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the chance to shine.

# Cowling Community Primary School Weekly Newsletter Friday 2nd February



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is lovely to see the sun today—maybe Spring is finally on it's way! Apologies if your child came home with muddy shoes yesterday. Unfortunately the main playground resembled an ice rink and we were hoping the field would have frozen enough for the children to enjoy at break time. However, it was still too boggy and some of our children did get rather muddy. Please could you ensure your child has socks and trainers/pumps in their PE kit should they need to change their footwear.

This week we welcomed Bailey our reading dog into school. Bailey belongs to Mrs Lesley Cleaver and is an extremely good natured retriever. A few years ago I brought my dog, Magnus, into school and he proved a big hit with the children who loved reading to him. There is evidence children really enjoy reading to animals, who are non-judgemental and provide a very calming influence. Bailey was certainly very popular and we hope he will be a regular visitor to school. At Cowling we strongly believe that reading is the key to success in primary school and beyond. If children can crack reading then they also boost their own vocabulary and their writing will also improve. Reading is also a strong indicator of future academic success. If you have a pet at home see if your child enjoys reading to them!

Class 1 have been finding out about healthy eating and the School Council will be leading a healthy eating assembly on Monday. They are planning an "I'm a Celebrity" type tasting session to encourage pupils to try more fruit and vegetables and we are grateful to fruit and vegetable providers, First Class, for supporting the children in their initiative.

On Wednesday pupils took part in the performing arts workshop at South Craven and were great ambassadors for Cowling School working together with pupils from neighbouring primaries.

As we move into February we look forward to Spring and future school activities. I am delighted that we have secured tickets to see David Walliam's "Awful Auntie" in Bradford in March. Last year we travelled to Manchester to see "Gangsta Granny" which was an excellent production and I am sure the children will love seeing the story come to life on stage.

I hope you all have a very enjoyable weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.

with best wishes  
Susan Marshall  
(Headteacher)



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## Maths Through Sport



Children in Year 2 and Year 5 are improving their maths in weekly workouts with teacher Mr Dan McTernan of Sporting Influence. The idea is to make maths fun and active by putting the learning into a sporting context. The children certainly seem to be enjoying the sessions and boosting their number power.



Monday—Sports Cool  
Wednesday—KS2 Running  
Thursday—KS1 Multi-Sports

## Performing Arts Workshop

Thank you to South Craven school for hosting a Performing Arts Workshop for pupils this week. Working with pupils from other local primaries our children danced, sang and acted. Families were invited to a performance following the workshop in the Fells Hall.

Katie Boucher said: “The dance was really fun to do and they gave everybody a line in acting. It was a great experience.”

Jessica Sarai said: “I thought it was a good experience because it helped me socialise with people I don’t know. It was a good mix of activities and it boosted my confidence.”

Teagan Dugdale: “ I thought is was a great experience for getting together with different groups and making friends. I mostly enjoyed the dancing because you could show your parents what you could do.”

Ciara Barton:” I enjoyed the performing arts; it was fun and I loved the dancing. Our group’s theme was friendship. “

## Cowling Primary School Pupils of the Week

**Pupils of the week awarded for reasoning, effort, independence, art, Maths and science-fiction writing.**

**Mrs Antal’s Class:** Cooper Hall and Riley Moore.

**Mrs Amos and Mrs Symond’s Class:** Alice Rogerson and Freddie Hay.

**Mrs Nelson’s Class:** Alice Emmott and Tilly Widdup.

**Mrs Dawson’s Class:** Chloe Marshall and Cyan Dugdale.

**Mrs Pease and Mr Ollerton’s Class:** James West and Lucca Powell.



## Diary Dates

6.2.18—internet safety day  
9.2.18 — School closes for half-term  
7.3.18—Bollywood Vibes Indian Dancing  
7.3.18 Netball Festival  
21.3. 18—Tag Rugby  
28.3.18 Awful Auntie Theatre visit Y3 and Y6

**Happy Birthday to:**

**Dylan Walker, James West  
and Emily Batchelor**

**From all your friends at  
Cowling Primary School**

