



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:

It has been, yet again, a week of busy learning with a sprinkling of fun. Today (Friday), we celebrated The Mighty North East, using National Curriculum objectives from geography, art and design, and English. We are aware that we are asking a lot of children and families at the moment, especially with Mother's Day and Easter coming up too, and are mindful that the calendar looks incredibly busy, not to mention the financial implications. Our amazing PTA have asked if they can create a "Mothers and Others" shop and we would like to support all of the volunteers who do so much for all of our children and are including their poster within this email. We also recognise that we have had two non-uniform/dress down days in quick succession... We have made the decision to not ask children to come in non-uniform next Friday (Red Nose Day). If children have bought red noses from any retailers, they are welcome to wear them into school, but we don't want to put any more pressure on our families at this time. Thank you for your understanding.

As you will know, there have been instances within a number of Gateshead schools over the past two weeks concerning malicious communications and threats. I would like to take this opportunity to stress that Fellside Community Primary School was not included in these communications and, at no point, were our children impacted. While Northumbria Police have identified the incidents as hoaxes, it has made me, and other Head Teachers, consider our response should an incident like this happen to us. I have been working on a plan which we will be sharing wider once it is complete in order for us all to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our children. While simply malicious, with the cruel intention to cause disruption and fear, we know that wider implications of incidents such as this can be worrying and we would like to reassure you that we are evaluation and improving our practices in line with guidance from the government.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone.

Mrs Green

Key Dates

Tuesday 18th March – Year Six art lesson at Whickham School

Wednesday 19th March – Whole School Photographs

Friday 21st March – Y6 Hockey Team to Gateshead Finals

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

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Nursery

Nursery children have been reading “Farmer Duck” by Martin Waddell. During early maths, they have looked at 1:1 correspondence. In order to become amazing writers, our nursery create their own “Helicopter Stories” – stories which they say out loud as their friends act them out. Wonderful! They have been learning about jobs on the farm and milling ‘Mildred the cow’ in class!

Challenge winner: Rayan S

Reception

Reception children have enjoyed sharing “The Gingerbread Man” as well as “The enormous Turnip”. In early writing, they have been retelling the story of The Gingerbread Man while, in early maths, they have looked at money, specifically 1p, 5p and change. Children have enjoyed sketching spring flowers using pastels as well as using the fill tool on Kidpix. During dance, they performed with scarves. They loved learning about the North East, particularly the Tyne Bridge (where it is and how old it is).

Challenge winner: Joshua W

Year One

The children in Year One have shared “Little Red Riding Hood” and “Kitty and the Tiger Treasure”. In writing, they have produced their own character descriptions while, in maths, they have looked at time – hours and half past. Children have continued to look at the Great Fire of London, thinking about Gateshead past and present and using Scratch Jr in computing. As part of RE, children have looked at Easter symbols. They really enjoyed making Angel of the North crafts to celebrate the Mighty North East.

Challenge winner: Flynn S

Year Two

Year Two have been sharing poems in “Mirror Mirror” by Marilyn Singer alongside “Once upon a Wil Word” by Chris Riddell. They have continued with their writing of fact files about the poet Marilyn Singer while, in maths, they have thought about fractions ($\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{3}$ alongside the vocabulary ‘unit fraction’ and ‘non unit fraction’), Children have thought about what conditions were like in Scutari Hospital when Florence Nightingale arrived. Year Two really enjoyed drawing and making 3D models of the Angel of the North as part of Mighty North East day.

Challenge winner: Millie W

Year Three

Chapter 22 was the focus of this week’s “The Creakers”. Poetry by Joseph Coelho was read and children learnt about his work, rehearsing his poetry out loud. During maths, children have divided two digit numbers by one digit numbers. Year Three have been evaluating fabric bookmarks which developed their purpose and design criteria. In badminton, children focused on serving – it was tricky! They loved Mighty North East day, creating watercolour pictures of the Glasshouse.

Challenge winner: Sophie R

Year Four

Year Four have been sharing the book “Witches”. In their own writing, they have used expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials while, in maths, they have focused on subtraction. Year Four have started to design earthquake-proof houses! They enjoyed their evaporation experiment in Science.

Challenge winner: Spencer C
ATTENDANCE TARGET 96%

Year Five

Year Five children have just started “The Nowhere Emporium”, where the labyrinth or room contains wonders beyond belief! In their own writing, they have focused on adverbial phrases and figurative language to enhance their descriptive writing. During maths, children have been multiplying and dividing by 1000 to convert between g and kg, ml and l. Year Five have used sketching and shading techniques to create 3D effects while, in PE, they have been working hard to finalise their dance in preparation for their special performance.

Challenge winner: Alfie P

Year Six

Year Six have continued to share “A Giant’s Necklace”. They have looked at the features of a newspaper report in order to begin to plan their own while, in maths, they learnt about ratio and proportion. During computing, children found out about micro:bits. They particularly enjoyed the careers workshop this week as they start to think more about their own futures.

Challenge winner: James M
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