



# NEWSLETTER

*'If you believe it, you can achieve it'*

Thursday 16th February 2023

Dear families,

A shorter final week, but a great week here at Cottons Farm.

Thank you for your cake donations towards the Turkey and Syria earthquake appeal; the children loved eating the delicious cakes at break time. *'Be a fundraiser'* is one of the Harmony Pledge points that the children work towards over their years at Cottons Farm.

It was a wonderful Gold Award assembly this afternoon; it was lovely to hear the reasons why the winners had been chosen. Well done to the sponsors who were extremely confident when reading out their comments– we are proud of you all!

The week we return after the half term holiday, it is World Book Day– Thursday 2nd March. We will be asking the children to come in dressed as a book character, or bring in their favourite book. During the day we will be talking about our favourite books and giving reasons why– could you ask your child in preparation?

A reminder that new clubs start during the first week back. Wednesday– dodgeball; Thursday– basketball; Friday– goalball. Goalball is a new club! It is a team sport where you aim and throw the ball using their hands into the opponent's goal across the court. The goalkeeper must try and stop the ball from entering the goal'.

Have a wonderful half term; we look forward to seeing you on Monday 27th February.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 17th February INSET DAY

Half term– 20th-24th February

Monday 27th February– return to school

Thursday 2nd March– World Book Day

Friday 17th March- Red Nose Day

Monday 3rd April– Friday 14th April–  
Easter holiday



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## The Harmony Pledge

The Character Competencies:



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



## ATTENDANCE

Attendance EVERY day at school counts!

Class attendance for this week

Ahlberg — 82.96%

Donaldson — 89.26%

Cowell — 97.51%

Rundell — 95.77%

**Well done to Cowell Class!**



## SEND and Inclusion News

If you have concerns about your child's mental health, there is lots of support available.

Always begin by contacting your GP. You can also contact myself, Mrs Gaskill or Mrs Patmore, so that your child can access the help and support they need at school.

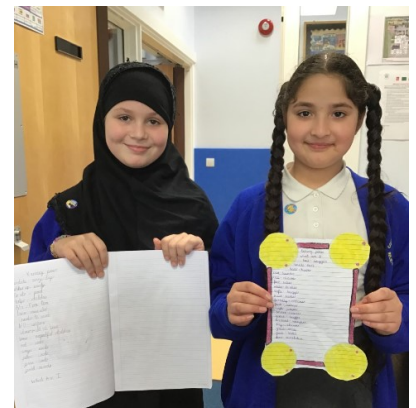
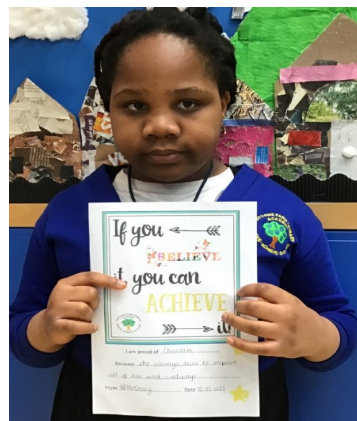
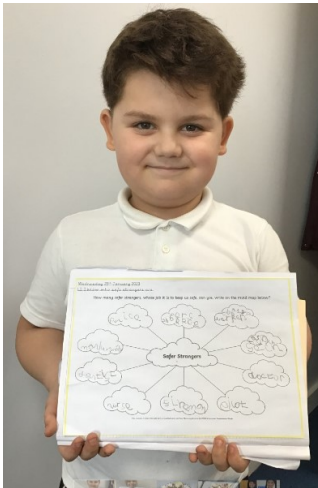
**Bridge the Gap Child Mental Health** is a local child-wellbeing organisation. Look at their website

[www.jwbridgethegap.com](http://www.jwbridgethegap.com) or

follow them on social media for free resources and information about the services they provide.



*Mrs Grainger*



# Class of the Week

It has been another wonderful week in Donaldson class!

This week the children have been working very hard at publishing their own stories!

For the last 4 weeks we have been learning The Tiger Who Came to Tea.

This week, the children wrote their own versions and some even had their stories published!



In Science we have been learning all about our bodies! We focused this week on learning how to keep our mouth and teeth healthy. We enjoyed a fun lesson where we were all given a toothbrush, and we learnt how to properly brush our teeth!

Miss Hardy's phonics group also became YouTubers for the lesson and made their own videos showcasing their awesome phonics application in reading



If you would like to watch their videos you can do so by using this QR Code

After half term we will be learning about the fossil hunter Mary Anning and Dinosaurs!

From Miss Hardy

