



At Robert Ferguson Primary School we take our children's opinions very seriously.



We know we have a moral as well as a statutory duty to ensure young people receive a well-rounded education which equips and prepares them for the world they inhabit. We aim to provide them with a good knowledge and understanding of that world, with all its problems and challenges. Therefore, when young people learn about the alarming science of climate change we should not be surprised at all when they demand to know why the grown ups are not doing more. Nor should we be surprised when our students want to



challenge people with power to take urgent action on climate change.

Some of our pupils have written to government ministers expressing their concerns about climate change and plastic pollution. On Thursday 18th April we held the Cumbria Youth Climate Change Summit, attended by pupils from 30 schools from across Cumbria. The event was featured in the news and two of our pupils who took a major part in the event were also interviewed live on BBC Radio Cumbria.

As a school, we are continuing to do everything we can to reduce our carbon footprint, starting with planting lots of trees.



# Reminders...

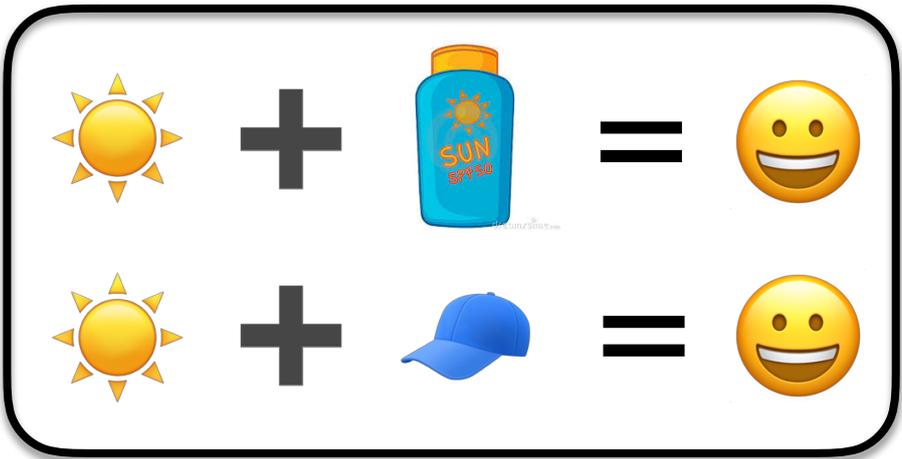


The children are enjoying the sunny weather. Some of them remove their sweaters and lose track of where they left them. It would be easier to return them to their owners if they had their names written on the label in permanent marker.

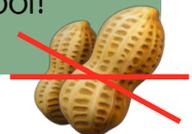


# PE Kit

The teachers would like to remind you to ensure that all children have their PE kit in school every day, please.



Thank you for being so considerate & understanding by helping us to be a nut-free school!



# Robert Ferguson Talent Show



One of the highlights of this year was the Robert Ferguson Talent Show organised by the School Council with help from Mrs Wallace and Mrs Morris, to raise money (£493) for Comic Relief. It showcased an eclectic mix of talents such as piano playing, guitar solo, dancing, singing, hula-hooping and stand-up comedy. A thoroughly entertaining afternoon enjoyed by staff and pupils alike, noted for the warm reaction and support for all the acts.

# Nursery



At the beginning of May we took part in our Early Years Health and Fitness Week which included a visit from the dentist, /Wheelie Wednesday and a trip to the park.

The Spring Term began with activities relating to the children's favourite Julie Donaldson stories, including The Gruffalo, Room on the Broom and What the Ladybird Heard. We learned about the importance of recycling which has become part of our daily routine.



Steph Smith has been a Senior Teaching Assistant at RFPS for 29 years and has made a huge impact on the countless children she has helped during that time. We wish her every success in her new job.

Joining the team in Nursery this term is Andrea Fox.



# Reception



During the Spring Term in Reception, the children have been learning about Space, Dinosaurs, Chicks, heroes and much more.

The children had a fantastic time visiting the fire station. We enjoyed a seasonal walk along the river where the children looked for signs of spring. We all had a great time during Health & Fitness Week when the children took part in several activities such as yoga, judo, Dance-a-Thon, gymnastics, Wheelie

Wednesday, and much more. During PE lessons with Action Ants the children have also experienced a lot of sports including archery, football, hockey and tennis.



# Year 1

As part of Design Technology Week, Year 1 wrote instructions, designed and created Easter bonnets.

We also studied artist Paul Klee, who makes pictures with shapes, and created our own based on his work. Some of the art work is displayed in the entrance hall.

In history lessons we learned about Christopher Columbus and wrote some facts about him in English lessons.

We have been learning about the different parts of plants and what they need to grow, as well as planting new saplings to create a hedge for wildlife and to help reduce CO<sup>2</sup>

We are continuing to develop our love of books and reading by visiting Morley Street Library and using the new KS1 library in school.

The judo taster session was very much enjoyed by the children, too.



# Year 2

Year 2 enjoyed the judo taster session and are continuing to enjoy the Action Ants programme which involves assault courses, hockey, lacrosse, dodge ball and archery.

We are currently undertaking an art topic to create posters highlighting the problem of plastic pollution.

In RE the children have been learning about Buddhism and in History the children are learning about Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale.



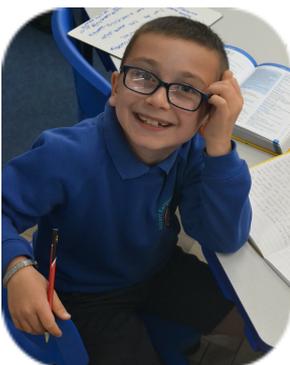
We loved the wonderful costumes on World Book Day and it is fantastic that all our children are enjoying the new library. Please ensure all books are returned after reading them.



# Year 3



We have been learning about The Stone Age and what life was like for early humans. We have learned about how they hunted and used every single part of the animal to eat, wear and build shelters. We have created our own cave art and drawn pictures inspired by Henri Rousseau and Matisse.



In maths we have studied mass and length, using practical methods to make it interesting and relevant.



This term we have enjoyed judo, athletics (discus, shot putt, and track relay).

# Year 4

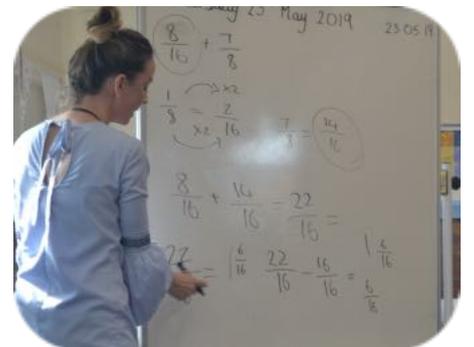


This year, Year 4 have been learning to play the clarinet with Mrs Tuffin from Cumbria Music Service. We are looking forward to sharing our new found skills in our summer concert for parents.

In our Sound topic, this term we investigated pitch, intensity and timbre using a range of musical instruments.

In the Spring Term, we particularly enjoyed Art and DT week. We created a range of art work based on our India Topic.

We would like to thank the Year 6 pupils who helped us create our Adobe Spark presentations on Indian mountain ranges and rivers.



# Year 5

Year 5 have been working hard in brass instrument lessons throughout the year and are looking forward to the upcoming summer concert.

This term, the children have loved learning about Ancient Egyptian times and had a fantastic, fun-filled trip to Tullie House, where they mummified Tutantullie!

Sewing skills were perfected in the Spring Term as learning focused on finding out what life was like for Victorian children, ending with an exciting visit to Beamish Museum.



# Year 6



The York Residential Trip featured a landscape art workshop at the gallery and a night time river cruise.



Year 6 wrote letters to our local MP highlighting the plight of cocoa farmers in Africa as part of our Fair-trade Fortnight. After studying hard and doing a brilliant job of tackling the SATs tests, the children are looking forward to Enterprise Week (24th - 28th June) and two end of year shows planned for: 9th July 9:30 & 11th July 14:00.

# Other News



Congratulations to Mrs Cannon and family following the arrival of baby Oscar last month!



While Mrs Cannon is on maternity leave, Mrs Davidson is our Acting Deputy Head.



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Welcome to the fourth edition of our school newspaper! This edition includes school news, jokes, puzzles and interviews. We also have national news! Hopefully, you will find this edition of the newspaper just as interesting as our last edition... or better! Enjoy!  
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### Our amazing new libraries

By Laura, Millie and Billie, Year 5

- KS1 and KS2 have brand new libraries
- School Council help to plan and design KS2 library
- Famous author officially opens the library when he comes to visit our school

We are all really excited about our beautiful, new brightly coloured KS1 and KS2 libraries in school. They are filled with books written by authors that were chosen by each class and we have all had a chance to explore and relax in them while reading our favourite books. Children in Year 2 said that "there is an epic choice of books" and "it's really peaceful to sit in". They also said "you can sit and imagine you are in the books".

KS2 children are also delighted with their brand new library! Floodie in Year 5 said, "It's very organised and it's easy to find the books that I like". Lily in Year 5 told us, "It's so colourful, like a real school". School Council played a big part in designing how the library would be set up and everybody is so excited because we have such a choice of brand new books.

A special visitor, Martin Ford, author of 'Chester Ransome is not a girl!', opened the KS2 library. He came to give KS2 children a talk about what it is like being an author and he showed us how to plan an exciting story. We were privileged to meet a real author and for him to officially open our lovely new library.



Martin Ford relaxing in our brand new KS2 library with School Council

Year 2 choosing new books in their brand new library!

We hope you enjoyed your copy of the amazing student newspaper - The School Scoop. If you missed it, you can find copies to download on our website!