



NEWSLETTER

'If you believe it, you can achieve it'

Friday 24th November 2023

Dear families,

There has been lots of fun, interesting learning happening this week at Cottons Farm Primary Academy.

In Tuesday's assembly, Miss Peat talked to the children about two of The Harmony Pledge points— *be a volunteer* and *be workwise*. She talked to the children about their aspirations for the future and what job they would like to do. Well done to those children who achieved the character competency award- 'aspirational' in assembly this afternoon.

Huge congratulations to our school Fencing team— on Thursday they competed against four other Harmony schools, and achieved first place! Well done, we are really proud of you.

Today, we had a special visit from Mr Hughes, Mrs Hainsworth and Mrs Taylor. Well done to those children who took part in a pupil forum. Mr Hughes asked them about how much they enjoy learning at Cottons Farm; it was great to hear how much the children are enjoying their topics, such as The Stone Age and The Tudors.

Next week, we are hosting the *Read, Achieve, Succeed* breakfasts— Donaldson class and Cowell class on Tuesday 28th; Rundell class and Rauf class on Wednesday 29th. Please join us to hear the teacher read to the children and enjoy a story with your child.

Next Thursday, Mrs Roberts is hosting a 'Language café' for parents— please join us for a cup of tea and a conversation to practise your language skills

Have a great weekend.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 28th November-

Donaldson and Cowell class reading breakfast

Wednesday 29th November-

Rundell and Rauf class reading breakfast

Friday 22nd December— last day of term

Monday 8th January 2024— return to school



Language Café

Join us for a cup of tea and a conversation to practise your language skills.



COTTONS FARM PRIMARY ACADEMY

Thursday 30th November 2023 2.50pm

Let's talk about traditional stories

The Harmony Pledge



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Could you talk to your child about their aspirations for the future?

ATTENDANCE

Attendance EVERY day at school counts!

Class attendance for this week

Class AHLBERG REC	87.69%
Class DONALDSON	91.88%
Class COWELL	97.33%
Class RUNDELL	93.26%
Class RAUF	93.83%

Well done to Cowell Class!

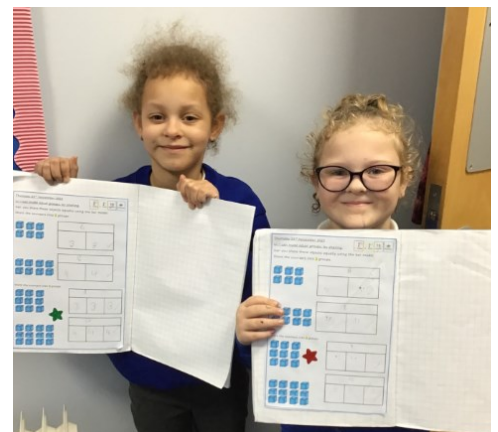
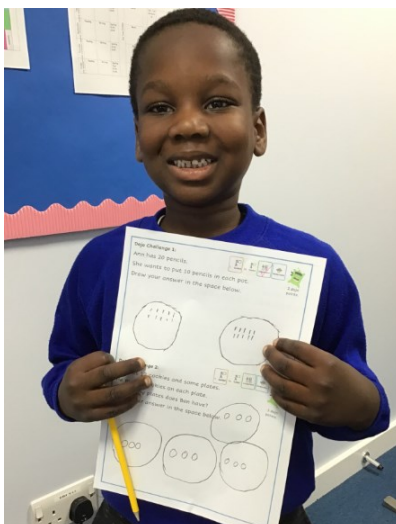
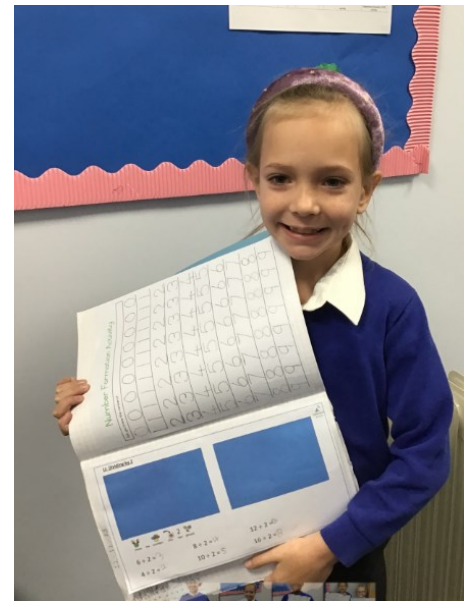


**Reading Breakfast in the hall— read with your child
and hear the teacher read to the children**



Tuesday 28th November at 9am: Donaldson and Cowell class

Wednesday 29th November at 9am: Rundell and Rauf class



Class of the Week

Yesterday, children from Year 5 represented our school at a fencing competition organised by Premier Sports for the Harmony schools in Derby. All four children thoroughly enjoyed taking part and, we are delighted to say, they took first place. Well done!

Well, we have had a great week in Rundell Class. On Monday morning we had our third session with Derby County Community Trust in which we learned about the Eatwell wheel and the importance of eating a balanced diet. Then we went outside for some vigorous activity – following on from a previous lesson when we learnt about moderate and vigorous activity. We were certainly all quite rosy cheeked at the end of the lesson.

In our science work this week we have been learning about the life cycles of plants. We dissected flowering plants and, after labelling the parts of these, we drew some botanical sketches of them. This involved some careful observations.

In our reading we have enjoyed reading about life aboard an explorer's ship. We thoroughly enjoyed the non-chronological report and enjoyed discussing the features the author had used to appeal to his audience.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend with your children and that they can tell you about some of their learning in school this week.

From Mrs Moloney.

