

COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Issue 7

Friday 20th October 2017

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TENDANCE

Whole school target is 97%

| | EYFS | YEAR 1 | YEAR 2 | YEAR 3 | YEAR 4 | YEAR 5 | YEAR 6 |
|--------------|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Attendance % | 90% | 89% | 96.2% | 96.6% | 95.6% | 97% | 96.4% |

Whole School Attendance
from 13th to 19th October

95.1%

Attendance superstars
for this week

2S 99.4% / 6G 98%

In my assembly this week, I asked the children to reflect upon their learning journey this half term. We have been in school for 34 days which equates to approximately 200 hours of learning, and I wanted them to think about what difference that time had made to their education. Very quickly the hall was amass with hands, as children wanted to talk about their learning experiences. What became very apparent was how animated and passionate the children are when talking about their lessons. Pleasingly, many of them were also able to explain which of the Philosophy For Learning thinking skills they had used to help themselves learn.

For over a year now we have been working towards our vision of 'Achieving Excellence, Inspiring Dreams'. Academic standards and test results are very important to us, but the real measure of success towards our vision is whether the children love the hours that they spend in our care. This week we have endeavoured to enhance creativity skills by focusing whole school learning around one painting. There has been a genuine sense of excitement in the school, and the quality of children's work indicates that they have been 'inspired' in their learning. This is the second year of having an Arts Week and it is certainly proving popular with children and teachers alike! I would like to invite all friends and family in to see class exhibitions of the children's artwork immediately after school on Friday 3rd November.

In conclusion I wish all families a wonderful half term. The children deserve a rest and I hope that you all have chance to spend some quality time together during this lovely Autumn season.

Mr. Leonard

Oct / Nov Diary Dates:

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| Mon 30 | School Photographs |
| Tue 31 | Y5 Lego Mindstorm Robot Day |
| Fri 3 | Art Week Parents' Exhibition 3.15pm |
| Tue 7 | Y5 Space Centre Visit |
| Wed 8 | 2S Class Assembly |
| Fri 10 | Y4 Wroxeter Roman Visit |
| Tue 14 | Open Session for Prospective Parents 9.30am |
| Fri 17 | 'Children in Need' Non uniform day |
| | Art winners trip to visit gallery |

Term Dates 2017/18:

Autumn Term

Half Term: Mon 23rd - Fri 27th Oct
 Mon 30th Oct - Fri 22nd Dec
 See the website for further dates
Teacher Training Days
 Thursday 30th November 2017
 Friday 1st December 2017
 Monday 23rd July 2018
 Tuesday 24th July 2018



Question of the week
 How
 did the
 universe
 begin?

SMART Ticket winners: Congratulations to the six winners for winning this half term's SMART prizes. As we are making a big effort to promote reading at Cotteridge, our prizes this year will be WHSmith book vouchers. All winners will look even 'smarter' with a new book in their hands!!

Right of the Week: Article 15 Chosen by Year 6 UNICEF ambassadors Trinity 6PE and Amy 6G. Every child has the right to meet with other children, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.



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Art Week

This week the whole school have been inspired by Ford Madox Brown's painting *Work*. Using the painting, year groups have responded in different ways to produce a final piece of art which will be available for parents to view in classrooms after school on Friday 3rd November.



Work, by Ford Madox Brown
Displayed in Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

The children who have produced the best work in each house in each year will be rewarded by a trip to see the original painting on 17th November. The children have really enjoyed the week and have produced some fantastic pieces of art using many different skills.



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5T Class Assembly

5T shared some of the knowledge they have learnt so far this term during our 'Space Explorers' topic as well as reaching for the stars with their dream jobs and aspirations. Everyone had the chance to share what they are striving to become when they are older. Well done to everyone for learning your lines. You performed them clearly and with enthusiasm!



REMINDER

School Photographer will be in school on Monday 30th October. Family group photographs will be taken but if you wish to have pre-school children who do NOT attend our nursery in the family group photograph, then please be in school for 8.30 a.m.



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