



# Cotherstone Primary Newsletter 20th October 2023

## **Revisioning**

After revisioning with the children, staff and Governors across The Federation, I am proud to present the Federation's new vision:



## Believe, Aspire, Thrive, Together.

We, as a Federation, **believe** that every member of the school community can **aspire** to be the very best. Aiming high and having the confidence, self-belief and resilience to know that we can achieve whatever we set our mind to will guarantee that, **together**, every member of the Federation will **thrive**.

### The vision of the Bowes Cotherstone Federation ensures:

- All are welcome and we focus on the common good of the whole person and the whole community.
- Children will experience an inspirational, engaging and relevant curriculum that has been carefully crafted and tailored to the personalised needs of our children.
- The children's educational journey prepares them for their next steps in education and life.
- We promote a love of learning.
- As a Federation and with the wider community, we maximise the strengths and capacity of all, ensuring that all children and adults flourish together as proud members of The Bowes Cotherstone Federation.

### Bikeability Information - Class 3 only

Year 5 and 6 children will be taking part in a Bikeability course after the half term break. Please see the letter that is attached to the newsletter email and ensure you scan the QR code and complete the online form.

## Busy times in Class 3!

We've had another busy few weeks in Class 3. We have been reading a scary story called *Clockwork* by Philip Pullman where we heard about a mysterious prince driving a horse and carriage but when it crashes into the palace court and kills the prince, his arm continues to move up and down as if lashing at the horses! We are creating a brochure to persuade people to visit the German town of Glockenheim where the story is set.

In maths we have investigated multiples and factors as well as using the formal written method for multiplying 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers.

The children planned, designed and conducted their own investigations to find out the effects of changing voltage and components in electrical circuits.

In history, we have studied the impact of WWII on various North Eastern towns including Darlington, Sunderland and Newcastle Upon Tyne. We learned how and why they became such important targets for German bombers and why industry was spread around the whole country.

In art, the children have been engaged in an artist study of various artists including: David Hockney, Paula Rego and Lubaina Himid. They have analysed paintings and styles by each artist, interpreted and tried to understand the meanings behind each painting, created stories around the paintings and recreated key elements of the works in tableau form. They have also learned to use different techniques to create their own pieces of art. Make sure that you check these out at Parents' evening!

The children have also taken part in a multi skills festival and some children volunteered for the county cross country trials - they ran 1800m and all tried their very best. Well done everyone!

Mr B 😊











### **School Council**

Our school council have organised for children to come into school on Friday 27th October in spOOky costumes and take part in some ghastly activities during the afternoon. To take part, we ask that children bring in a voluntary donation of £1. All proceeds will go to the school council to help fund future activities. Thank you.



### **Awards**



Class 1: Star of the Week: Lilah for learning all of the sounds and learning to read words. Presentation: Thomas

Class 2: Star of the Week: Thea for some excellent maths work on addition! Presentation- Elodie

Class 3: Star of the Week: Reuben for his excellent reading in literacy. Presentation: Emmy



This week's lunchtime awards go to:

Florry H for happily following the lunchtime routine

Josie for always being polite to lunchtime staff

Joss for his kindness towards his fellow pupils

Ralph for always being a great help to lunchtime staff

### **Homework**

Class 1: Please see your child's homework book

Class 2: Maths - consolidation of this week's activities. English- SPAG mat

Class 3: Maths: Practise questions in homework books. Literacy: Create a map of the town of Glockenheim. Spellings

### **After School Club**

Cookery Club is proving a big hit with the children, so much so, Derrick and Evie have decided to present a weekly award to...

'The Brilliant Baker of the Week!' Along with the prestige which naturally goes with such an award, the winner will also receive a 'Derrick Handshake!'

This week's Brilliant Baker is Thom H! Well done Thom!



**Dates for your diary**

24th & 25th October - Pre-school and Class 1 Parents evenings

25th October - Class 2 and Class 3 Parents evenings

27th October - School Council - spOOky costumes!

27th October - School closes for half term break

27th October - FOCS Halloween Party at the Village Hall 5pm - 7pm

6th November - School re-opens

6th - 9th November - Years 5 & 6 Bikeability

13th November - Remembrance visit to Cenotaph

12th December - KS1 Christmas performances (time to be confirmed)

***Thank you for your continued support.***

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

***Mrs Gibson and the Cotherstone Team***