



# NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear families,

It has been an exciting and busy week of learning here at Cottons Farm Primary Academy.

This week's assembly was all about two British Values– tolerance and respect. I spoke to the children about the meaning of diversity and how we would be celebrating our differences on Friday for 'Our Global School Day'. In celebration assembly, the teachers gave out the Pledge award 'Be Respectful'– well done to the children who were chosen. I also announced the runners-up (Channel and Taya) and winner (Gabriel) of the poster competition– well done to everyone who entered.

Unfortunately, the weather was bad on Tuesday, so Key Stage 2 did not visit Sinfin Golf Academy– we are hoping to visit on Tuesday 10th October instead.

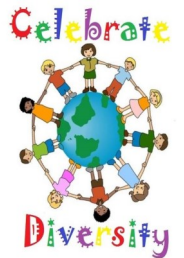
Last week, Year 2 and Year 3 had an exciting visit to Village Primary Academy, to meet the author Bethan Woollvin; the children enjoyed hearing her talk about being an author and the characters in her book. We were very grateful that the Trust were able to support us in subsidising the cost of a signed copy of her book for every child! We hope you enjoy reading it.

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, we would like to invite you into school for a special 'Reading breakfast' event. You will be able to hear the class teacher reading to the children; have the opportunity to share a book with your child; and enjoy some breakfast.

A huge thank you to Mrs Roberts for organising 'Our Global School Day' today– it was wonderful to see all the traditional clothes and colourful outfits. Thank you to all the parents who came into school. Photos to follow shortly.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Patmore (Principal)



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Whole school visit to St Stephen's Church  
for Harvest 26.9.23

Read Achieve Succeed (RAS) breakfast  
mornings

Tuesday 26th Donaldson and Cowell

Wednesday 27th Rundell and Rauf

Parents' evenings:

Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th October

On Tuesday 26th afternoon, the school will be visiting St Stephens church for Harvest festival. We are taking food donations for Derby City Mission Harvest Appeal– please send something in on Tuesday if you can.



**The Harmony Pledge– Be Respectful**



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*Could you talk to your child about the British Values– tolerance  
and mutual respect....*

**Tolerance** means...  
appreciating and respecting  
**differences** in people.



## ATTENDANCE

Attendance EVERY day at school counts!

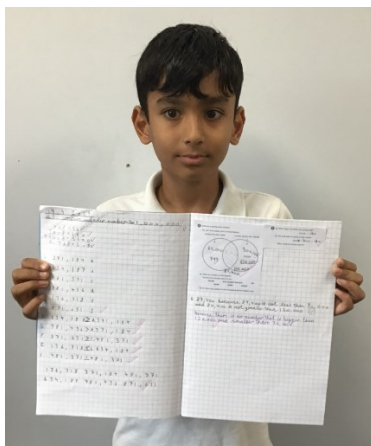
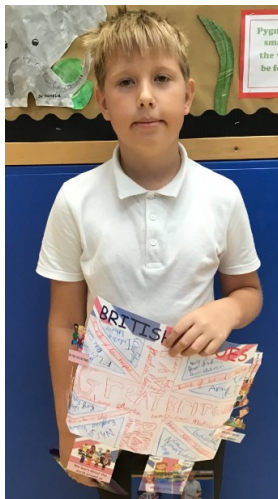
Class attendance for this week

Class AHLBERG REC	99.17%
Class COWELL	94.14%
Class DONALDSON	98.06%
Class RAUF	96.67%
Class RUNDELL	92.22%

**Well done to Ahlberg Class!**



Year 2 and 3 enjoyed meeting Bethan Woollvin—  
*could you read the book with your child this weekend?*



# Class of the Week

Cowell class have had a brilliant start to the year. Since arriving in year 4, the year 4 children have demonstrated a greater level of maturity and are keen to work hard and make progress in their work. The year 3 group have also adapted well to being in key stage 2 and are working hard and learning lots.

This week we had our wow day to embrace our new geography topic about the UK and maps. Children have made some fantastic models of the Loch Ness monster, Ben Nevis and Mount Snowdon. They cooked and tasted food from England (scones), Wales (Welsh cakes) and Northern Ireland (Boxty potatoes). I was very impressed with the number of children who were prepared to try something new. The class have also painted Nessy and made short videos about the UK, working brilliantly as teams.

Today the class have come dressed in traditional dress for our Global celebration day and they have learnt different ways of saying hello in different languages and have enjoyed Bhangra dancing.

A great start to the year Cowell Class!





**Reading Breakfast in the hall– read with your child  
and hear the teacher read to the children**



**Tuesday 26th September at 9am: Donaldson and Cowell class**

**Wednesday 27th September at 9am: Rundell and Rauf class**

Please join us for a '**Reading Breakfast**' to share a story with your  
child and enjoy some breakfast.

We look forward to celebrating our love for reading with you!

