



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:

Our first full week as a school has been a joy to be part of. Children are settled in class, happy on the yards and taking part in their learning to the best of their ability. What more could we ask for?

You will notice that *your child has a new reading record book*. We thought it was important for us to invest in these to show how much we value our home reading. Ms Thornber has created a handy log to share how we will all be using them moving forwards.

A number of children are still wearing earrings in school, with plasters over them. It is expected that, by this weekend, newly pierced ears will be healed and earrings can be removed. *This is a reminder that earrings are not part of our uniform policy*. We have also noticed a small number of children in the younger years starting to wear cat hairbands again. *Please support your children to wear appropriate, plain, hairbands at school to keep hair out of their eyes*.

We are incredibly fortunate to have such a big field and facilities and we know that some children like to play together before going home. *Can we politely ask families to be mindful of your children as they play*. There have been reports of 'playfighting' and we have seen children climbing on our goalposts and up by the basketball hoops. We would hate to have to close these areas off to our children however the dangerous behaviours may lead to that, if they continue.

We hope that we are an open school and we have been working hard over the past year on our communication. We want the very best for your children and know that, ***with us working as a team, your children will thrive***. As part of that, if you do need to speak with us about any issues, please do get in touch. This could be in relation to learning, behaviour or safeguarding – *we need to know so that we can help*.

Have a wonderful weekend and week ahead.

Mrs Green

Key Dates coming up:

Tuesday 17th September – School Council interviews (Y2 – Y6)

Wednesday 18th – Girls' football trials (after school)

Thursday 19th – Boys' football cup matches on our school field. ***ALL WELCOME TO CHEER OUR TEAM ALONG!***

OUR HEALTHY TUCK SHOP IS OPEN EVERY FRIDAY FROM NEXT WEEK FOR KS2 PUPILS DURING BREAK.

Nursery

Nursery children have shared a selection of books together, including the Gruffalo, When Jelly had a Wobble and that's Love. They enjoyed making balloons for their cloakroom and painting their hands for hand prints – what messy fun! As a group, parachute games have been enjoyed and they have all enjoyed making new friends, welcoming new starters and generally settling into nursery wonderfully!

Confidence winner: Millie L

Year One

Year One have enjoyed poetry this week, in the form of Give Yourself A Hug. They have written labels using their phonic knowledge while, in maths, they have ordered numbers. There was a lot of fun in history, ordering old and modern toys while, in art and design, they looked at printing. In PSHE, they discussed families and how some had similarities, and some had differences. In gymnastics, there was a lot of high/low/fast/slow movement.

Confidence winner: Ayda H

Year Three

Year Three had a lovely week, starting off with a trip to Whickham Library for International Literacy Day. Whilst there, they enjoyed reading books and created a video about why the library is important, what we can do to support our local library, the books we can read there and the rules of the library. Mrs Scott was very proud at how mature and respectful the children were. In Maths they have looked at place value whilst in English they have learned about what the stone age was like, ready to start our story writing. In science, they have learned about three types of rocks. In RE, they have created story maps of the Creation story from Genesis in the Bible. They have read quite a few books this week, including the class novel, Matilda. They also read Dave's Cave (Frann Preston-Gannon), Hit The Ball Duck (Jez Alborough), Three Little Sheep (Rob Lewis) and Stone Age Boy.

Confidence winner: Jake L

ATTENDANCE WINNERS – 99%

Year Five

In writing, Year Five have been writing first person narratives while, in maths, they have thought about place value: comparing, ordering and rounding. They have been introduced to the Maya civilisation as part of their history topic and, in PSHE, thought about positive and negative relationships. In PE, they have practised their passing and moving skills in football.

Confidence winner: Alfie P

Reception

In reception, they have enjoyed sharing the book My Mum and dad make me laugh. They have been writing their names and, in maths, they have sorted and matched objects. They were very excited to learn how to use the class computer and smart board to play games and draw pictures. They have practised a special skill of tidying up when they have finished in an area, while also enjoying singing songs and number rhymes. They were super excited to meet their buddies for their first buddy read and, again, for a buddy run!

Confidence winner: Joseph T

PE days: Monday and Friday (starting next week)

Year Two

Year Two have shared the book Grandad's Island by Benji Davies, alongside Tom Percival's Perfectly Normal and Mesha Makes Friends. In writing, children have written sentences using capital letters and full stops, prepositions and conjunctions. In maths, they have looked at place value, partitioning to 100 using Base 10, part whole models and arrow cards. They identified how castles have changed over time and sorted the types of castles there were in the past. In science, they have learned about materials, their properties and uses.

Confidence winner: Ruby B

Year Four

Year Four are sharing Land of Roar as a class. In their writing, they have been using fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases to make their speech very descriptive. In maths, they have looked at place value. As part of French, pupils have been learning to how describe themselves while, in PSHE, they have discussed healthy relationships. They thoroughly enjoyed their first swimming lesson this week and a visit from Tyne and Wear Fire Rescue to learn about Fire Safety.

Confidence winner: Tillie F

ATTENDANCE TARGET CLASS – 94%

Year Six

As a class, Year Six have started to read Street Child while, in maths, they have created their own place value games. In art and design, they produced observational drawings of plants and flowers while, in music, they took part in ukulele lessons. PE was a success as they looked at team building games and the importance of working together.

Confidence winner: Dylan P