



We've had another fantastic week at St. Cuthbert's as everyone got involved with Black History Month, the COP26 pilgrimage, and passing harvest donations to Nite Bite and enjoying lots and lots of outdoor learning.

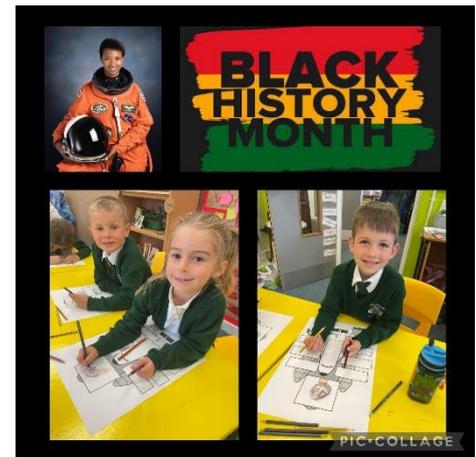
Year 6 have won the attendance award this week with 96.3%. All children are expected to have attendance of at least 96% and we work closely with our safeguarding partners to get attendance as good as we can get it and we work with families to make sure children are at school as often as they can be.

Class	%
Reception	93.8
Year 1	93.3
Year 2	95.7
Year 3	93.3
Year 4	90.4
Year 5	92.5
Year 6 🏆	96.3
Whole school	93.6



The work on Black History Month continued across school last week and everyone is finding out even more about inspirational people who have made amazing positive changes to our world. Next week is Diversity

Week and children will be sharing what they have found out and taking part in lots of different activities including writing their own comics, creating abstract artwork, writing poetry and music, dancing and exploring space! As always we'll keep you up to date with what is happening on Twitter and Tapestry throughout the week. We were delighted that so many adults helped with painting banners for next week and we'd love it if more people can help paint more next week- they'll be outside Early Years waiting for you 😊





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Last Tuesday we welcomed a group of international pilgrims who began as different groups walking from Poland and Sweden on their way to Glasgow for COP26. The pilgrims met up in Holland before getting the ferry to North Shields and making their way to Northumberland coast via St. Cuthbert's playground. All our children and staff gave them an amazing welcome and sang their hearts out for our guests who sang to us in return. The song they sang was in German and had a slightly familiar tune and when one child asked what it was we were all delighted to hear it was the Irish Blessing we sing so often at school so our children sang their version for the pilgrims. Year 6 then led the pilgrimage from school to St. Cuthbert's Church where parishoners and Fr. Chris welcomed them. We focus continually on Laudato Si- Caring for Our Common Home and Fratelli Tutti- Sisters and Brothers all, and our guests represent another example of our community and global activism in action. Children across school wrote messages and prayers of support on paper boats which we shared with the pilgrims before they set off further on their travels. You can follow the pilgrims travels live on their website at <https://www.klimapilgern.de/en/locate-cp2021/>



We've had a few questions about payments for school meals since we returned to school in September. We are more than happy to help as much as we can at school and the contact address for questions about ParentPay is parentpay@northtyneside.gov.uk. We pay North Tyneside Catering Services a substantial amount of money each year through our Service Level Agreement to manage everything related to school meals, including managing your payments for school meals. You can find out more information about school meals on the North Tyneside at <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/237/pay-school-meals>

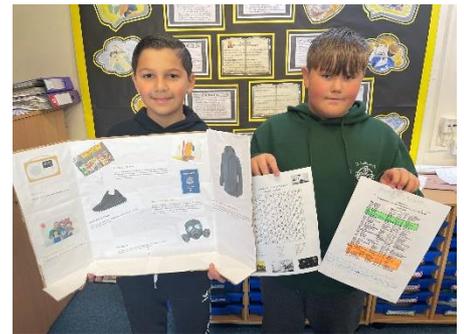
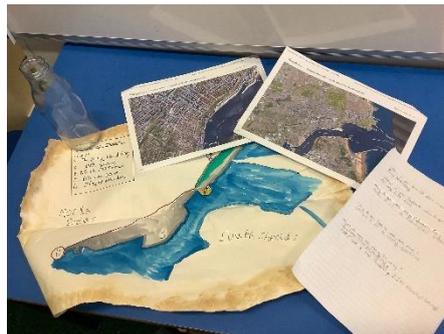
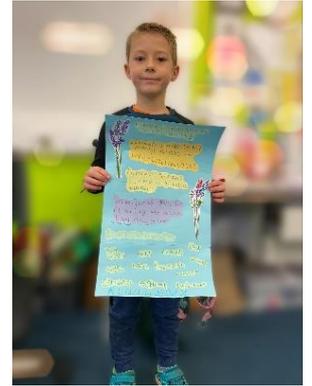


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It has been brilliant to see the fantastic topic homework coming in to school over the past few weeks. The idea behind homework at St. Cuthbert's is very simple; children are given a range of tasks to pick from and they can do as many of the tasks as they like. We also love it when children work with grown-ups on homework and the homework is an extension of what is happening at school and a chance for the children to explain to you what they are doing in class. Children also get different maths and English tasks throughout the year including phonics and spelling based work. We don't do spelling tests in school, we monitor children's spellings in their writing across all subject areas. Classes change reading books once each week and children need to have a bag in school for this to happen. We always encourage children to read further beyond our reading scheme both at school and at home. We will be taking children back to North Shields Library soon and now that classes can mix we have started re-introducing children working as reading partners with different classes. We love sharing homework on Twitter and Tapestry as it gives you a flavour of the wonderful creativity running throughout St. Cuthbert's community.



It's been almost two years since our football team have been in action but this week they got the green and white hoops back on and took on Percy Main Primary School and the year 7/ 8 team from John Spence High School. The team, under the expert guidance of Miss Collings and Miss Birkett, beat Percy Main 2-1 and were narrowly beaten by the much older John Spence team, 2-1 also. Thank you to all our families for your fantastic support getting the players to the matches and giving them such fantastic encouragement from the sidelines. Well done to everyone and a special well done to every player for demonstrating such brilliant, sporting behaviour in both victory and defeat. Bring on the next round of matches!





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Our Mission this week is to work together to celebrate the richness and diversity of our amazing community- to care for each other and treat each other with kindness, respect, compassion and love. We are a strong and united community and we are at our very best when we are supporting each other and people in need around us like we do every day.

OUR MISSION
Our mission is for us all to work together, to celebrate the diversity and richness of our amazing community, our Fratelli Tutti. We are our best when we are united and we treat each other and ourselves with *dignity, kindness, compassion, care and love.* We are all *St. Cuthbert's* we are all *Fratelli Tutti* and we are all made in God's image.

God of hope, encourage us to reach out when we see people who need our help. Open our hearts so that we may work together to make the world a fairer place for all people- our *Fratelli Tutti*. May we be a *caring, loving and compassionate* community who give sanctuary to everyone in need. We ask this through Christ Jesus, your Son, Our Lord. Amen.

LOVE & COMPASSION ARE NECESSITIES

Love wins

St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

Peter and Doreen from Nite Bite were delighted with the fantastic donations from our Harvest Festival and the food you have given them will go towards feeding vulnerable adults and children in need in North Shields. A group of our year 6 girls took this act of kindness and compassion even further and raised money to buy even more food for Nite Bite by making and selling their own lemonade. Acts of kindness are contagious and their act of kindness has led to the duty manager at Morrisons promising to donate food to Nite Bite in response to the girls generosity and compassion. This is truly faith in action, living out our weekly mission and perfect examples of RAKtivism! We are very proud of the girls and we know everyone in our St. Cuthbert's community will be also.



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If you haven't joined our school lottery yet it is really easy and gives you a chance of winning our school jackpot each week and gives you an entry to a much bigger weekly jackpot. All profits from the lottery go towards helping us make sure our children continue to have the fantastic opportunities they get every week at St. Cuthbert's. Our weekly prize currently stands at £19.80, you will also be entered into a national school lottery for £25,000 draw each week. You can sign up at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-cuthberts-rc-primaryschool/supporter>

If you have any concerns about your child's, or another child's safety, including their online safety, or questions about behaviour we always ask that you speak to us at school. It is important that we are part of discussions that may be happening around children's behaviour and welfare. We record incidents and concerns electronically on our CPOMS system and we work very closely with Clennell Education Solutions to make sure all our staff are up to date with the best safeguarding training available and to provide leading professional advice when requested. This means that we have a broad picture of anything that is happening at school and, with your help, we can make sure any concerns are addressed quickly and do not escalate or lead to children or families falling out.



Thank you to everyone who has been using Tapestry, our keepingintouch@stcuthbertsrcprimary.co.uk email and school phone to keep in touch with school staff. It is very important that lines of communication are kept as open and honest as possible between school and home as we work hard to keep our open-door policy and approach going by making so many ways to keep in touch available. **As highlighted in the past we don't use Facebook or WhatsApp or any other social media apart from Twitter (which we don't use to answer questions)**, and we won't be setting up accounts on either medium. If you have any questions, concerns, or need to chat to a member of staff at school please make sure you use one of three methods we have put in place:

- Message a member of staff on Tapestry.
- Email keepingintouch@stcuthbertsrcprimary.co.uk
- Phone 0191 691 9876 and arrange an agreed time to chat to someone.

If you have not yet activated your Tapestry account or if you are having trouble accessing it please let us know as soon as possible. Tapestry is one of the main ways we keep in touch with families and it is important that you can receive messages and posts from it even if you don't use it lots yourself.



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Thank you to everyone who is using Easyfundraising.

We now have 88 supporters and are well past the £1000 mark, raising a fantastic £1113.12 so far! There are no catches to using the site, you don't need to share bank or payment details, just sign up and choose to support St. Cuthbert's. all you then need to do is search for your chosen store or seller on the easyfundraising site and do your online shopping as normal. If you are booking a holiday, buying any insurance, changing internet suppliers, mobile phone providers etc. online, and do so through the site they make quite big donations to school! It's really easy to get set up and running, all you need to do is:

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stcuthbertsrcprimary/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to St. Cuthbert's at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and we would be really grateful for your support and donations which will go towards all our children.

If your child is at school, becomes unwell and shows symptoms of Coronavirus

If your child becomes unwell at school and develops one of the three main symptoms of Coronavirus;

- a high temperature,
- a new, continuous cough,
- a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of smell or taste,

they will be sent home immediately. They will be isolated within school and supervised, as necessary, until they can be collected. Any member of staff supervising a child will be wearing appropriate PPE, including a visor, disposable apron and disposable gloves. Windows in the room will be open and the door will be closed, the door has a clear pane of glass allowing other members of staff to check both the child and member of staff are OK. Once your child has been collected the room will be deep cleaned. We will contact you via **telephone** as soon as possible should your child need to go home. You must ensure all your contact numbers are up to date and that you answer your phone as soon as possible when we phone. Our school phone number is **0191 691 9876**, if you have missed a call from this number please phone us as soon as possible. If we do not have your up-to-date contact details, please contact the school office as soon as possible to notify us of any changes. *If a child has a runny nose or sore throat they can come to school if well enough.*

The advice below has been given to us by Public Health England and reflects the change in approach to isolation due to positive cases of COVID. A full class no longer has to isolate due to a child or member of staff testing positive for COVID and school are no longer



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Who needs to isolate?

1. Anyone with COVID-19 [symptoms](#) or a positive test result should stay at home and self-isolate immediately. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should arrange to have a PCR test as soon as possible. This still applies even if you have received one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine.
2. Identified close contacts including household contacts are not required to self-isolate if any of the following apply:
 - they are fully vaccinated
 - they are below the age of 18 years 6 months
 - they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
 - they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

They should be encouraged to seek a PCR test **but they DO NOT need to isolate while the await the test or the result.**

3. Close contacts who do not meet the above criteria must self isolate for 10 days even if their PCR test is negative.

Individuals should not arrange to have a PCR test if they have previously received a positive PCR test result in the last 90 days, unless they develop any new symptoms of COVID-19.

We follow Public Health England's advice and will inform families of any actions that may need to be taken if any member of staff or child tests positive for COVID-19. So far this term no child or member of staff who would be in contact with a child has tested positive and we had no contact advising us to take any action from Public Health England or any other authority. If you have any questions at all about what to do please keep your child off school and get in touch with us and we will help you as much as we can.

Thank you for your amazing continued support, stay safe and God bless,
Shaun Dillon