**Cotton End Forest School**

**Governing Body Report**

**July 2022**

*“We aim to provide our children with opportunities to become confident, happy children valuing and respecting diversity and who are proud of their achievements”.*

The summer term has got off to a flying start and the children are enjoyed their new topics of :

Once Upon a Time - Reception, Let's Build Year 1

Ready Steady, Grow Year 2, Healthy Me Year 3

Habitats Year 4, Earth and Space Year 5 and Game of Survival Year 6.

From the Summer term weekly assemblies have been in the school hall.

Attendance is mentioned each Friday to identify which class had the most children in school that week – the winners receive ‘Charlie Bear’ to look after. Birthdays are also celebrated. Stars, in KS1 and merits, in KS2 are awarded for achievements made in their learning.

As part of the very busy curriculum the music team from Bedford Borough returned to school this term with Kingfishers learning the Djembe drums and Ospreys playing ukuleles.

Here are some of the sharing at Assembly since Easter:-

Year 2 classes of Woodpeckers and Skylarks shared their experiences. They created a beautiful garden area in school for their topic of Ready, Steady, Grow, which is now adorned with colourful wooden seats, books and flower beds.

Year 3 Kingfishers shared their learning, showing wooden mallets they had made at Forest School, story maps created in English as well as demonstrating their actions to remember their punctuation. It was lovely to hear the process of creating their own variations of flapjack, making boxes to put them in and then of course tasting them!

Their science experiment looked at different conditions for plants to grow - explored lack of light, water and heat, one plant even went in the freezer! The presentations really highlighted how busy everyone is during the week in school.

*Cotton End Forest School – on Local TV*

Our Year 4 children in Eagles class showcased their times table knowledge as

they took part in a Guinness Book of Records challenge, with Times Tables Rock Stars. They all spoke and presented very confidently.

School Trips –

The children in KS2 visited Queen's Park for the Faith Tour; their behaviour was

exemplary and they showed great respect in all places of worship, asking really appropriate questions and learned lots about the religions of the places they visited.

The Platinum Jubilee was celebrated with a finale of an outdoor assembly

on the amphitheatre where the children showcased their crowns, red, white and blue

outfits and sang the National Anthem.

Key 2 children had swimming at a local pool.

*Visitors to the School this term included:-*

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Birds of Prey visited Year 2

Frank, our reading dog – he listens to the children read

*Special weeks*

Science

Outdoor Learning

Art

Sports day

My grateful thanks to the Headteacher and all staff who have all worked extremely hard for all the children at Cotton End Forest School.

We wish staff who are leaving this term, very good wishes in their future endeavours.

*Sandra Thacker*

*Chair of Governors*

*Cotton End Forest School*