



Cotherstone Primary Newsletter 26th January 2024

Attendance

This week's overall attendance is 89.2%. Class 2 had the best attendance with 91.4%.

This week in Class 2

We've had an excellent start to the Spring Term in Class 2, it has been incredible to reflect on the progress the children have made following their first term in Year 3 and 4.

In literacy, we have been working on writing a non-chronological report linked to our history topic, Ancient Greece. We have done lots of work on the organisational features like the heading, introduction and sub-headings and the SPAG features; present perfect tense, commas in a list, subordinating conjunctions and expanded noun phrases ready for writing our reports.

We have been mastering our multiplication and division skills in maths with lots of times tables practice.

In history, we have been archaeologists exploring what life was like in Early Greece using artefacts.

As part of our 'Rocks and Soils' topic in science, we have been investigating the layers of the earth. To do this, we created an 'edible' version showing the inner and outer core, the mantle, crust and then the layers of soil up to the topsoil we can see. Class 2 then enjoyed creating some fold down books to showcase their learning about the layers.

We've enjoyed the outdoors, where possible around this stormy weather, to enjoy forest school with Miss Lee and taking part in the Big School Bird Watch with our wonderful visitors from the Tees-Swale AONB. In the first session, Class 2 created some natural bird feeders to place in the school grounds, before observing the birds in our school environment in the second session.

Please look out for letter which will be coming home today about a trip to the Great North Museum: Hancock as part of our Ancient Greece topic.



Awards

Class 1: Star of the Week: Thomas for fantastic maths. Presentation: Evie.

Class 2: Star of the Week: Holly for your dedication to your learning - you always give 100%. Presentation award: Rupert

Class 3: Star of the Week: Jon for always helping around our school. Presentation: Ryan



This week's lunchtime awards go to:

Izacc for happily following the lunchtime routine

Annie for tidying up after indoor play without being asked to

Benji for always offering to put his wellies on during football

Sophie for making a great start to lunchtimes at Cotherstone

The school lunch menu can be found [here](#).

Homework

Class 1: Please see your child's homework folder. **PLEASE** if you don't understand any of the homework or how to do it please ask a member of staff. We always consolidate learning from the week at school. Thank you

Class 2: Maths: Consolidation of this weeks learning. Literacy: activities linked to our SPAG objectives this week.

Class 3: Y5 Maths: Division with remainders. Y5 Literacy: Subordinating conjunctions. Use your SATs revision books to help you with the following tasks: Y6 Literacy: SATs questions book p. 1-9. Y6 Maths: SATs question book p. 1-9.

After School Club - Baking Club

This week's Brilliant Bakers are Lilah. Last week's Brilliant Bakers were Florence and Florrie.

Baking Club wishes to give a huge thanks to those who donate baking goods for some of these sessions. Thanks go to Tesco, Morrisons, Stanhope Masonic Lodge and Ark on the Edge.

Please remember to send your child with a tub when you are able to. We look forward to making Derrick's version of chocolate brownies next week.

Please add your child's name to Baking Club so Derrick and Evie can accommodate numbers for the baking session. It is certainly proving a very popular after school session!

A message from the Friends of Cotherstone School

Thank you so much to all who contributed to the Bag2School collection. We managed to collect 450kg of items and so will receive a donation of £220! Which is amazing!!! We will organise another date in the next few weeks.



Term dates for this academic year can be found [here](#).

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