



CORBRIDGE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL

Newsletter: Friday 10 February 2023

Dear Families,

Week 1 of STEM Fortnight has been a huge success in school. I asked our super scientists to share updates from all classes...

Nursery and Reception: Welcome to Jurassic Park CFS!

The children in Reception came into the BIGGEST shock on Monday morning - something big (*really* big) had managed to get in their classroom and make such a mess! The intrepid dinosaur explorers got straight on the case. Across EYFS, we have completed dinosaur maths (counting and problem solving), constructed volcanoes, made dinosaur fossil biscuits and even used chemistry to make fizzy dinosaur eggs that hatch in water! We are all so excited to see what next week brings...

Year 1: Octonauts, to the launch bay!

In Year 1 we dived under the sea this week with the most exciting missions. And Year 1 were certainly dressed for the occasion! At one point, a wild octopus managed to escape the tank and give Mrs. Dobson such a fright in the kitchen! From making lava lamps and writing instructions, to making clay characters and producing our own mini movies, we have had the best time together. It has been a busy but exciting week and we cannot wait to welcome the children back for lots more fun next week!

Year 2: Start Your Engines!

If you had come into Year 2 on Monday, you might have mistaken the classroom for the paddock at Silverstone. With the sound of Fleetwood's Mac's 'The Chain' in the background and a mysterious figure dressed all in leather, the children couldn't wait to find out which racing teams they were joining. Dressed in racing suits and caps, we have been exploring the problem of how to move a car without touching it. We have tried moving it with wind, gravity and even kinetic energy! The children can't wait to show all of the grown-ups next week what they have discovered. Which buggy will win the trophy?

Year 3: Greetings from our Jedi Training Facility!

Our Jedi Younglings entered school full of excitement on Monday and were immediately enrolled into the Jedi Training programme and given their official Star Wars names. Master Yoda instructed the new recruits to create a security system to protect all Jedi bases and training facilities from the Dark Side. Our Jedi Younglings began creating designs for shoebox dioramas in which they could present their security system ideas to Yoda - the incredible creativity demonstrated shows that our trainees are well on their way to achieving the next Jedi rank of Padawan or Jedi Knight very soon! Technology Tom visited our training facility this week. He helped us use our knowledge of electricity and magnetism to design and build a 'latching switch security system'! Thank you Tom!

Year 4: Wingardium Leviosa!

Witches and wizards entered school full of excitement on Monday and were immediately sorted into their houses by the Sorting Hat and given their official wizard names. Hedwig had delivered letters from Dumbledore asking the children to create Mandrake Silencers for the Herbology Department at Hogwarts. The children got straight to work with their STEM partners, creating designs for structures and using 3D shape nets to make prototypes. They began measuring, cutting and reinforcing art straws to create the outer shell of their Mandrake Silencer structure. Panels for the outside are next on their jobs list. They also did scientific fair tests and experiments to identify good soundproofing materials to inform their choices next week. A huge thank you to Technology Tom for his workshop. He set us the task of designing and making a Mandrake Trap structure with a working mechanism - this was a lot of fun and certainly challenged our problem-solving skills!



Have a lovely weekend.

S Hart & E Florek

Executive Head Teacher

Executive Deputy Head Teacher

Attendance this week:

Our weekly goal is 97% across the whole school.

| 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
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| Year 1 with 98.8% | Year 2 with 98% | Year 4 with 94.8% |



School Dinners: Week beginning Monday 13 February 2023 for Spring Term 1, and will be Week 3 of our [menu](#)

A special Valentine's themed lunch will be served on Tuesday 14 February. The menu will be hot dog in a bun or chicken chunks, chips or pasta, beans/spaghetti hoops/sweetcorn, and the pudding is a surprise!

Messy Church: For all the family, on Sunday 12 February 2023, from 3pm - 4pm at St Andrew's Church, Corbridge. The Good Samaritan - with a Bible story, activities, crafts, games, celebration and a light snack.

Nut Allergies: This is a reminder that we are a nut free school. Please support us by ensuring that your child's packed lunch and/or snacks are nut free. Please read the label on snack products as it is not always easy to spot that they may contain nuts - for instance granola and breakfast bars often contain nuts. We do have individuals in school who do have nut allergies, so would appreciate your cooperation with this.

The School Diary: The term dates are in the grid this week but we will be filling the diary with all of our events for the term soon. Please remember to check for any new dates in each week. *Dates in red are new dates which have been added*

| Date | Event | Notes |
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| February 2023 | | |
| 6 - 17 | STEM Fortnight | |
| Tuesday 14 | Rainbow Day - Love has no Labels Come to school dressed in different rainbow colours, as follows: Nursery/Reception: Blue or Purple Year 1: Green Year 2: Yellow Year 3: Orange Year 4: Red | Parentmail issued |
| Tuesday 14 | Valentines Themed Lunch <i>Hot dogs in a bun or chicken chunks, chips or pasta, beans/spaghetti hoops/sweetcorn, and the pudding is a surprise!</i> | Letter sent out to Packed Lunch children (Parentmail and Paper Copy) |
| Wednesday 15 | Year 2 - Visit to St Andrew's Church (am) | Parentmail issued |
| Thursday 16 | Fancy Dress Day for End of STEM week (as per class Parentmail) | Parentmail issued |

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| February 2023 | | |
| Thursday 16 | STEM Open Afternoon for Reception, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 parents/carers only (1:45pm - 2:45pm) | Parentmail issued |
| Friday 17 | EYFS trip to Great North Museum | Parentmail Form and Payment issued |
| Friday 17 | STEM open Afternoon - Year 1 2:15pm, for parents/carers | Parentmail issued |
| Friday 17 | Last day of school before half term | |
| Friday 24 | Teacher Training Day | School closed to children |
| Monday 27 | School Re-opens | |
| March 2023 | | |
| Wednesday 1 | Visit from Kema Kay - rapper and actor | |
| Thursday 2 March | World Book Day | More information to follow |
| Tuesday 14 | Key Stage 2 - Rugby Tournament at CFS with Broomhaugh First School | |
| Tuesday 21 | Music Concert | More information to follow |
| Friday 31 | Last day of school before Easter holidays | |
| April 2023 | | |
| Monday 17 | School Re-opens | |
| Tuesday 18 | Reception: Vision Screening | More information to follow |
| May 2023 | | |
| Monday 1 | Bank Holiday - School closed | |
| Monday 8 | Bank Holiday - HM Coronation Day School Closed | |
| Friday 19 | Year 4 – Tynedale Schools Quad Kids Transition/Competition - Athletics Events at Corbridge Middle School (PM) | More information to follow |
| Friday 26 | Last day of school before half term | |
| June 2023 | | |
| Monday 5 | School Re-opens | |
| Tuesday 13 | Cricket Tournament at CFS with Broomhaugh First School KS1 - morning KS2 - afternoon | |
| July 2023 | | |
| Friday 21 | Last day of school before Summer holidays | |