



Fellside Matters

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

Ambition for all.

30th January 2026

Mrs Green's Weekly Message:

Last night, I was part of two Governing Body Committee meetings; one meeting focused on Curriculum and Standards and one focused on Resources (including finance). Both meetings were incredibly productive and gave us plenty to talk about. They were impressed with the structures we have in place to track each child in terms of their outcomes, wellbeing and support. They were very interested in our plans to further develop our curriculum and have already seen that the ' tweaks' we have made are benefiting our children. They will be coming into school more over the next term to see for themselves how the hard work our team has put in is improving our school.

This week, Year Six took a trip to Newcastle Theatre Royal. I applied for tickets a few months ago and was delighted when my bid was accepted. As a result of being able to watch the show, *Weird* (a musical based on the three witches in *Macbeth*), we adapted the English curriculum and ensured that the children in Year Six learnt about this story rather than the book we had originally planned for them. The children were a real credit to our school; cleaning staff remarked that, in 5,000 school children invited, our school had the tidiest area afterwards, such was the respect shown by our pupils. Respect is one of our Character Compass points so we are, naturally delighted with this feedback. I was also delighted to read the reviews which our children produced afterwards and the theatre has asked for us to send some over so they can be shared with the company who created the show.

If you know of any families with young children who are thinking about a Nursery place from September, we would love to show them around our provision. If they get in touch, I will arrange to meet them and proudly introduce them to the Fellside Family.

Mrs Green

Key Dates

Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th February

- Year 6 to Robinwood Residential

Thursday 5th February

- KS2 Boccia team to Gateshead Stadium

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

Nursery

Nursery children have shared the book "Where's My Teddy?" and they have also compared bear sizes. Children have looked at their name cards and the letters within them, and have also 'written' porridge recipes. The class have enjoyed gluing and sticking in class, and playing number games on the computers.

Miss McHugh and Mrs Smith are really enjoying sharing songs such as "1,2,3,4,5, Once I Caught a Fish Alive" with the children and have been impressed with their balancing.

Change winner: Tommy A

Reception

Reception Class have shared "The Emperor's Egg" and have written simple words with their new diagraphs. Using a number line, they have talked about 'one more' and 'one less' as well as 'two more' and 'two less'. Using a computer, they have created repeated scarf patterns for some snowmen. During gymnastics, they have created sequences with their balances on large apparatus and they have continued to enjoy their Little Kickers visits. Children have been very interested in finding out emperor penguin facts, making craft penguins and labelling parts of a penguin, too.

ATTENDANCE TARGET CLASS: 85%

Change winner: Kati B

Year One

The children in Year One have shared the book "The Great Fire of London" this week and learnt about question marks in writing. In maths, they have counted in 5s and 10s while, in history, they have talked about past and present, thinking about London in particular. During art, they have produced some lovely watercolour backgrounds while, in computing, they have been coding, adding a 'when clicked' block.

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS: 98.5%

Change winner: Bisha L

Year Two

Year Two pupils have shared "The Scarecrow's Wedding" by Julia Donaldson as well as "You Should Meet Mae Jemison" by Laurie Calkhoven. In their own writing, they have used verbs accurately in sentences and written questions using a question mark, as well as using new vocabulary when writing their sentences. Children have completed their own map of Whickham, adding street names to maps using iPads to locate them and look closer at the locality. In PSHE, children thought about similarities and differences, celebrating how everyone is unique. In PE, children have improved gymnastic sequences of balance and travel using apparatus.

Change winner: Elsa L

Year Three

Year Three are continuing their book "The Christmasaurus" and they have also been refining skills based on predicting and inferring, using animation. In maths, the focus has been on fractions while, in art and design, they have used backgrounds, midgrounds and foreground in their sketching. Within computing, children have used the repeat buttons in coding while, in RE, they have learnt about Ramadan and its importance to Muslims. Within science, they have thought about the requirements that plants have in order to live and grow.

Change winner: Oscar M

Year Four

Year Four pupils are enjoying "The Chocoplot and the Tin Forest". Within their own writing, they completed writing newspaper reports and began to explore alliteration. Children have started to learn about perimeter in maths and the importance of foodbanks in PSHE. During computing, children coded their own animals, learning how to move them around.

Change winner: Oliver B

Year Five

In Year Five, children began to look at a new film narrative to inspire their writing – it is called "One Small Step" and contains no language at all so the children have had to watch carefully and use clues to really think about what is happening. Within maths, they have focused on multiplication and division while, in geography, children have researched key Brazilian cities. Computing has been exciting as children have begun to code their built robots. They have also started writing diary entries to enter into the SSP Awards around their preparation for the NFL tournament.

Change winner: Eleanor L

Year Six

Within writing, children have completed their balanced argument around the character of Macbeth – they also wrote wonderful reviews following their trip to the theatre. During maths, the class have focused on multiplying and dividing fractions. As part of geography they looked into how bays and headlands are formed while, in RE, they learnt about Hindu naming ceremonies (Namakarana). Children discussed what is safe to share online and enjoyed a basketball session with Newcastle Eagles. Of course, the highlight was the theatre trip – much enjoyed by all!

Change winner: Chloe P