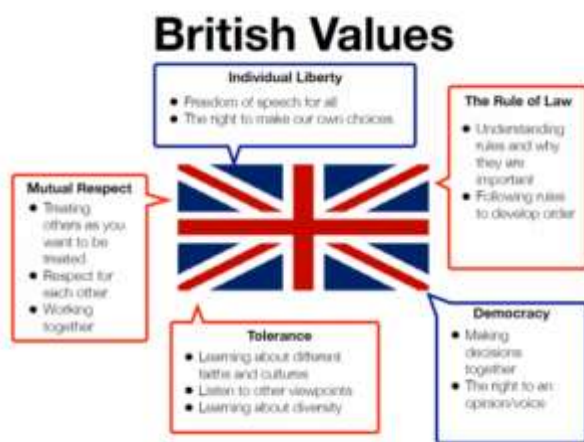


The Federation of North and South Cowton and Melsonby Methodist Primary Schools

Friday 28th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Throughout the term, in Collective Worship, we have been thinking about the British Values, which are a fundamental part of our curriculum.



This week, we have been focusing on Mutual Respect and thinking about people's identity. We explored this through a debate about what people choose to wear and how they present themselves in terms of their appearance. This led to a more in-depth discussion about 'Appearances vs Behaviour' and what we felt was important from people in the public eye, such as footballers, members of the government and well-known celebrities. A very topical debate, as I am sure you can imagine!

Class 2 came to the decision that people in the public eye should be able to choose how they wish to look and dress but need to behave in a certain way because of their influence over young people.

Aiden from North and South Cowton gave the example of footballers and how many young children look up to them. He and many others felt that it was important for Athletes to consistently be a model of positive behaviour and attitudes.

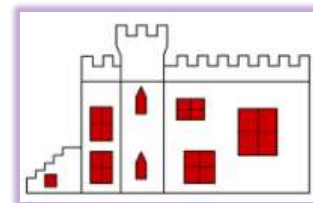
I look forward to many more interesting debates and discussions related to our understanding of British values.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Robinson



Love one another, encourage curiosity and foster resilience.



Respect each other, learn from one another, move forward together.

Federation Notices and Dates

February 6th, marks the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Across our schools next week, we will be starting to reflect on the Queen's 70 Years of service and beginning to make plans for our Jubilee celebrations in the summer term.

We would like all of the children to be involved in the planning of this and will be setting our school councillors the task of arranging what this will look like. Please look out for more news of our plans over the term ahead.

Whilst we have many more recommendations to give, we would love to hear some more of your book recommendations. Please send these in to the school admin email accounts so that we can share your suggestions across the schools.





News from Melsonby

Whilst Covid cases have risen amongst our school and community this week, the children who have been able to make it into school have continued to engage in some exciting learning. This week, Class 1 have been taking on the role of an author and creating their own page for the book 'Oi Get off our train'. This has caused some real excitement amongst the class and they are looking forward to publishing these at the start of next week.



Achievement

Class 1- **Emelia**

For a fantastic effort in her phonics. Emelia has been segmenting and blending to read and write two syllable words. Well done!

Class 2 – **Eddie**

For his effort with remote learning. Eddie has been working incredibly hard to complete all of his learning to such a high standard. Well done Eddie!

Values

Class 2 – **Patsy**

For showing responsibility for herself and others. Patsy always supports younger children in the school and helps them to build their independence. Well done Patsy!

Deadlines and Reminders

Parent Teacher Meetings

A reminder to please complete and return the Microsoft Form to make an appointment. The deadline for replies is **Friday 4th February**. Thank you.

Dates for your Diaries

Monday 14th & Wednesday 16th February – Class 1

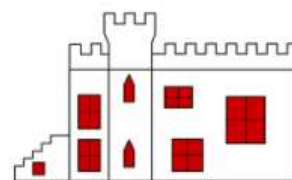
Parent Teacher Meetings 3.30-5.00pm

Tuesday 15th & Thursday 17th February – Class 2

Parent Teacher Meetings 3.30-5.00pm

Friday 18th February – School closes for half term

Monday 28th February – School re-opens



News from North and South Cowton

We have been really proud to display the children's last home learning projects in Class 2. As part of their Geography learning about Europe, they produced their own fact-files about a European country of their choice and then presented these to the class.



Achievement

Class 1- **Franky**

For showing real determination in his Maths learning this week. Franky has been working extremely hard with his multiplication knowledge. Well done!

Class 2- **Nicholas**

For a fantastic effort in his newspaper report. Nicholas was really engaged in the writing of this, which is evident in the high quality he has produced. Well done Nicholas!

Values

Class 2 – **Isabella**

For always demonstrating all of our school values. Bella shows kindness and respect to everyone she interacts with and is a role model to others through her behaviour and attitude. Well done!

Deadlines and Reminders

Edinburgh Trip

A reminder that we would like the junior children to try and each raise at least £20.22 by the end of February, towards their Edinburgh trip later in the year. This can be done in any way they can think of – be creative!

Dates for your Diaries

Monday 14th & Wednesday 16th February – Parents afternoon/evening from 3.30pm – 5.00pm. Please make appointments (either telephone call or TEAMS) via the office.

Friday 18th February – school closes for half term

Monday 28th February – school re-opens