



Little Miller's News



The Newsletter of **Fulwell Infant School Academy**
Mrs. Angus's message...

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back to school after the half term break. They have returned with enthusiasm and settled quickly into the final half of the summer term. Our Year 1 children approached the Phonics Screening Check with great resilience and maturity. This year's assessment was particularly challenging—more so than in recent years—but the children responded admirably. Remarkably, many were asking for more practice jobs, which shows just how far they have come since the start of the year. We are incredibly proud of them—well done, Year 1! The classes also enjoyed their trip to the Winter Gardens in Sunderland this week. The children had a fantastic time exploring and learning, although they came back thoroughly worn out—one even commented that it was more tiring than the Newcastle Castle visit!

On Thursday, our Year 2 classes travelled to the Sunderland Empire Theatre to support their friends performing in the Sunderland Schools Dance Festival. It was a fantastic event, and the children represented the school beautifully. A huge thank you to Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Meechan for their support and dedication in preparing the children for such a memorable performance.

Across school—and in Nursery too—teachers and pupils are busily preparing their dances for our own Fulwell Dance Festival, a highlight of the school calendar that is always greatly enjoyed by our community. This will be Mrs. Bell's final dance festival, and we are planning a special surprise to celebrate her ten years of outstanding contribution to Fulwell Infant School Academy. There are many more exciting events coming up over the next few weeks. Children will meet their new teachers early in July, and we look forward to sharing more details very soon.

Last Friday we appointed a new Deputy Headteacher to start school in September. She is called Miss F Kelly. Miss Dickinson was appointed as Assistant Headteacher a new position at our school. They will complete our wonderful teaching team. Staffing for next year is being finalised and you will shortly find out who will be leading your class in the new year.

Next Friday after school we have the PTA summer fayre in which there will be many stalls, rides to enjoy, cakes, hot dogs, ice creams etc. and of course the Sofia raffle. This is Sofias main fundraiser for the year and brings so many extras for the children. In the most challenging financial times for schools, this is so important and makes such a difference. Thank you so much Kelly and the team.



? ❄️ ? *The Winter Garden* ❄️ ? ?



During their visit to the **Sunderland Winter Gardens**, the children were immersed in a rich and vibrant display of **natural life**. They explored the **tropical rainforest environment**, observing a wide variety of exotic **plants, ferns, and trees**, and learning how these grow and survive in different climates. The children were particularly fascinated by the **fish in the pond**, the **towering palm trees**, and the different textures, shapes, and colours found in nature. The experience helped to deepen their understanding of **plant life cycles, habitats, and the importance of biodiversity**, all brought to life in an exciting and hands-on way.





Dancing Days at the Empire

We are incredibly proud of the 20 Year 2 children (10 boys and 10 girls) who gave a superb performance at the Sunderland Schools Dance Show at the Sunderland Empire on 12th June. Their energy, confidence, and enthusiasm lit up the stage and were a credit to our school. A heartfelt thank you goes to our dedicated dance teachers, Mrs Meechan and Mrs Bell, for their hard work and inspiring choreography. We would also like to praise the 90 children who attended—whether dancing or supporting—for their impeccable behaviour throughout the event. In fact, the school received a lovely email from a parent from another school, commending both the quality of our children's performance and the exemplary conduct of those in the audience. Well done to everyone involved!

