

Coteford Junior School

Newsletter 22

07th March 2025

Ready, Responsible, Respectful

Pupils in the Merit book this week:

The following children have been chosen for the class Merit:

3EB: Emma for great Maths

3TH: Aashiv for lovely descriptive writing

4HS: Amelia for independent work in class

4LF: Arthur for amazing work in Geography

4IW: Amir for a perfect example of the 3Rs

5DJ: Maddie for kindness and patience

5EP: Adnan for perseverance with fractions

5UQ: Logan for making improvements in all areas

6CK: Andreas for being a good partner when working with a friend

6KB: Sophia for her amazing English

6SP: Samuel for amazing improvement in his arithmetic

6LK: Fergie for always working so hard

Mrs Eckley: Tallulah, Elisha and Tommy very dependable reading ambassadors

Miss Skinner: Sophie 6CK

Reminder:

We are celebrating world book day on Wednesday **12th March** – children are to come to school dressed in pyjamas for bedtime stories.

We will be watching a theatre production of "The Railway Children" Payment of £6.50 is available for this on Parentmail.

Families are welcome to come into their child's class at 2.30pm to see the artwork.

Attendance

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Year 3 = 95.25 %

Year 4 = 97.03 %

Year 5 = 93.75 %

Year 6 = 94.17 %

Total for school = 94.9%

PE Lessons:

This week some of our lower school children were challenged to 'leave their legs at the door' for an accessible PE lesson delivered by Xander, a trainee coach and ex-Coteford pupil. During the session they learnt about disability sport and conducted their regular fitness PE lesson without walking, using different muscle groups and problem solving skills to access sport in a fun and inclusive way.



Sports News:

On Wednesday we took part in the Hillingdon Aspire Basketball tournament (a friendly competition). Prior to the tournament, the constant theme from the children was "Mr Belinga I don't know how to play Basketball... I'm so nervous I've never been involved in anything like this before." As soon as the first whistle was blown all the self-doubt and nervousness was brushed to the side. It was wonderful to see how the children adapted and tackle a task that seemed difficult prior to playing. I enjoyed watching the combination plays- they moved the ball really fast by passing and moving for each other and when the opponent had the ball, everyone on the court worked tirelessly to get the ball back. We played total of 5 games, winning 2 and losing 3 (the children believe that we won more, so I could be wrong).

This tournament demonstrated a lot of transferable skills, such as adapting to a new situation, challenging your self-doubt and team work. Hopefully the children involved will use these skills in different domains other than just sport.

A big well done to: Amiin, Elliot, Ellisa, Kouji, Tsiamo, Maddie and Clara.
Mr Belinga.



We hope all our families have a lovely Weekend