



Phew! A busy week for us all—nothing new there—but yesterday of course we were subject to the close scrutiny of an Ofsted inspector.

At this stage I am not able to give you any detail of the judgment as the findings are not yet within the public domain. You can look forward to receiving the full report in two or three weeks time.

From the feedback we've received it will certainly be a report to look forward to.

Your children, as ever, were exemplary yesterday, as were all staff. May I take this opportunity to thank the many of you who extended your best wishes to us in the last few days. It's much appreciated.



Talking of busy days at school ... How about Wednesday 3rd October.
Before school: 15 children at Karate Club, 14 children in Fellside Fun Club
During the morning: 28 Y6 children involved in 'on road' cycle training.
At lunchtime: Y6 writing club and 16 children in round two of the Conker Championship
After school: 20 children were at gymnastics club (this is now so popular a second session will run from 4.20 to 5.20 from Wed 31st October), 16 children at Fellside Fun Club. We hosted the second qualifying round for the Blaydon Area 7-a-side football—which we won, qualifying for the final. 45 children took part in our first ever mountain bike event.* Meanwhile there were two staff meetings.

* in total there were 77 bikes at school that day!

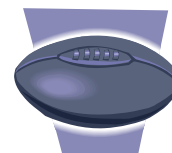
Sport



As mentioned above our 7-a-side football squad reached the finals of the area competition ... and won! Not easy though, with a tight game against Clover Hill which went to extra time and then a golden goal, scored by Adam Froggatt for us to take the trophy.

This victory put us through to the Durham finals at Burnhope near Consett. All games were tight and played in dreadful weather (that's Consett for you!). We returned empty handed but a great achievement to get there.

Our rugby squad began their defence of the Championship we won at a half time tournament at Kingston Park last year. They qualified for the next round of the competition. Good luck to them.



Conker Cup

After a week of intense competition and a variety of innovative treatments for conkers—nail varnish being the most popular—we have our sixth conker champion.



Jordan Hudson beat Adam Froggatt in the final. Congratulations to Jordan.

This year in their efforts to find the champion conker we even had some huge ones imported from Slovakia! No match, it turns out, for our native variety used by both finalists.



Halloween Disco

A reminder that FOF Halloween Discos are on our first day back.

Nursery, Reception and KS1—5pm to 6pm

KS2—6.15pm to 7.30pm

The cost is £1.80 (to include water and a sweet bag) this is payable at the door.

Spot Prizes and Fancy Dress Prizes!



Parking

The issue of parking in our car park still causes irritation for school and parents if people park in mornings and afternoon drop off times without prior arrangement with the school.

After half term we will be issuing a permit, to be renewed annually, to all parents or family members who have parking arrangements with the school (these are likely to be either in possession of a recognized 'disabled' badge or with other medical needs).

If you have an arrangement agreed with school please see Mrs Hogarth during the first week after half term. You will be issued with a permit early in November.

If you don't have such an arrangement, please avoid using our car park or the entrance area as a drop off or pick up point.