

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

Friday 11thth March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week, Class 1 visited the Hullabaloo theatre where they watched a performance of 'A Square World.' The children demonstrated such high levels of engagement throughout and were truly immersed in the performance. The key messages of inclusion, accepting different and removing barriers shone through.

'So powerful' and 'It made me feel emotional' were some of the words used by the children in Class 1.

We know how valuable and memorable these experiences are for children and will be planning in future trips now that restrictions have been lifted.



Our school council met this week to discuss the ongoing crisis in Ukraine and are very eager to do something to support those impacted. After lots of discussion, the children finally decided that they would like to hold a cake sale and donate all proceeds to those suffering from the war. We have decided to combine this with Red Nose Day next week. We will be asking children to come dressed in red. They can bring a small monetary donation, a donation of cakes for the sale after school or both if they wish.

Thank you for your continued support with these worthy causes.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Robinson

We have been undertaking some work with a design team to refresh our school logos and combine the two to create our own Federation branding. We look forward to sharing this with you in the next few weeks.

Federation Notices and Dates

Online Safety Updates

Please see link below to age restrictions for social media apps and guidance for parents on each of the apps. There is some really useful information on here and some very surprising age restrictions.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/social-media-guides>

Book Recommendations

We know that so many of our children are enjoying such a vast range of books at home and would like to ask you to share your recommendations. Please email these to the school office so that we can share each week via our newsletter and look at adding these to our library collection.





News from Melsonby

This week, Class 1 have been exploring the poem 'The Treasures' by Clare Bevan which has followed on beautifully from their learning focused on how to help our world.

Who will bring me the hush of a feather?
 "I," screeched the Barn Owl. "Whatever the weather."
 Who will bring me the shadows that flow?
 "I," snarled the Tiger. "Wherever I go."
 Who will bring me the colours that shine?
 "I," shrieked the Peacock. "Because they are mine."
 Who will bring me the crash of the waves?
 "I," sang the Dolphin. "Because I am brave."
 Who will bring me the secrets of night?
 "I," called the Bat. "By the moon's silver light."
 Who will bring me the scent of the flower?
 "I," hummed the Bee. "By the sun's golden power."
 Who will bring me the waterfall's gleam?
 "I," sighed the Minnow. "By river and stream."
 Who will bring me the strength of the small?
 "I," cried the Spider. "When webs line your wall."
 Who will bring me the shiver of snow?
 "I," howled the Wolf Cub. "When icicles grow."
 And who will bring me a nest, furry warm?
 "I," squeaked the Rat. "When we hide from the storm...
 But who will care for the treasures we give?"
 "I," said the Child.
 "For as long as I live."

Achievement

Class 1- Hattie

For showing increased confidence in her maths learning. Hattie worked independently to interpret pictograms and went on to create her own.

Class 2- Florence

For showing perseverance during challenging problem solving in maths. We are really proud of you Florence!

Values

Class 1 – Emily

Emily always demonstrates such a good understanding of our school values. She takes responsibility for her learning and has a very conscientious attitude towards this. Well done!

Deadlines and Reminders

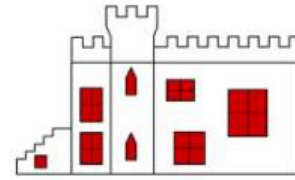
Dates for your Diaries

Friday 18th March – Comic Relief and cake sale after school. Wear red and bring a donation of money, cakes or both if you wish.

Thursday 7th April – FOMS Easter Coffee Morning at St James' Church 9.30 -11.30

Friday 8th April – Easter Service at St James' Church, 2.00. End of Term. **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

Monday 25th April – School re-opens



News from North and South Cowton

Last week, Class 2 took part in the first of a series of virtual sessions focused on mental health and wellbeing. Jenna Downing, the British and World Champion Inline Skater, led the first of the inspirational talks which was focused on resilience and bouncing back from set-backs. It was great to hear her story and use this to help us grow our own resilience.

Class 1 and 2 have been enjoying their lunch play, working together to make their own obstacle courses.



Achievement

Class 2 – Wilf

For a fantastic setting description based on the text 'Darwin's Dragons.' Wilf used a range of devices to engage readers in his writing. We were most impressed by the adventurous vocabulary he chose. Well done Wilf!

Values

Class 2 – Paige

For always showing our school values in all that she does. Paige consistently shows kindness to others through her interactions with adults and children.

Deadlines and Reminders

Please remember to keep as up to date as possible with meal and club payments on Parent Pay.

Dates for your Diaries

TONIGHT –Family quiz 7.30pm at the village hall

Tuesday 15th March – Year 5 & 6 children to netball
Friday 18th March – Comic Relief and cake sale after school.

Wear red and bring a donation of money, cakes or both if you wish.

Friday 8th April – Easter Egg Hunt
Break up for Easter.