



Cotherstone Primary Newsletter Friday 2nd February 2024

Believe, Aspire, Thrive, Together.

Attendance

This week's overall attendance is 93%. Class 3 had the best attendance with 97%. Well done Class 3!

Belated thank you

We wish to belatedly thank you for your co-operation during the power cut on 22nd January. Please ensure you keep us up to date with any change in your contact details.

Arbor App

It's great to see so many of our parents have successfully logged on to our new app. We still have a handful of parents who have yet to log on. If you are one of them, and would like some support doing so, please contact Alison in the office.

Once we have everyone onboard we will be able roll out more functionalities of the app.

Parking outside school

Please can we request that you give extra consideration to pavement users when parking outside school. Please park safely on the road. We understand pick up and drop off time is a busy time, but everyone's safety is of utmost importance.

Sensory Room

Work on our new Sensory Room is moving along nicely. We would like to extend a big 'Thank you!' to Richard and Mike who helped us out at very late notice enabling the decorator to start on time.

Request

Does anyone have any paving slabs that they could donate to school? We need to pave the area where bins are now located, as the area is getting very muddy.

NSPCC Number day 2024

NSPCC Number Day will be celebrated in school this year on Monday 5th February 2024 to enable class 2 to participate as they are on a school trip on the official number day (Friday 2nd).

Pupils and staff can wear an item of clothing with a number on it and make a donation.

This can be a favourite sports top or cap, or even a onesie. Or why not get more creative and design a unique t-shirt, hat or even become a human-sized calculator or dice for the day!

Children's Mental Health Week: 5th - 9th February

This year's theme is 'My Voice Matters'

During Children's Mental Health Week we want all children and young people, whoever they are, and wherever they are in the world, to be able to say – and believe - “My Voice Matters”.

As part of our support for Children's Mental Health Week next week, children will be taking part in some fun activities, during break times and lunches, led by our amazing School Council as well as activities in class.

This week in Class 3

This week in Class 3, we have started new topics in literacy, maths, French and music. In literacy, we have been looking at ways of persuading people to consider a healthier lifestyle and all the features that go along with persuasive writing.

In maths, Y5 have been learning how to multiply unit and non-unit fractions by integers while Y6 have been looking at function machines and algebra!

In French we have been learning about French music and instruments - Tu joues d'un instrument ?

In music we have listened to Mendelsshon's *Fingal's Cave* and have been coming up with words that help us describe the music and its effects on us.

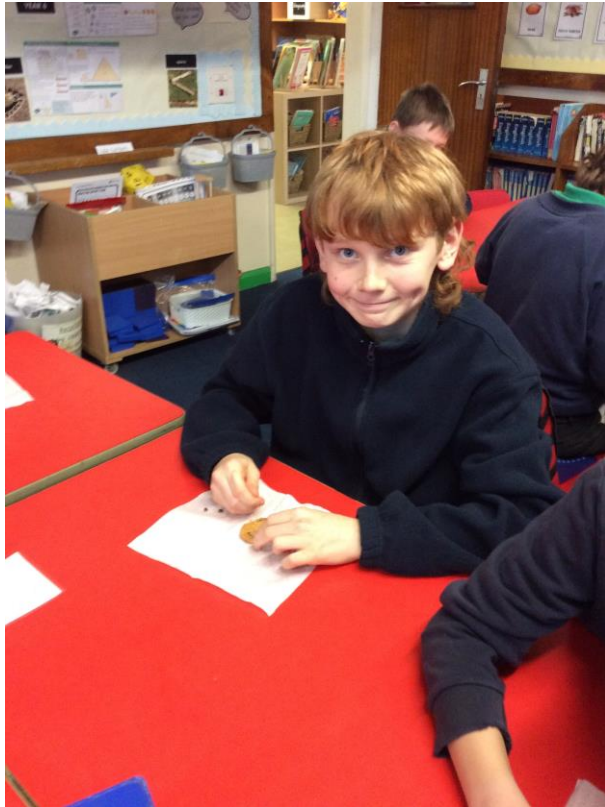
We have continued our work on the UK's economy and have been mining rare Earth elements (REEs) using cookies and toothpicks - a most delicious investigation!

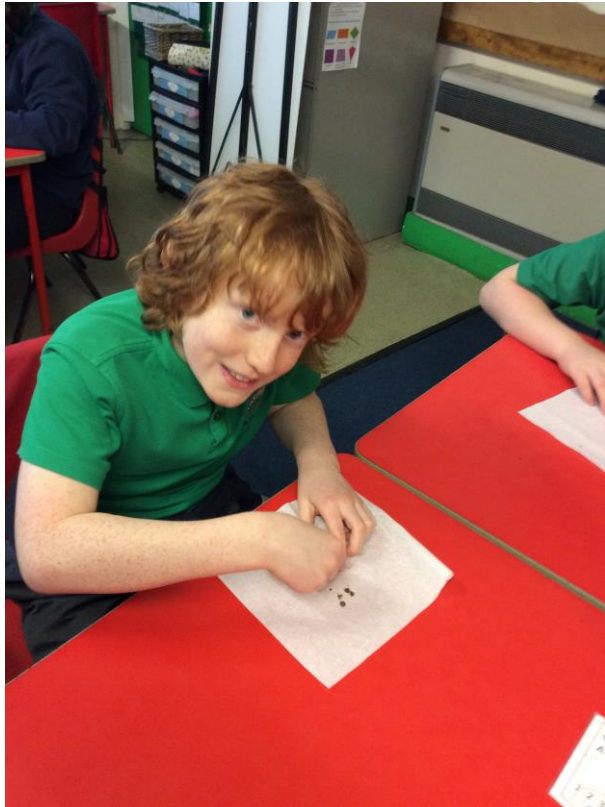
We have also completed our science work on Living Things and Their Habitats and are looking forward to starting our next topic: Earth and Space - watch *this* space for some exciting activities that are coming up!

Keep up the good work!

Mr B 😊





















Awards

Class 1: Star of the Week: To be announced next week

Class 2: Star of the Week: To be announced next week

Class 3: Star of the Week: Claudette for always trying her best. Presentation: Oakley



This week's lunchtime awards go to:

Logan for always being polite to lunchtime staff

Josie for looking after her fellow classmates during lunchtime play

Alvina-Marie for her kindness towards her fellow pupils

Ryan for being a great help to lunchtime staff

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

Homework

Class 1: Please see your child's homework folder

Class 2: Homework will be issued on Monday

Class 3: Y5 maths: Multiplying fractions by integers. Y5 literacy: Persuasive language. Spellings

Y6 maths: Continue with SATs question book. Y6 English: Continue with SATs question book. Spellings

After School Club - Baking Club

This week's Brilliant Bakers are Claudette and Joe.

We will be making cheese straws next week. Please don't forget to send your child with a container.
Thank you.



Dates for your diary

Monday 5th - Friday 9th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 6th February - Safer Internet Day

Friday 16th February - School closes for half term break

Monday 26th February - School re-opens

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

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