



Fellside Community Primary School

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Fellside Matters

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

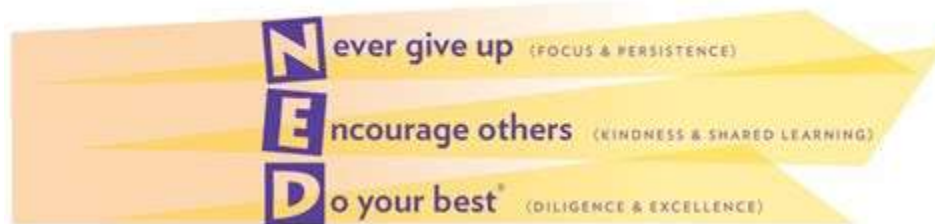
Ambition for all.

27th June 2025

Mrs Green's Weekly Message:

I want to begin by sharing how proud I am of our children. The way that they conduct themselves around school is a pleasure to see. On Wednesday, Mrs Lamb from the PTA came to deliver an assembly reflecting on the success of the Great Fellside Car Wash (a wonderful £878.50 was raised – incredible!) and remarked on how calmly the children entered the hall, ready to listen and showing a great deal of respect. We see this every day but, I must admit, when people come in, it fills me with a great deal of pride to lead this wonderful school.

We welcomed the NED Roadshow into school today. The importance of resilience was emphasised, over and over again. A message that we share with our children every day. If your child would like to purchase a yoyo (there will be dedicated practise areas on the yards for two weeks), they will be on sale from the main office before and after school until Friday 11th July.



Over the next couple of weeks, you will start to see the first of our outdoor changes, with the reading areas on both Key Stage yards being created. We are so excited to share our love of reading with all of our children.

Having worked alongside our Chair of Governors, Mr Ryan Gibson, since joining Fellside, it is with sadness that I let you know that he has had to step back as both Chair and from the Governing Body. Governors are part of a group of people who volunteer their time to our school to ensure that we are doing the best that we can and moving forwards with children's interests at the heart of all that we do. I have attached Ryan's final message to you as part of this newsletter and wish him all the best as he takes his new role as President of The UK Career Development Institute (CDI).

Mrs Green

Message from our Chair of Governors, Ryan Gibson

Dear parents and carers

After being a governor at Fellside for since 2018, vice-chair of governors for over 5 years and chair of governors for almost 2 years, I've taken the really tough decision to stand down.

As you know, I love the school and care passionately about our staff, children and families. However, I have been voted as the next President of The UK Career Development Institute (CDI). That means I will Chair the CDI Board and immediately assume the role of President Elect to ensure a smooth transition. The role will last for over two years and I'll do it alongside my day job. With this in mind, I'll not have the time needed to dedicate to the role of Chair of Governors at Fellside. I have therefore, sadly, taken the decision to resign as Chair and as a Governor.

The governing body met this week and I am delighted to say Helen Kelt is stepping up as Chair, supported by Michael Lamb as Vice Chair. They assume the roles immediately, until the Autumn Term when new elections will be held. Working together with the rest of the governing body and the school leadership team, I am sure they will support continued success to Fellside.

Thank you for all of your support for the school over the years and for the support you will continue to give in the years ahead. I wish you and your children all the best.

Ryan Gibson

Key Dates

Monday 30th June and Friday 4th July

- Non Healthy Tuck Shop ran by our Year 6 Money Makers
- Y4 and Y5 Girls Football Tournament against St Mary's at Fellside

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd July

- Y6 Transition days at secondary schools

Wednesday 2nd July

- Early Years to the Glasshouse International Centre for the Big Sing

Sunday 13th July : 11am-2pm

- Children's Cancer Run

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

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Nursery

Nursery children have been sharing and enjoying the book "On a Pirate Ship" by Sarah Courtauld. They have also been 'writing' about people who help us, using their wonderful early mark making skills. Children have made boats and raced them in the water outside, as well as preparing for Sports Day. They have also enjoyed meeting with their Reception friends to prepare for the "Mini Big Sing" coming up.

Commitment winner: Louis W

Reception

Reception have enjoyed sharing the book "Tiddler". They have been writing their names and some sentences, too. During early maths, they have thought about days of the week, the routines of the day and also introduced "o clock". As part of early history, children completed their own timelines. They have enjoyed singing songs in preparation for the Mini Sing and had a great time at Whickham School for fun games this week!

Commitment winner: Alex W

Year One

"The Sea Saw" is the book which Year one have shared this week. Together, they have been predicting what might happen in the story, using their senses to describe what is happening and being emotion detectives; they also described the sea and learnt new vocabulary. In maths, children measured using the terms 'weight' and 'mass'. In history, children learnt about sources of evidence while, in computing, they used digital writing skills to create missing posters.

Commitment winner: Miles F

Year Two

The class have enjoyed sharing "Rainbow Fish" by Marcus Pfister, alongside "The Bee Book" by Charlotte Milner and "Flat Stanley and the Magic Lamp". In their own writing, children write instructions about how bees make honey. During maths, Year Two learnt about capacity and volume, measuring in millilitres and litres. Year Two discussed the continent of Asia and found out information that they found interesting. They also enjoyed making chassis and axles using various resources.

Commitment winner: Will O'L

ATTENDANCE TARGET: 93.3%

Year Three

Year Three have continued to share "The Story of Pompeii" and "The Land of Roar" together. They have been writing about the escape from Pompeii, describing the eruption. Year Three have also been dividing two digit by one digit numbers using formal method. In French, children have become skilled at asking for an ice cream while, in science, they have been investigating reflective materials, thinking about which are the best reflectors of light.

Commitment winner: Ivy D

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS: 100%

Year Four

Year Four have been learning about the legend of the Lambton Worm while, in maths, they have cemented more multiplication and division knowledge. As part of geography, they thought about sustainability while, RE focused on Christian symbols. During PSHE, children learnt the links between a healthy body and healthy mind. During music, they thought about the classical music genre.

Commitment winner: Elodie E

Year Five

This week, the children in Year Five took full ownership of their story endings by planning plot twists, before writing them up. Year Five have been learning how to calculate the differences between positive and negative numbers, applying them to real life problems such as temperature differences. Year Five explored a variety of designs before finalising their own patterns for their pencil case stitching. During science, learning about living things, children recapped the parts of a lowering plant and the roles they play in the reproduction of other plants; they also learnt about the changes girls can expect as part of growing up and who they can talk to about things in school.

Commitment winner: Isaac S

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS: 100%

Year Six

Year Six children have been very busy rehearsing for a special show...

Alongside this, they have edited newspaper reports in their writing lessons and solved varied problems in maths. During history, children learnt about the Battle of Marathon. As part of RE, Year Six considered their own views regarding religion while, in PSHE, they thought about the changes happening as we grow up and become young adults.

Commitment winner: Will C