



NEWSLETTER

'If you believe it, you can achieve it'

Friday 27th January 2023

Dear families,

It has been a busy week of learning here at Cottons Farm Primary Academy. On Monday, I started the week with celebration assembly; I gave special awards to those children who had spoken confidently to our visitors last week— well done! It was great to give out the presentation award to those children who had been selected for excellent, or improving, presentation— keep it up! On Monday, we also had a visit from Mrs Taylor (Assistant Director of Education) and Miss Ashton (phonics lead for the Trust); they were really impressed with the children's phonics and reading progress. I felt very proud of the children and staff. In Donaldson class, the children are continuing to enjoy their topic- India; they were lucky enough to have a parent come in to talk to them about Indian food and traditions. On Thursday, Mrs Moloney ran a parent workshop all about the Year 4 multiplication check. Knowing your times tables is a key skill that will help with all aspects of maths. Please encourage your child to practise at home and use the apps like SumDog and TTRockstars.

Next week, it is National Story Telling Week— we will be reading stories and sharing book reviews— could you ask your child to give you their book review?

Next Friday (3rd February), it is NSPCC Number Day. Mrs Moloney (maths lead) would like the children to come in non-uniform- green; an item of clothing with a number on; or as something mathematical! (Could you dress as a shape or a calculator?!). The children will be doing a sponsored event in school.

Have a great weekend. Mrs Patmore (Principal)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 3rd February— NSPCC number day

Monday 6th February— Childrens'

Mental Health Week

Friday 17th February INSET DAY

Half term— 20th-24th February

Monday 27th February— return to school



Friday 3rd February

Remember your sponsor form!

The Harmony Pledge

The Character Competencies:



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| 1. Aspirational | 6. Communicator |
| 2. Confident | 7. Motivational |
| 3. Resilient | 8. Co-operative |
| 4. Tolerant | 9. Problem Solver |
| 5. Creative | 10. Honest |



ATTENDANCE

Attendance EVERY day at school counts!

Class attendance for this week

Ahlberg — 88.15%

Donaldson — 98.33%

Cowell — 96.22%

Rundell — 99.23%

Well done to Rundell Class!



SEND and Inclusion News

Did you know that Derby City run Autism Family Support Hubs? These are free of charge and offer a supportive space for you, your child and their siblings. Further details and session dates below:

Derby City Family Support Hub

Session dates for 2023

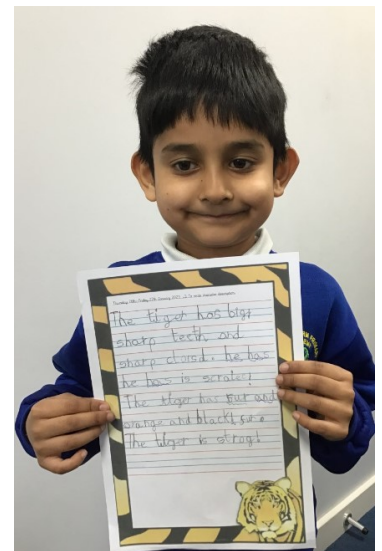
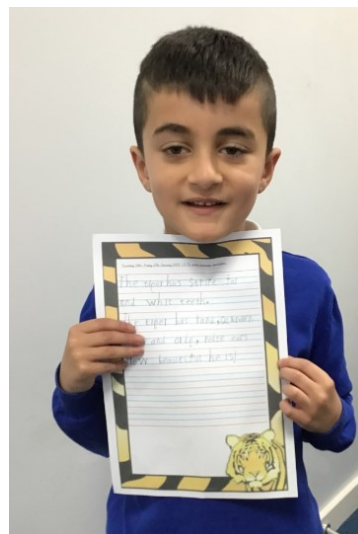
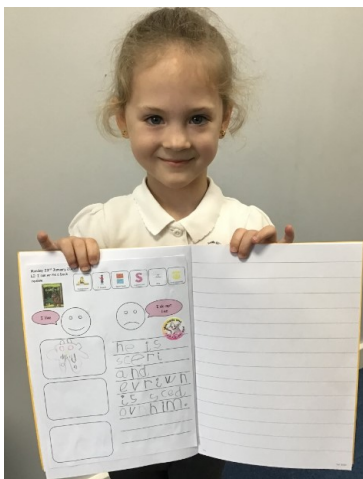
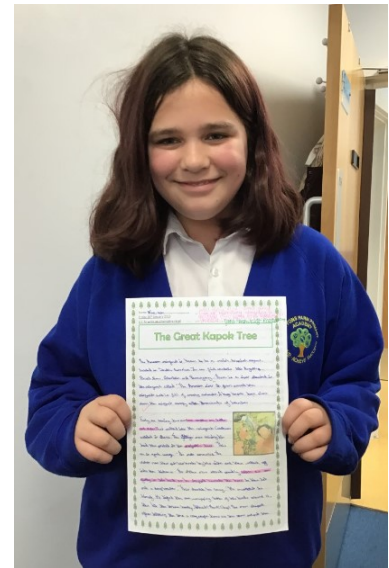
Chellaston Community Association
Barley Croft, Chellaston
Derby DE73 6TU

Usually the last Saturday of the month, 2.30-5pm

January 28 th	February 25 th
March 25 th	April 29 th
May 27 th	June 24 th
July 29 th	August 26 th
September 30 th	October 28 th
November 25 th	December event TBC



For further information contact:- Hannah.Weir@aem.org.uk



Class of the Week

Well it has certainly been another busy week in Rundell Class. In Science we have been looking at classifying plants. We found out there are four broad types of plants and looked at the characteristics of these. Over the past few weeks we've been learning about classification and a scientist names Carl Linnaeus who developed a system for classifying living things. In Geography, we have been finding out about the countries of South America. I wonder how many the children can name for you if you ask them?

In our writing lessons we have been looking a non-chronological report about Animals found in the Amazon. I was really impressed with the number of features of this type of writing that the children were able to spot in the text. The children have worked in groups to research some of these animals and produce posters about them which they then presented to the rest of the class. We talked about how, sometimes, we might feel nervous about presenting to people but that, if we do it every now and again, we will start to feel more comfortable and confident. Well done to all of the children with this.

This half term in PE we have been learning about lacrosse. This sport has never been taught at Cottons Farm before and the children are all thoroughly enjoying it. They have been learning to scoop the ball and pass and receive it .

Finally, I would like to thank the parents who came to the maths workshop for the parents of children in Cowell Class yesterday. It is always lovely to see parents in school and supporting their children with their learning.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Moloney.

