



NEWSLETTER

'If you believe it, you can achieve it'

Friday 24th March 2023

Dear families,

It has been a busy and learning-filled week at Cottons Farm Primary Academy.

Monday, was World Maths Day and we had a special visit from Derby County. The leader did an assembly about maths in sport and got the children to engage in activities linked to numbers on football shirts. In the classroom, the children were set a number of challenges linked to problem solving maths skills.

In celebration assembly this afternoon, I enjoyed giving out a range of different certificates, such as at the 'creative' award and the Principal & Deputy Principal 'Proud' award. It is great to hear the teachers talk about how hard the children are working— well done to those children who achieved the presentation award this week too.

Across school, the children have been completing assessments this week; this is an opportunity for teachers to look at the progress they are making and decide next steps. On Monday, the letters will be going out for parents' evening: Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th April.

Next week, the letters will also be coming out for the clubs next half term, please remember it is first-come-first-served!

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Patmore (Principal)



DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

Monday 17th April- Back to school

Parents' evening: Tuesday 25th and
Thursday 27th April

Monday 1st May- Bank holiday

Friday 26th May– INSET day

Monday 29th May– Friday 2nd June–



Next week is *World Autism Acceptance Week*.

Here at Cottons Farm, we'd like to use this as an opportunity to **celebrate diversity** and **promote acceptance** of others, including those with **autism** and other **special needs** or **disabilities**.

On **Friday 31st March**, we'll be holding a **Rainbow Non-School Uniform Day** to celebrate this theme. Please **send children to school wearing bright, rainbow colours** to celebrate difference & diversity.



Rainbow non-school
uniform day

ATTENDANCE

Attendance EVERY day at school counts!

Class attendance for this week

Ahlberg — 86.67%

Donaldson — 96.00%

Cowell — 96.39%

Rundell — 96.07%

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.

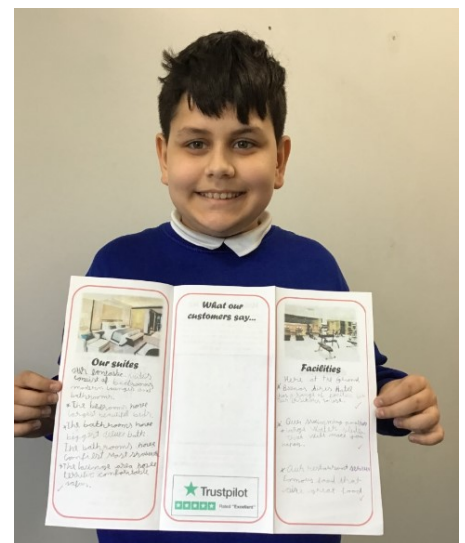
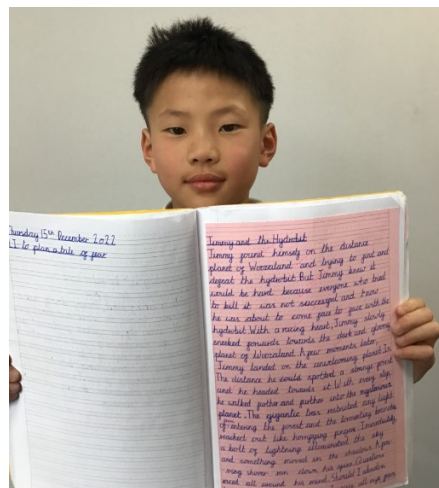
Bridge the Gap Child Mental Health is a local child-wellbeing organisation. Look at their website

www.jwbridgethegap.com 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 busy, but productive week this week in Donaldson class.

The children have been learning how to sequence a story and use puppets to retell a story, in our writing lessons



We started the week with a brilliant workshop from Derby County as part of World Maths Day- we looked at lots of ways maths can be used within sports.



In maths Year 1 children have been learning to measure objects using the phrases 'short than' 'longer than' 'shortest' and 'longest'. Our Year 2 children have been working hard to apply all their maths knowledge to arithmetic questions.



In our provision, we introduced a 'fossil dig' area where the children have been excavating their own fossils, just like Mary Anning. We have been making fossil rubbings and some children have also made their



own booklets all about dinosaurs and fossils.



I am so proud of all the children in Donaldson class this week, and how hard they are working to achieve their goals and become the best versions of themselves!

From Miss Hardy