



Cotherstone Primary School Newsletter

23rd September 2022

A message from Peter Nicholls, Chair of Governors

Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to my Summer Newsletter dated 19 July, where I set out the latest recruitment arrangements for the post of Executive Headteacher. I can confirm that the closing date of 12 September was adhered to and following a meeting of the Governing Body on 20 September, it has been decided to conduct an interview on Monday 26 September, initially at Cotherstone School and then later in the day at Bowes Hutchinson's School. Some of the children from both schools will be involved on the day and they are preparing questions for the candidate. I will continue to inform you of progress in this important matter.

Kind regards

Peter

Newcastle Life Science Centre Trip

The whole-school trip to the Life Science Centre on Tuesday was brilliant! Each class took part in a wide range of enriching science activities throughout the day. We visited the planetarium, took part in workshops linked to our science topics, explored the 'Brain Zone', 'Space Zone' and viewed a Science Theatre show! All of the children's behaviour was excellent and we are very proud of them all! Thank you to FOCS and the anonymous donation for this memorable learning experience! 🙏



This week in Class 1

Class 1 had an amazing time at the Life Science Centre on Tuesday. We started off with a few science experiments using our senses. First we had to dress as scientists wearing our white coats and protective glasses. Then we learnt how to use a pipette and measure accurately. We used our sense of smell to decide which smelt the strongest: an orange rind or a piece of orange. We used our sense of sight to mix different colours of liquid in test tubes and then we went on to make and feel our own gloop! Next we moved on to find out about our brain and how it works. The children even got to see a real human brain! After dinner we learnt about space and the planets. We travelled up into space and had to keep a check on our oxygen level, water level and our carbon dioxide level. We watched some great experiments before coming back down to Earth. Finally, we watched and listened to a story in the theatre about little bear and the stars. 🙏















This week in Class 2

We have had a great week this week! Starting off with our Life Science Centre trip on Tuesday, where the children had the opportunity to take part in some great activities, not to mention seeing a real brain! Have a look at the pictures to see all the fun we got up to!

In literacy, we are enjoying writing a non-chronological report on the 'Mallodile', you could ask them to describe it to you, they are all experts!

In maths, we are continuing with our place value work, looking at partitioning numbers up to 1,000 (YR3) and partitioning numbers up to 10,000 (YR4). We have also been exploring place value through games both in pairs and in teams!

In history, we have been putting the finishing touches on our world timeline, which will soon be displayed in our classroom, and we have started to look at the timeline from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, discussing key dates and changes.

In art, we have started to explore pottery from the Stone Age and their enthusiasm towards art is great! They have started by researching pottery made and used in the Stone Age, before designing their own and adding a pattern. I can't wait to see their designs come to life over the next couple of weeks!

Last week we got stuck into our whole class reading sessions, exploring Roald Dahl and celebrating Roald Dahl Day. This week we are all enjoying our new books in guided reading. You could ask your child to tell you about their new book?!























This week in Class 3

Please find some photos attached from our trip to the Life Science Centre! We took part in a 'Digestion' workshop (which was rather ermmmm.... interesting!)

















Awards



Class 1: Star of the week: Isla S for super Phonics work! Presentation award: Isla L.

Class 2: Star of the week: Lydia for always being a great role model! Presentation: Holly.

Class 3: Star of the week: Emmy for always contributing such excellent ideas to class discussions! I was so proud of you at the Life Science Centre! Presentation - Henry.



Class 1 - Sophie, for making a great start to lunchtimes at Cothestone. Isla - for looking after her younger classmates.

Class 2 - Zara, for her mature attitude.

Class 3 - Robby, for being a great help to lunchtime staff.

Homework

Class 1 - Reception: See homework book. Year 2: See homework book, spellings and reading.

Class 2 - Reading comprehension.

Class 3 - Science - Create a classification key - this could be for animals, sweets, furniture in your house, your family members...An example can be found in homework books. Spellings - have a go at some of the spelling activities using your spelling words for this week.

Reading- Please read at home as frequently as possible and ask an adult to write this in your Reading Record ☺ it really is **SUPER** important!

Dates for your diary



w/c 26th September - Week 1 of lunch menu

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