



Robert Ferguson Primary School

Small Changes Make a Big Difference

This December, Ofsted recognised that our work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is our highest priority. It really is!



The Ofsted report is available to download from our school website, or call in at the school office for a printed copy.



Children without books are 15 times less likely to be good readers than their book-owning peers, research shows.

More than 750,000 UK schoolchildren do not have a single book of their own, a new survey suggests.

- TES, December 2017

Help your child develop the reading habit that will help them succeed in school and increase their chances of landing a well-paid job later in life. We have a not-for-profit book shop with big discounts to encourage our children to own their own books. Come and have a look!



Olympic Volleyball Player - Peter Bakare provides inspiration to "think big, aim high."

"The school's work to raise pupils' aspirations is inspiring. Pupils are encouraged to think about their future career ambitions, and staff support them in developing relevant skills from an early stage. Motivational speakers are brought in to school to talk to them about how they can achieve their goals." - Ofsted December 2017



Former pupil, Michael Martin, who went on to become the Civil Engineer who led the building of Queensferry Crossing, returns to school after 50 years to provide inspiration.



Packed to the Rafters for Seasonal Celebrations



Keeping with time-honoured tradition, once again we celebrated harvest at St James Church. These days, we fill the whole church!

To make sure the children had good opportunity to participate, and capacity for each audience, Early Years and KS1 celebrated Advent with well-attended, traditional nativity plays, and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 each put on their own showcase of what they have been learning, with a good sprinkling of Christmas songs and poems.



Our girls' football team reached the County finals, and all our sports teams did brilliantly well. If all the shots on goal had been converted, our football teams would be champions this term!

We believe that music should be accessible for all, so we now have djembe drumming for Year 3, clarinet for Year 4, and brass lessons for Year 5. If your child would like to have individual lessons with the woodwind or brass teacher, let us know.



The Girls' Football Team





Fantastic Fundraising - Thank you!

Children in Need - £450 raised.

Cash for Kids - £501 raised.

Christmas Fair - £1,702 raised.

Congratulations to Mrs Craig for achieving and graduating with her Masters in Education this term. Mrs O'Farrell also gained her MA in 2016.

"The curriculum is enriched with a range of exciting additional activities. Pupils benefit from visits out, making the most of the local environment and travelling further afield to enhance learning. They enjoy listening to inspiring speakers who visit the school, for example to raise pupils' aspirations for their future careers.

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