



# NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 10th March 2023

Dear families,

We have had a great week of learning here at Cottons Farm Primary Academy.

On Monday, Mrs Grainger introduced our character competency for this week– aspirational. We encourage all our children to go for their goals and aim high– *'if you believe it, you can achieve it!'* Mrs Grainger spoke about dreams and hopes for the future– what are your child's aspirations?

On Wednesday, we had a visit from the Madeline Lindley book shop; as part of the Read Achieve Succeed project the Trust have invested in a book per child, per year. This will mean every child across school can start to create their own 'mini library' at home. It was wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic about the new books; talking about their choices and sharing the books with each other. Remember, reading is the key to learning, so please enjoy the new book with your child at home and record it in their reading record. Questions you could ask: *'why did you choose this book?'* *'Can you describe the characters?'* Read the blurb together and try and predict what might happen in the story.

Last week, I announced the new language club– Latvian. We are really looking forward to the children sharing their language and teaching other children across school.

Next week, it is science week. Ms Mitchell has tasked each class with different activities linked to the theme 'connections', we are looking forward to exploring and investigating connections in our local environment and habitats.

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

Monday 1st May- Bank holiday

Friday 26th May– INSET day

Monday 29th May– Friday 2nd June–  
Half term holiday



Every year, The Harmony Trust consults with parents and carers to gather your opinions about our academy. This is part of our Governance model and alongside our Parent Forums, gives you the opportunity to share your views.

**Please use the QR code or click on the link below to complete the short survey.** If you have more than one child at the academy, you only need to complete the survey once.

Parent survey - Spring 2023 -  
Cottons Farm



## ATTENDANCE

Attendance EVERY day at school counts!

Class attendance for this week

Ahlberg — 85.19%

Donaldson — 88.75%

Cowell — 92.74%

Rundell — 95.38%

**Well done to Rundell Class!**



## SEND and Inclusion News

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

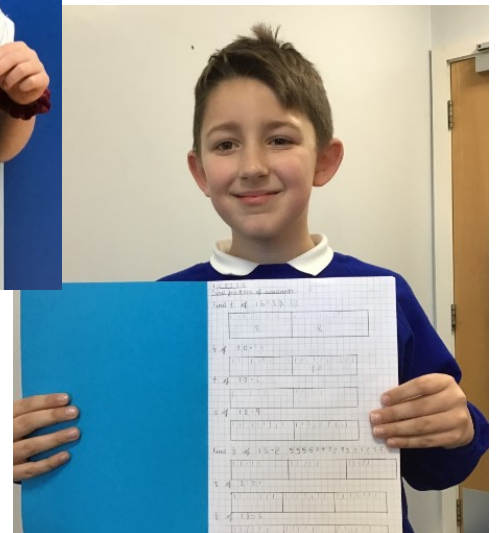
Always begin by contacting your GP. You can also contact myself, Mrs Gaskill or Mrs Patmore, so that your child can access the help and support they need at school.

**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

Wow! What a busy week Rundell Class have had. Today, I gave the 'If you believe it, you can achieve it' award to the whole class for working incredibly hard – particularly in Maths and Writing. I am so proud of every single one of them for the effort they have put in. Well done Team Rundell.

In Maths this week we have been working on fractions, decimals and percentages. We have calculated percentages and fractions of amounts using bar models to help us visualise what we already know and what we need to find out. The children have also been learning how to convert between fractions, decimals and percentages. The multiplication and division work we have been doing last few weeks helped with this. The week culminated with a scavenger hunt this afternoon when the children had to use their maths skills to help collect letters to find out where we are going for our residential in the summer term. The children were amazing!

In English, we have been writing short stories about being abandoned in the Amazon rainforest. The children have worked really hard at including noun phrases, similes and rhetorical questions in these. My favourite simile was, "I saw trees. Lots and lots of trees. They stood proudly like they had just won an Oscar." Ask your child about the similes they used in their stories.

On Wednesday, Madeline Linley books came in and all of the children were lucky to receive another new book for their home book shelves. It was lovely being in the hall with the children looking at some amazing books. A few of the children took a while trying to make the agonising decision between two or three books and they really had to think carefully about which authors' writing they knew they liked and which recommendations they had received. There was also a heart-warming moment when one of the boys' wrote his and his younger brother's name in the front of his book because he plans to read it with him.

We have been trying desperately hard to finish the South American inspired tapas place mats in our Design and Technology. These have been quite tricky to make but there have been some amazing examples. Again, I am super proud of the children for their resilience.

Please thank your children from me for a wonderful (and busy) week of learning. They are truly a joy to work with.

Mrs Moloney

