



Ethos Kids

The Ethos Committee at Cockfield Primary School is made up of children from Key Stage 2 who work together with adults to promote our school values and encourage others. Our committee will meet each half term to discuss and make decisions about issues that will help others to 'Live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.' (1 Peter 3:8). The committee will seek ideas and opinions from all pupils and adults in school and in time the committee will also include the youngest members of our school community.

Minutes of Ethos Committee Meeting 5th November

Present:

Mrs Tindall
Letia Rose-Towns
Ralph Bobrow
Freddie Lee
Leanna-Lou Price

Values

The children discussed the need for everyone to know which values we will be celebrating in detail each half term. Each Value was discussed and after some consideration it was decided that the School Values should be rotated in the following order.

Half Term	School Value	Rationale
Autumn 1	Respect	When we come back to school after a long holiday it is important to remember that we all must respect each other. We all respect our school and our equipment. Lots of money is spent on things to help us in school and we want to keep it nice.
Autumn 2	Friendship	We think about remembrance and how people were good friends by standing up for others. We play together in school and help each other; especially the little ones who are new to school as it can be a bit overwhelming. When things are tricky we can work things out with each other and adults in school help us with this.
Spring 1	Compassion	We start to think about Easter and how Jesus was so compassionate, kind and brave that he died for us.

Spring 2	Truthfulness	It is important to be truthful, even (especially) when things have gone wrong. Truthfulness is like trusting and that is the most important thing. This is why we should have this Value in the middle of the school year.
Summer 1	Perseverance	In the Summer term we are working hard for tests and it can be hard to focus. We work hard all year and there is a lot to know and to remember. This Value teaches us not to give up.
Summer 2	Creativity	When we get near to the end of the school year we have lots of opportunities to be creative. Key Stage 2 will be rehearsing for a school play; we will be getting ready for Sports Day; the school will perform songs at the village fete. We get ready to move up to new classes, year groups or schools and think of creative ways to spend the summer holidays.

Glue Sticks

Mrs Tindall talked about the amount of glue sticks that the school uses each year. The children were very concerned about the amount of non-recyclable plastic waste created by this and decided to do something about it.

One table in Birch Class have been trialing some refillable glue-sticks supplied by a company called U-Fill. The feedback from this table was very positive (it was decided that quality was very important).

These glue sticks can be refilled and any waste plastic from the refill tubes can be sent back to the company for recycling, which the children thought was a great selling point.

As a result of this investigation and trial we have decided to ask Mr. Gilbert to order these glue sticks for our school.

Future projects

The committee would like to make more use of the space outside for reading and drawing.

House projects – maybe an art project in houses linked with our Values.