



NEWSLETTER

'If you believe it, you can achieve it'

Friday 20th October 2023

Dear families,

There has been lots of exciting learning happening at Cottons Farm Primary Academy this week.

All week we have hosted the Scholastic book fair; it has been lovely to see the children enjoying and sharing the books. In assembly today, I announced 5 winners of the reading competition– congratulations for winning £5 to spend at the book fair. The last day for the book fair will be Tuesday 24th October.

On Tuesday, we had a special anti-racism assembly by a leader from Derby County. He spoke to the children about allies and how we can support each other to stand up to racism. This month is Black History month, so we have been talking and learning about famous Black, inspirational sports men and women.

This week has been the SumDog competition week; congratulations to Cowell class for being top of the SumDog leader board on Tuesday.

It has been a busy week for the teachers doing parents' evening on Tuesday and Thursday, if you were unable to attend please contact your child's teacher via Dojo or the office (phone call appointments are still possible). Parents' evening is a really important time to hear about your child's progress.

Next week we are celebrating The Harmony Pledge. Miss Peat has planned a range of activities for each class linked to one of the 10 Pledge Points. On Friday 27th, it will be non-uniform day; please try to wear the colours of The Harmony Trust (purple and blue). If you don't have those colours, non-uniform is still fine. Rather than a £1 donation, please support us by bringing in a chocolate item (eg: cakes/ chocolate bar).

Have a great weekend. Mrs Patmore (Principal)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Cowell class trip– Monday 23rd October

Autumn term disco-

Thursday 26th October

Half term-

Monday 30th October–

Friday 3rd November

The Harmony Pledge week

Non uniform day on Friday 27th October

Wear purple and blue if you can.

Bring a chocolatey donation, eg: chocolate bars/ chocolate bar



ATTENDANCE

Attendance EVERY day at school counts!

Class attendance for this week

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|-------------------|--------|
| Class AHLBERG REC | 96.9% |
| Class DONALDSON | 84% |
| Class COWELL | 91.33% |
| Class RUNDELL | 92.94% |
| Class RAUF | 93.89% |

Well done to Ahlberg Class!



Our Global School Day

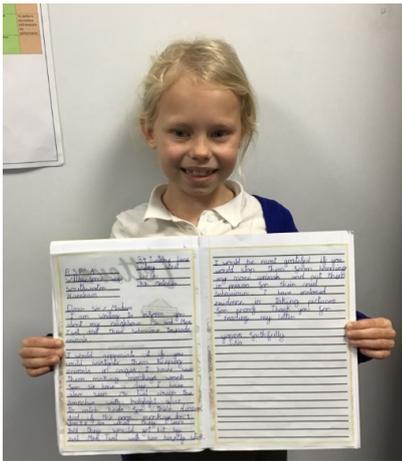
The presentation is now live on our website



OUR GLOBAL SCHOOL DAY

Click here to view Sway

[Cottons Farm Primary Academy: Our Global School Day \(theharmonytrust.org\)](https://www.theharmonytrust.org)



British Sign Language Club



At Cottons Farm this term, we've had a lot of expert help from one of our families.

We've been learning about British Sign Language.

[We also used the online British Sign Language Dictionary](#)

British Sign Language (BSL) is the most common form of sign language used in the United Kingdom. It is used by deaf people and their relatives. Each country in the world has its own sign language.

BSL is not a way of expressing English with gestures. It is a complete language in its own right, with its own vocabulary and grammar. BSL has many regional variations: signs used in Scotland may not be understood in southern England.

In the United Kingdom there are over 70,000 people who use BSL



We also learnt to finger spell, so now we can say lots of things.

'I loved learning BSL because I can talk in BSL letters!' (Hafsah)

I wonder which class will win the language bingo game and which language they will choose next?

From Mrs Roberts

Non Uniform Day!

WEAR PURPLE AND BLUE TO CELEBRATE PLEDGE WEEK!

The Harmony Pledge is our commitment to giving the best education to children, that involves many different opportunities to develop their skills and learning. Meeting 10 points of the Harmony Pledge will not only broaden their experiences and aspirations but will enable them to become life-long learners and **BELIEVE, ACHIEVE and SUCCEED.**

**Friday 27th
October 2023**



Bring a donation of something chocolatey!



COTTON FARM'S ALL CHILDREN



AUTUMN DISCO

THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2023

4PM-5PM

£2 PER CHILD
INCLUDING CHIP

BUY YOUR TICKETS ON

COB AND JUICE

PARENT PAY



SWEET SHOP

GLOW STICKS

TATTOOS

PARTY GAMES

PRIZE FOR THE
BEST DRESSED
GIRL AND BOY!