



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:

Thank you for making Mr Renton feel welcome as he settles into life at Fellside as our new Caretaker. He has a lot of new names to learn, a lot of routines to take on board and a big task ahead of him but we are delighted he is with us and looking forward to a happy working relationship. Please do say a warm "Hello" if you haven't already done so!

This afternoon, I have been at Gateshead Civic Centre Council Chambers, alongside other Head Teachers, meeting with local MPS to discuss concern over lack of funding for school communities. Together, we are doing all we can to ensure that we are supporting our children's education and futures.

As I mentioned last week, we have been looking at the security of our school and seeing what we need to do to ensure that all of our children are kept safe. A "Protective Security Policy" has been written, in collaboration with the whole staff team and, in the coming weeks, we hope to have it authorised by the Governing Body. Once this has happened, we will share it with you all and publish it on our website so that all families are aware of how we intend to keep your children safe, should an incident occur here. In line with this, we have reevaluated areas of school and, as of Monday, will be making the following changes.

- We now have two-way radios for staff members. This will allow us to easily communicate if there is an evacuation, invacuation or lockdown. In terms of day to day use, it can also support us if there is an accident in school or a school wide message to share.
- The back gate (KS2 yard) will be open at 8:20am – 8:55am and then again at 3:10pm – 3:40pm. While it is open, Mr Renton will supervise the gate to ensure that this is a safe entrance and exit point for everyone. Outside of these times, the main gate on Fellside Road will be used, which is covered by CCTV.

Congratulations to Harry B (Y5), Will O'L (Y2), Ollie & Thea K (Y4 & Y6) and members of Fairstone Financial Services who won prizes in our recent Mighty North East raffle. The main prizes, signed Lewis Miley merchandise, were kindly donated by **Sportmemorabilia Framing Co.** to raise sponsorship for new football kits. We know that, once they are delivered, our team will wear them with pride. Thank you!

Mrs Green

Key Dates

Tuesday 25th March – Y5 to Gateshead Primary Schools Dance Festival at The Glasshouse

Thursday 27th March – Y6 Boys Football League Mini Tournament at Fellside

Friday 28th March – PTA "Mothers & Others" Shop (collection of pre-ordered items)

Monday 7th to Thursday 11th April – Whole School Parent Meetings (bookable via your eschools login from 9am on 21/3 until 4pm on 31/3)

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

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Nursery

Children in Nursery have shared “Rosie’s Walk” by Pat Hutchins, followed by creating their own maps as part of early writing. During early maths, they have been comparing groups and learning about number recognition. They have continued on their own story writing journeys through our ‘helicopter story’ sessions and thoroughly enjoyed the excitement of a Fire Engine visit, along with their very first School Photo Day!

Collaboration winners: Freya B & Bradley M

Reception

Reception children have been reading the “Three Billy Goats Gruff”. To practise their writing, they have written Mother’s Day card inserts and also whole sentences in their phonics lessons. During early maths, children learned more about measurement using the words “shorter, longer, taller, smaller, same”. Reception used the paint and fill tools on the computer this week.

Collaboration winners: Alex W & Joshua W

Year One

Year One children have enjoyed “Kitty and the Tiger Rescue” as well as “Little Red Riding Hood” this week.

After reading a story, children wrote character descriptions of the wolf. In maths, they looked at 3D shapes and patterns. In history, children looked at evidence left behind after the Great Fire of Gateshead while, in RE, they learnt about Lent. Children enjoyed thinking about the jobs and shops around us in Whickham, as part of PSHE.

Collaboration winners: Laura C & Alfie L

ATTENDANCE TARGET: 93.3%

Year Two

Year Two have been sharing “You Should Meet Mae Jemison” by Laurie Calkhoven alongside “Shoo!” by Susie Bover. They have, in their writing, been planning their biographies about Mae Jemison while, in maths, they have looked at equivalent fractions $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{2}{4}$, as well as the fraction $\frac{3}{4}$, and also counting on in fractions. Children have enjoyed learning how Florence Nightingale improved conditions in Scutari Hospital and, in computing, they have used Scratch Junior to change a background and sprite, using a code to make their sprites talk. They loved their surprise fire engine visit – they discussed the role of a fire fighter and even sat in the vehicle!

Collaboration winners: Meghan M & Elodie W

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS: 99.3%

Year Three

Year Three have been reading Chapter 26 of “The Creakers”, where they escape from the Creaker King.

Durin their own writing, they have been creating a biography to teach people about the poet Joseph Coelho. With maths, children have learnt about division with remainders, scaling and using multiplication. In RE, they learnt more information about the Quran while, in PSHE, they discussed kindness – giving and receiving it. In science, children looked at the requirements that different plants have.

Collaboration winners: Odette P & Scarlett S

Year Four

In year Four, children have continued with their “Witches” journey. Year Four have generated vocabulary to use in their own writing, using fronted adverbials and similes. They have continued to learn about earthquakes in geography, designing and investigating their own earthquake-proof buildings while, in RE, they have learnt about Pentecost. During French, children have been talking about “What’s In My Backpack”.

Collaboration winners: Chloe H & Francesca S

Year Five

Year Five are following Daniels’ story in “The Nowhere Emporium”, as he stumbles upon the magical shop. In their own writing, they have used their senses to describe aspects of a junkyard while, in maths, they have been calculating how long it is between specific times, using knowledge of hours and minutes. Children have also used a protractor to measure and draw given angles.

In Re, they learnt the story of Raa and Sita and the importance it has to Hindus. During PSHE, they learnt about the positive and negative effects of various types of media and the impact they have on us. As part of celebrating the North East, they learnt to play and sing “The Keel Row”.

Collaboration winners: Rose B & Calvin T

Year Six

Year Six enjoyed a drama activity to generate speech for their own newspaper reports and have been thinking about the appropriate times to use parenthesis. During maths, children have concentrated on ration and proportion. As part of French, they have been giving and receiving directions around the town. A highlight of the week was definitely a visit to Whickham Academy for a transition lesson, making clay sculptures.

Collaboration winners: James D & Reece H