the pandemic. These Year 6's haven't had an uninterrupted year of school since Year 3. The incredible results they received on Tuesday is a testament to how incredibly hard they have all worked! Year 6 - you are a fantastic group of young people, exceptional role models for our school and you deserve all the success! 🎉

Miss Thomas

Sports events next week

Monday - Class 3 Orienteering at Staindrop Academy

Wednesday - Class 3 Athletics at Staindrop Academy

Thursday - Class 1 Multi-skills at Staindrop Academy

Class 3 will need their PE kits in school on both days to change into whereas Class 1 can come to school in their PE kit on Thursday.

This week in 'Little Learners Preschool'

The children in preschool have had a great week. This week their key text was 'Starry-eyed stan' and the children were learning all about being a good friend and lots of interesting facts about creatures under the sea. We have also been learning about bees as we have started to build up our minibeast area in our outdoor environment. We now have a bug hotel with thanks to class 1 and we have some busy bees to hang in the trees.

If any parents would like to make an appointment with myself for Tuesday 12th July regarding transition into Reception for their child or continuing the learning journey in preschool or starting preschool in September, please let me know or the school office ASAP.



This week in Class 1

This week in literacy we have been researching barn owls and writing facts and information about them. We have been looking at different websites on owls and deciding if they were useful or not. We have also been learning about holiday destinations in the UK as part of our geography and continuing with our safety theme in PSHE. In science, the children designed their own bug hotels and after much discussion and collaboration they constructed a collaborative one, which EYFS children have helped to finish off. Thank you to all parents/carers and members of the community who sent materials in to support this.



Thank you

We would like to say a big thank you to Lee Jopling for very kindly making us these wonderful seats for preschool and Class 1. We love them!



This week in Class 2

This week in our literacy lesson, some special shoes appeared and were at the front of our classroom when we arrived. Everyone wanted to try them on. As we stepped into them, we became the lighthouse keeper from our clip and as a result they have produced some incredible diary entries from the night of the accident! I am so proud of all of them.👍

This week in Class 3

On Thursday morning we had our 'Moving Up Morning' in Class 3. The soon-to-be Year 5s joined us and we took part in a team building activity based on the book 'Twenty-One Elephants and Still Standing'.

After fourteen years of construction, the Brooklyn Bridge was completed, much to the delight of the sister cities it connected: Brooklyn and New York City.

Fireworks and top hats filled the air in celebration when the magnificent bridge opened in 1883. But some wondered just how much weight the new bridge could hold. Was it truly safe?

One man seized the opportunity to show people in Brooklyn, New York and the world that the Brooklyn Bridge was in fact strong enough to hold even the heaviest of passengers. P. T. Barnum, creator of 'The Greatest Show on Earth', would present a show too big for the Big Top and too wondrous to forget where 21 Elephants would cross the bridge to prove how sturdy it was.

As a team they had to build a bridge which would hold 21 Elephants and still stand! They showed some fantastic teamwork and communication skills! We then had discussed what makes us unique and special and created some 'inner and outer' self-portraits to show what we look like on the outside and inside- showing our hobbies, personalities, and creativity. These will go up in our classroom for September. I am looking forward to a fantastic year ahead with the new Year 5/6 team!



Awards

Class 1: Star of the week: Harry for great work on time! Presentation: Joseph.

Class 2: Star of the week - Charlie for writing a great diary entry and using a range of sentence starters. Presentation - Zara.

Class 3: Star of the Week - Year 5 for setting the example of being role models. Presentation - Scarlett.



This week's lunchtime awards go to:

Rupert for doing a great job helping to water the vegetable garden.

Thea for her lovely manners.

Robby for always offering to tidy up the playground.

Thomas H for being a great role model.

Homework

Class 1 - Reading daily and spellings.

Class 2 - Lots of reading at home and adverb charades - see if you can beat someone at home.

Class 3 - Reading comprehension- The Nowhere Emporium PHSE- Think Positive thinking cap activity.



After School Club

As the lovely weather continues there'll be lots of outdoor fun coming up in after school club. Please let us know if you would like to book your child a place.

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Dates for your Diary

11th July - Class 3 orienteering event at Staindrop Academy

13th July - Class 3 athletics event at Staindrop Academy

14th July - Class 1 multi-skills event at Staindrop Academy

15th July - Year 6 water fight

20th July - Year 6 leavers assembly pm.

20th July - School closes for summer break.

6th September - School re-opens for autumn term

14th September - Individual school photos

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