



Fellside Community Primary School

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Fellside Matters

Commitment, Confidence, Change, Creativity, Challenge, Collaboration, Curiosity.

Ambition for all.

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Mrs Green's Weekly Message:

As we go into the half term, we are now half way through the academic year. Looking at the progress that so many children are making, step by step, has been a wonderful way to spend time this week. We can see that the teaching in class is benefitting most of our children, while some children across school need slight adjustments in order to access our curriculum, and we are proud that we can deliver what is needed. Our new School Improvement Partner visited Fellside this week and followed up his visit with an email to me which repeated that he was "genuinely impressed with your effort and commitment... it is very clear that the children at Fellside are at the heart of all you do." He also acknowledged our "calm, friendly, and purposeful atmosphere around the school, and I saw lots of happy and engaged children." This is typical of our school and when we can share it with others, we do feel a real sense of satisfaction.

Today marked Mr Gibson's final school day at Fellside. He will still be around in school over half term, until next Thursday, which will be his actual last day. He has been overwhelmed by kind wishes, cards and gifts which have shown him how important he has been to our community. Every child was able to say a fond farewell and thank you this afternoon in a special assembly to mark the occasion, along with a few special events for him throughout the day. Things will certainly feel different around here without him and I'd like to extend a big personal thank you to him. He was the very first person I saw on the day of my interview for this job. His smile calmed me and his enthusiasm encouraged me; I knew that I wanted to lead a team with him in it and he will be missed by all of us.

Have a lovely half term, everyone.

Mrs Green

Key Dates

Monday 3rd March – Robotics Team competing at the National Finals!

Tuesday 4th March pm – Y3 and 4 Quicksticks teams at Whickham School

Thursday 6th March – Y6 Girls Regional Football Finals in Durham / World Book Day

Friday 7th March 8.00 – 8.40am – Book Fair in the main hall

Monday 10th March – 4.30pm – Year 1 Phonics Workshop

Friday 14th March – "The Mighty North East" Celebration Day

Please continue to check our website, which is updated regularly with key dates.

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[School Meal changes – Thursday 6th March – World Book Day themed lunch \(see attached menu\)](#)

Nursery

Nursery celebrated all things teddy bear related this week, reading "This is the Bear" by Sarah Hughes, taking part in Bear Yoga and celebrating "Come as a Bear Day" on Wednesday! They investigated what is inside a teddy bear, using tools to get inside and inspect, making predictions as the adults encouraged speech and confidence.

Reception

Reception children shared the books "The Gingerbread Man" and "Three Little Pigs". They thought about the types of jobs they might want when they grow up and retold the story of "The Gingerbread Man" as part of their early writing. During early maths, they thought about "less than" and used the figures ' $<$ '. Their number of the week was the number 9. Children used the creative area, paints and the class computer to make a range of art and enjoyed their weekly Little Kickers session in the hall.

Year One

Year One children have shared "Kitty and the Moonlight Adventures" together while, in their own writing, they have looked at Jane Newberry as a poet study. Children have enjoyed researching money in maths while, in history, they have continued to think about the Great Fire of London. In computing, they have designed their own algorithms for Beebots to follow while, in RE, they have learned about Shabbat and Judaism. During PE, they have practised throwing and catching skills, as gymnastics.

Year Two

Year Two have been sharing "Clean Up!" and "Handa's Surprising Day" together. In their own writing, they have written character descriptions and used the conjunction 'because'. During maths, they have explored adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers and word problems. As part of geography, children conducted a transport survey while, in art, they created collages. They discussed the importance of hand washing in PSHE while, in PE, they looked at different rolls in gymnastics and basketball skills, leading into a game.

Year Three

Year Three read Chapter 17 of "The Creakers"; they have now met the Creakers and they are looking to save the grown ups! In their own writing, they have created monsters and are busy writing an owner's manual to help people look after them appropriately. During maths, they have been adding and subtracting fractions and looking at the formal method of addition and subtraction. Children have continued to look at immigration and how our life now is different to that of others in the past.

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS 99.3%

Year Four

Children in Year Four have enjoyed a selection of poems by Jack Prelutsky and also have written biographies about the poet. During maths, they have converted improper fractions and mixed numbers. In geography, they have learned about tectonic plates – how the land masses have changed over time. They have also created collages in the style of Romare Bearden. In PSHE, they learned about how a search engine works while, in French, they have been practising ordering food in a café. It's been a brilliant week for Year Four – what a team!

Year Five

Year Five children have completed their biographies about Neil Armstrong while, in maths, they have practised their problem solving skills through a variety of word problems. Children have learned how to draw from a one-point perspective. As part of music, they have been playing the glockenspiel to jazz! Their highlight of the week was reuniting with Newcastle Eagles who came in for a roadshow and les activity workshops as part of "Hoops for Health".

Year Six

This week, our year Six children took part in a practise SATS maths week and we are incredibly impressed with how well they did! In geography, they looked at sea defences while, in computing, they designed their own computer games using Scratch. During RE, children learned about the Hindu belief in reincarnation. A highlight of the week was the Newcastle Eagles Basketball Roadshow visit.

ATTENDANCE TARGET CLASS 95.9%