

# Newsletter

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

## YOUNG VOICES

On Thursday February 6<sup>th</sup>, 50 members of the school choir participated in an extraordinary concert at the O2 arena, joining 8,000 other children from across the country for the special event.

Our pupils worked tirelessly with new tutors Ellie and Katie to prepare the material, giving up their own time to learn all the songs and choreography over the last term and a half.

Their hard work was rewarded when it all came together in what was a truly magical performance.

We sang with legendary Spandau Ballet lead singer Tony Hadley, plus soulful winner of The Voice: Ruti, popular band The Shires, and of course, we danced with the amazing Urban Strides street dance crew led by friend of the school Andy Instone.

The arena was sold out, and the atmosphere was electric!

**Well done everyone – another fantastic concert!**



Giada and Breanna enjoying their day during the afternoon rehearsal.

## SPELLING BEE



Culloden will be holding a Spelling Bee competition. This is a great opportunity for all pupils to engage in a fun way to learn all the national required spelling words for their age group. Pupils have all received the words for the first round and will be taking part in the first round on the first week back after half term.

**First round- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February.**

**Second round- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Final round- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.**

Things to do to help learn the spellings:

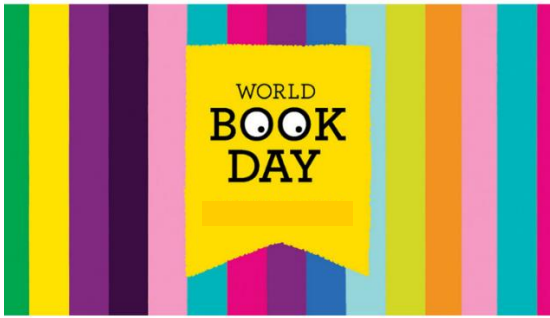
- ✓ Look, say, cover, write, check.
- ✓ Make up your own mnemonic.
- ✓ Try to learn a couple every day.
- ✓ Spell the words out loud.
- ✓ Make up your own games and worksheets using the words.
- ✓ Circle the parts you find tricky in each word.

## COFFEE MORNING



The next coffee morning will take place on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February in the staff room at 9am.**

## WORLD BOOK DAY



This year Culloden Primary will be celebrating World Book Day on the **12<sup>th</sup> of March 2020**. Pupils can dress up as their favourite book character for the day. A voluntary donation of £1 will go to Book Aid International Charity.

## SPANISH LESSONS AT HOME

Spanish is now well established in the school. All the pupils are enjoying and progressing well and we continue to learn new things. To support their learning please use the link below at home to access the songs and videos used their lessons. **Gracias!**

### **Spanish lesson link:**

[https://sites.google.com/s/15sx-TjQpO9\\_tYFOZBcuRx5BJJMrMnyac/p/1ZaQ2A7bhCuUYPFVxpt0GzDOtSPMKANcQ/edit](https://sites.google.com/s/15sx-TjQpO9_tYFOZBcuRx5BJJMrMnyac/p/1ZaQ2A7bhCuUYPFVxpt0GzDOtSPMKANcQ/edit)

## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY COMPETITION



The school attendance team would like **YOU** to design a poster on the importance of good attendance and punctuality.

One winner will be chosen from Reception to Y2 and one will be chosen from Y3 to Y6. The **winners will receive a £30 voucher** and have their poster printed professionally and displayed around the school.

## ATTENDANCE FOCUS WEEK

Attendance and punctuality focus week begins on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020**. Classroom doors open at **8.55am** for Nursery to Year 6. Classes with the best attendance will have the opportunity to win a popcorn party at the end of the attendance week on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020**.



It is very important that your child's attendance and punctuality are at a satisfactory level throughout the year to enable him/her to make appropriate academic progress.

## BIG PEDAL



We're proud to be participating in #BigPedal on 22<sup>nd</sup> April to 5<sup>th</sup> May- the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking and scooting challenge. This year's theme is the human body. We challenge you to travel around the body and get active with us.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- **Half Term Holiday-** Monday 17<sup>th</sup>- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020
- **Nursery 2020/2021 Application Deadline-** 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020
- **Reception National Offer Day-** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April
- **Nursery Offer Day-** May 7<sup>th</sup> 2020