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Little Miller's News



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

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Dear Parents,

Over the past few weeks, we have experienced a real mix of winter weather. Thank you for your continued understanding and support during periods of snow and icy conditions. As always, the safety of the children is our priority, particularly on the yards and field where ice can present additional risks. One clear lesson learnt has been the need to be proactive rather than reactive. Should we experience further snow or prolonged cold weather, we may ask children to bring wellies into school so that the field can continue to be used safely. We will communicate clearly with parents in advance if this is needed.

Despite the wintry conditions, school has been full of excitement and enrichment. The children thoroughly enjoyed the recent visit from EcoBods, who helped sharpen children's understanding of environmental issues such as recycling through an engaging dance performance that encompassed number, followed by workshops that allowed the children to explore these ideas in more depth.

We were also delighted to welcome Liz Million into school this week. Her visit encouraged children to draw freely, take creative risks and see themselves as illustrators. The workshops were inspiring, and the children produced a range of thoughtful and imaginative artwork, supported by reference photos and examples from Liz's own work.

Lots of other lovely events have taken place in a very busy half term:

- Reception children enjoyed celebrating Burns Night
- the Golden Table at lunchtime
- Jo from Icecats leading safety sessions
- Whitburn cricket in Year 1 and Year 2
- Cyber security workshops
- Class assemblies begin
- Mid year reports in Key stage 1 prior to parent meetings
- School council first meetings- break the rules day AND parking safety

Throughout the half term, the children have continued to work hard, making progress and enjoying life in school.

They love to share lots of things important to them and appreciate a listening ear and a conversation about it.

My thanks to the children for making every day special and to Miss Kelly and the teaching team for making Fulwell Infants a school that makes a difference for the children. Thanks also to parents for support, particularly with our on going efforts to lessen the dangers created by parking habits at drop off and pick up times. The battle continues. More news before Easter.

Best wishes

Wendy Angus



SNOW



As we returned to school in January snow descended on us. As the pictures show, children in EYFS -both Nursery and Reception enjoyed the opportunity to play in it.

We learnt an important lesson from this -older children needed to be offered the same opportunity. In the future, wellies will be the order of the day....



ECOBODS



Ecobods which uses live physical performances by Performing Arts students at Sunderland Uni brings different subjects alive for primary school pupils. The focus this year was on Maths. The project has seen a range of performances over the last 10 years that cover subjects like maths (NumberBods), science (ScienceBods), sustainability (EcoBods) and Health (HealthyBods) to engage Key Stage 1 children (aged five to seven years) in a fun and memorable way. Safe to say, they were entirely successful in engaging our Year 1 and Year 2 classes. After the performance they led workshops in classrooms. The workshops involved creating patterns of shapes. It has proved to be a wonderful opportunity for our Year 1 and 2 children to work alongside university students, not only learning maths and dance but also as careers education by creating this important link with our amazing local university."



Jo from Icecats led sessions in school with each class/year group. Children were taught international hand signals, learning to quickly line up in two's holding the shoulder of the child in front whilst following teacher signals to move swiftly to evacuate the building or equally to move back into the building from the playground



EYFS and BURNS NIGHT

The staff and children in EYFS dressed for Burns night - kilts were proudly worn. There was some amazing dancing too as the photos show.



Class assemblies

We have held 3 assemblies so far with Class 1, Class 3 and Class 4 all performing confidently for parents. The programme began with **class 1** sharing their love of books and the author Roald Dahl,



Class 3 followed sharing their learning in History with the Great Fire of London in 1666. Class 3 children even managed to sing in two parts. Dr Renwick would be very impressed!



Class 4 held their assembly for parents and family members on Friday 13th February. This was our first Year 1 assembly and the children were amazing. What will I be? Is a question many parents wonder about their child as they grow up...



Albie and Alexander were mascots for SAFC at Oxford in the FA cup last Sunday. Thankfully SAFC won and Alexander had lots of memories to share...



LIZ MILLION



We welcomed Liz Million back to school,
Living locally in Darlington, Liz is an illustrator who is extremely charismatic and hooks every child in...
As she modelled her skills with each reception and year 1 class, the children drew alongside her and produced some amazing illustrations - in Year 1 her theme was 'what will I be? The children were able to guess what might be in our world in 2070 or even 2098... Below are some examples of their work and photos of Liz and the children in action.



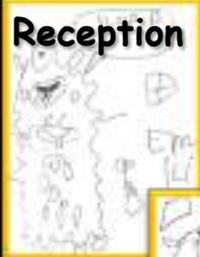
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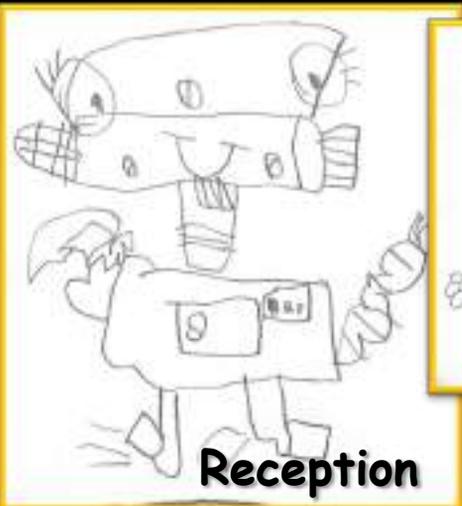
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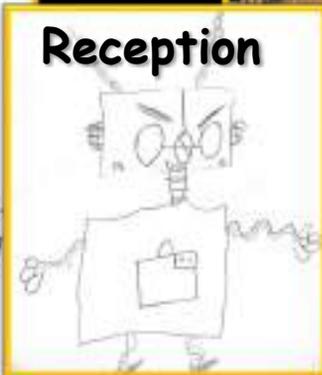
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Year 1



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OUR FIRST GOLDEN TABLE LUNCH



On Monday 26th January we had our first golden table. I joined the children for lunch and we all enjoyed chatting and eating. There are no secrets in school! I discovered all sorts...

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS SET THEIR AGENDA



At their first school council meeting, time was spent discussing the traffic issues outside of school and planning a 'break the rules' fundraiser for more classroom books. The children also wanted to plan a further 'jumble sale' fondly remembering the sale last year and handling money, selling things and persuading adults they 'really needed' to buy them! Watch this space for more news next half term.



Children throughout school have been enjoying their Art. Above, class 3 have created intricate patterns using Purple Mash and class 1 drew images of the Caribbean and used pastels to create the bright colours you would expect to see. A focus in Year 2 has been George Seurat and pointillism.



ART around school

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

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| 2.3.2026 | Return to School |
| 2-7.3.2026 | National Careers Week |
| 3.3.2026 | World Wildlife Day |
| 5.3.2026 | World Book Day (fancy dress - info to follow). |
| 9 - 15.2.2026 | Science Week |
| 13.3.2026 | Class 2 assembly for parents 9.15 am |
| 16.3.2026 | Year 2 <u>parents</u> meetings 1.30 - 5.30pm (Hall) |
| 17.3.2026 | Year 1 <u>parents</u> meetings 1.30 - 5.30pm (Hall) |
| 17.3.2026 | St Patrick's Day celebrations |
| 18.3.2026 | Reception <u>parents</u> meetings 1.30 - 5.30pm (Hall) |
| 20.3.2026 | Comic Relief (non-uniform with donations). |
| 20.3.2026 | Far Away Friday celebrating Ramadan. |
| 20.3.2026 | Class 6 assembly for parents 9.15am |
| 24.3.2026 | Global recycling day. |
| 27.3.2026 | Class 7 assembly for parents 9.15am |
| 30.3 - 2.4.2026 | Nursery Parents as Partners. |
| 2.4.2026 | Non - uniform day (donations to SOFIA) |
| 2.4.2026 | SCHOOL FINISHES for EASTER |

EASTER HOLIDAY

Important dates for next term:

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| 6.5.2026 | Class 8 assembly for parents |
| 8.5.2026 | Class 9 assembly for parents |
| 8.7.2026 | Dance Festival |
| 13.7.2026 | Class 1 leavers assembly |
| 14.7.2026 | Class 2 leavers assembly |
| 15.7.2026 | Class 3 leavers assembly |
| 16.7.2026 | Year 2 leavers concert 2.15pm |
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| 21.7.2026 | Reception graduation 2.30pm |