



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 seems as though last week's message was premature regarding weather as it certainly took a quick cold turn – typical! With this in mind, please ensure gloves and hats either have names inside or are instantly recognisable as your child's as we have a number of lost property items at the moment.

Year Six pupils are gearing up for their annual residential to Robinwood and we are greatly looking forward to seeing them having the time of their lives! While there are always some nerves for their first big adventure, every year, they come back smiling, full of stories and excitement (and., also, in need of sleep – families, be prepared!).

We experienced a "Veganuary meal" this week and, for those children who took part, the response was overwhelmingly positive. It was wonderful to see children trying new things and surprising themselves at how much they enjoyed the food. We are looking forward to next Wednesday's special menu to celebrate Chinese / Lunar New Year.

There has been an increase in families asking us for help with their child's mental health, behaviour at home or relationship with families. We are proud that you are able to talk to us about these issues and are happy to help. You may find our website helpful as we have a number of suggestions on there as to how your child can get the support they need. [Fellside Community Primary School - Mental Health and Wellbeing](#)

For the first week since 25th October, we are pleased to see that no new pupils have become 'persistently absent' (missing 10% or more of their education). We now have nine pupils in Key Stages One and Two who are persistently absent and are committed to supporting them and their families so that their child can fully access all we have to offer at Fellside.

Mrs Green

Key Dates

Monday 27th January – Year Four selected pupils playing Basketball (cluster event)

Wednesday 29th January – Seven Stories visit to **Early Years**

Wednesday 29th January – **Robotics Team** competition at Nissan

Wednesday 29th to Friday 31st January – **Year 6** to Robinwood Residential

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

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School Menu changes -

Wednesday 29th January – Chinese New Year – chicken/veggie bites with sweet & sour sauce, rice, prawn crackers and spring rolls
with smoothie or fruit salad (jacket potato option also available)

Nursery

Nursery have shared the book “Where’s My Teddy?” by Jez Alborough. They have been taking part in Little Wandle early phonics sessions, focusing on ‘a’! In early maths, they have focused on sorting bears by size and the properties of number. Children enjoyed matching bears to their habitats while, in PE, they have been dancing using a beat of eight. They had a lot of fun finding missing teddies this week!

Curiosity winner: Isabella H

Reception

Reception have continued to learn and use phonics in all areas of their reading and writing – they are making us all incredibly proud! During early maths, they have been leaning about odd and even numbers. Children have enjoyed using the computer to create tally charts on 2Simple while, in PE, they have used their rolling, balancing and sequencing skills. They even took part in a science experiment – What happens to ice when it warms up or is taken out of the freezer?

Curiosity winner: Xander C

ATTENDANCE TARGET CLASS 95.65%

Year One

Year One children have been using punctuation in their writing and working on their prediction skills in reading. During maths, they have measured length and height in centimetres using a ruler. Children have compared a modern fire service with one from 1666 during a history lesson while, in computing, they thoroughly enjoyed having fun with Beebots! During RE, the class learnt about The Ten Commandments from the Christian Old Testament and, in PE, they have been practising rolling.

Curiosity winner: Harriet R

Year Two

Year Two children have enjoyed sharing “Winter Sleep Hibernation” as well as “This Moose Belongs to Me” by Oliver Jeffers. In their own writing, non-chronological reports, children have been writing about mammals that hibernate. During maths, Year Two has been thinking about place value, specifically the different representations of two digit numbers; they have also been counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s. Using PE life skills, children have focused on how physical fitness effects their bodies.

Curiosity winner: Joseph S

Year Three

Tom Fletcher’s “The Creakers” is being enjoyed by the class while, in their own writing, they have used inverted commas and prepositions. During maths, Year Three have interpreted data as part of learning about statistics. They have enjoyed learning about LS Lowry, who he was and where he came from. During RE, children completed their models of mosques, deciding which features are important to Muslims. In music, children thought about the vocabulary needed to talk about instruments while, in science, they learned about the function of a skeleton.

Curiosity winner: Connie F

Year Four

Children in Year Four continue to share “Anglo Saxon Boy” while planning their own story to write. During maths, place value has been a focus. They have continued to think about pyramids of Ancient Egypt and learned about a ritual cleansing that some Muslim people take part in before prayer, called Wudu. During science, they have identified solids, liquids and gases.

Curiosity winner: Rhys G

Year Five

Year Five finished “Kensuke’s Kingdom” and have read Michaya’s letter, from the book. The children are now going to write their own follow up chapter in response to the letter. In maths, when given angles, children have been using their multi-step problem skills to calculate the missing angles and straight lines around a point. During French, they have learnt the appropriate nouns in French for rooms in the house. The week has been quite a basketball focussed one with skills being practised, a cluster group opportunity and a whole class visit to the Vertu Arena!

Curiosity winner: Harry B

ATTENDANCE WINNERS 99.66%

Year Six

Year Six’s current class read is “Varmints” by Helen Ward, and they have also been retelling the story in their own writing with some wonderful teamwork being used when planning in groups. During maths, children have measured angles using a protractor. During geography, children looked at the weathering process and how it can change the shape of rocks and land. In PE, children have learned basketball skills – throwing, catching, dribbling and shooting. During science, Year Six have created shadows using puppets and explored how to change the size of the shadows.

Curiosity winner: Ellie-Mae C