



Robert Ferguson Primary School

THE SCHOOL SCOOP

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!

Rosie (Editor) and the School Scoop team

Our amazing new libraries

By Layla, Millie and Ellie, 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 told us 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 book."

KS2 children are also delighted with their brand new library! Phoebe 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 rainbow!" 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 Parsons is *not* a gorilla', 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 overjoyed to meet a real author and for him to officially open our lovely new library.



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



Year 2 choosing new books in their beautiful new library!

Book Review Corner

By Millie, Year 5



'A Place called Perfect' by Helena Duggan

This book is really good because there are many exciting events and interesting characters. The main character is a girl called Violet, whose family move to Perfect because of her Dad's work. Violet didn't want to move to Perfect but she soon meets an orphan called 'Boy' from No Man's land, a place where people whose family members have forgotten them go to live. On her first day in Perfect, Violet's family wake up blind! This happens to everybody in the town - they have to go to a glasses emporium to get rose tinted glasses that apparently fix it, but ever body going blind isn't just because of the sun! Will Violet and Boy save Perfect?

I would give this book 4 and a half stars out of 5. I would recommend it to boys and girls aged 7 or over.

Tuck Shop Menu

By Jack, Year 6

Lots of you have been asking for a menu and price list for the Tuck Shop, so here you go!

- Apples.....10p
- Pears.....10p
- Oranges.....10p
- Melon Slices.....10p
- Grapes.....20p
- Cheese Straws.....10p
- Plain Rich Tea.....5p
- Rich Tea with cheese10p
- Crackers and cheese10p
- Vegetable crisps40p
- Raisins.....10p
- Fruit bars.....40p



Please note - There may not be all of these items on offer every day!

We are open **Monday, Wednesday** and **Friday** morning break times!



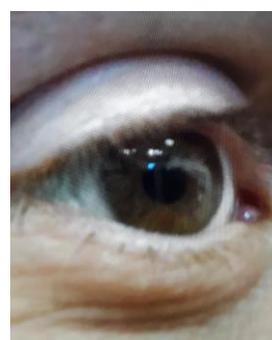
Stats Dashboard

By Mhia and Layla

Congratulations to our current top 5 Times Table Rockstar heroes! Keep practising everyone and maybe next edition, you will see YOUR name in the hall of times tables heroes!

Rank	Name	Rock Name	Baseline Speed	Current Speed	Rock Status	Lifetime Earnings	Maths Band
1	Max Phillips	Douglas Prus	3.14	0.86	Rock Hero	256,119	Class 11
2	Zak Masters	Sergeant Egg	2.19	0.86	Rock Hero	66,434	Class 15
3	Charlie Pagan	Rocky Orr	3.73	0.88	Rock Hero	185,919	Class 11
4	Ruby Wren	Lilymay Von Rock	12.24	0.89	Rock Hero	363,013	Class 11
5	Garrett Bacon	Rockin' Freeman	2.53	0.96	Rock Hero	79,958	Class 14

Guess Who!



Can you guess which RFPS adult this lovely eye belongs to?

Answer on the back page! Don't peek!

Five minutes with...

This edition, we interview Mrs Graham, who has been providing delicious school dinners at Robert Ferguson for a very long time!

By Jack and Harley, Year 6

How long have you worked at Robert Ferguson Primary School?

I have worked at Robert Ferguson Primary School for about fourteen or fifteen years now!

What is it like working in the new school kitchen?

It's great – a lot easier than in the little one we had before!

What is the most popular meal choice at lunch time?

Probably hot dogs or spaghetti Bolognese...but all of the children have got different tastes!

What do you like to cook when you are at home with your family?

There's nothing like a good roast beef dinner and a bit of fruit crumble or sticky toffee pudding for dessert.

What are the other kitchen staff like to work with?

They are great workers – we are like a little family!

What is your favourite part about the job?

Everything! The people I work with, cooking for the children and hoping that the children enjoy the meals that we make.

How do you work out how many dinners you need to make every day?

The office rings me every day at around a quarter past ten, telling me how many to make.

The use of palm oil has been debated a lot recently because of the impact that making it can have on rainforest animals and their homes. Do any of the products used to make our school dinners contain palm oil?

Some of the products do unfortunately, but not a lot.

What do you like to do in your spare time when you're not in the kitchen?

Going on holiday! I am just back from travelling around New Zealand and Singapore and it was the holiday of a lifetime.

Favourite music? My husband and I like Bon Jovi, Tom Petty and I also love musicals.

Favourite kind of movie? I love anything based on true stories. I also used to love watching cowboy movies with my dad and still do.



Our interviewers Jack and Harley with Mrs. Graham.

Thanks Mrs. Graham!

Next edition, we will be interviewing Mrs. Skelton to find out all about a day in the life of a school office manager!

Brexit

By Ciaran, Year 6

We have all heard the word 'Brexit'. But do you know what it truly is all about?

Here we explain to you about the ongoing events.

Firstly the word Brexit means 'Britain-exit' because the UK is leaving the European Union [EU]. If these events *do* eventually happen, the Republic of Ireland will remain in the EU but Northern Ireland will not. Just over half [52%] of all the votes in the Brexit referendum (public vote) were in favour of leaving the EU, but all the details have still not yet been agreed by the leaders involved. We were scheduled to officially leave in March 2019, but things got a lot more complicated soon after! Politicians have been debating, planning and failing to reach an agreement. Until they find a way forwards, we remain in the EU until the end of this year.



What is it all about?!

Stranded dolphin on found on Cumbrian beach

By Rosie, Editor

Where do you usually see dolphins? Australia? America? Definitely not Cumbria! Well, you are wrong! Would you believe that a dolphin was discovered stranded on a beach near Maryport!

Maryport Coastguard Rescue Team was alerted and were quickly on the scene. They found the dolphin near Maryport Golf Course and contacted British Diver Marine Life Rescue. The RSPCA was also informed and they checked the dolphin over to make sure that it was ok.



Maryport Coastguard said that they carefully returned the dolphin back to its rightful home and watched anxiously as it slowly made its way to deeper water. After a short time, the mammal was seen to jump and was lost from sight. We are delighted that the animal managed to get back to safety!

Jokes

By Chloe, Year 5

What do you call a posh pig delivering newspapers?

Bacon rind.

What do you call a teacher who makes fireworks?

A head banger!

What's red, flies, and wobbles at the same time?

A jelly copter!

Waiter, this soup tastes funny!

Then why aren't you laughing?

Why did the queen go to the dentist?

To get her teeth crowned.

Why are there no computers in alien school?

Because they ate all the Apples.

Yummy Rock Cake Recipe

By Mhía, Year 5

Here is a lovely recipe for a delicious after tea-time snack!

Ingredients

225g/8oz self-rising flour
75g/2½oz Caster sugar
1 tsp baking powder
125g/4½oz unsalted butter, cut into cubes
150g/5½oz choc chip
1 free-range egg
1 tbsp. milk
2 tsp Vanilla extract

Method

First, preheat oven to 180C/160C Fan/Gas 4 and line a baking tray with baking parchment.

Next mix the flour, sugar and baking powder in a bowl and rub in the cubed butter until the mixture looks like bread crumbs, then mix in the chocolate chips/dried fruit.

After that, in a clean bowl, beat the egg and milk together with the vanilla extract.

Carefully add the egg mixture to the dry ingredients and stir with a spoon until the mixture just comes together as a thick, lumpy dough. Add a teaspoon more milk if you need it to make the mixture stick together.

Put golf ball-sized spoons of the mixture onto the prepared baking tray. Leave space between them as they will flatten and spread out to double their size during baking.

Bake for 15–20 minutes, until golden-brown. Allow to cool for a couple of minutes, and then turn them out onto a wire rack to cool.



An interview with Mr. Pearson

By Ellie, Year 5

What sport do you think this school is best at?

Hockey because we got into the county finals!

Why do you enjoy teaching sport?

Because I like to play and help you children improve your skills!

Are you proud of all the sports going on in the school?

Very!

What is your favourite sport?

Football

Do you think it's important to do sport in the school?

Massively- it keeps everyone fit.

Which is your favourite - pizza or a burger?

Burger

Beach or sporting holiday?

Beach

Football or hockey?

Football

Better film - The Lion King or Harry Potter?

Harry Potter

Best pop band- Little Mix or One Direction?

Little Mix

Favourite animal- a lion or a monkey?

Lion

Favourite Cumbrian day out - the lakes and mountain or ice cream at Allonby?

Lakes and mountains

Favourite Saturday - Walking the fells or cinema?

Fell walking

Which is your favourite soap Emmerdale or Eastenders?

Neither - I don't watch soaps!

Who is your sporting hero of all time?

Steven Gerard!

RFPS hosts Cumbria Youth Climate Change Summit

By Rosie, Year 6 (Editor)

On Thursday the 18th of April 2019, the youth of Cumbria had a chance to speak out about a very pressing issue ... climate change.

This event was held at Cumbria University Campus, where different representatives from schools across Cumbria spoke about their worries about climate change. Our school hosted the summit and our representatives were Year 6's Elliot and Rosie. At the summit, we also had special guests from Cumbria County Council.

But what *is* climate change? Climate change is a change in global weather patterns and is caused by gases such as carbon dioxide getting into the air.



Elliot and Rosie speaking at the Climate Change Summit

We asked some children from our school if they knew what climate change was all about. Roan in Year 6 said that it is all to do with how products being made in factories and how all of the rubbish from these products go up into the earth's atmosphere. Elliot thinks that climate change will cause 'the end of our world'.

He may be right! We are not looking after planet. The climate is changing and getting warmer gradually.

Hopefully, the people in Parliament can take action and sort something BIG out but us children can also do our part by doing things such as recycling or using less electricity.

Are YOU doing anything at home to help contribute to the saving of our Earth? If so, we would love to hear what you are doing! Let a member of the School Scoop know and you might appear in the next edition!



Can you guess the British sports star from these clues?

- She has competed in the Olympics.
- Her date of birth is 28th January.
- She is from Sheffield.
- She won a gold medal in the heptathlon at the 2012 London Olympics Games.
- The first letter of her surname is E.
- She was awarded with an MBE for being an outstanding athlete.
- One of our house point houses is named after her!

News Flash! Chocolate bars shrinking!

By Harley and Jack, Year 6

Did you know that the government are now forcing chocolate companies such as Cadburys and Nestle to reduce the size of their chocolate bars by up to 25%? Why? Because they are concerned about children in the UK becoming obese.



Some bars have gotten smaller by up to 25%!

We asked children from different year

groups what they think about chocolate bars getting smaller. Here is what they said:

Maddison, Reception, – “It’s a good thing because you’re not supposed to eat lots of chocolate.”
Romie Butler, Year 4, – “It’s a bad thing because bars are going up in price and getting smaller and they should be getting bigger.”

Joshua Ord, Year 6 – “It’s good *and* bad because kids won’t get as much chocolate so they won’t get cavities! It’s bad because they’re the same price but smaller contents.”

Elliot Lambert, Year 6 – “It’s really bad because I like chocolate and you should get to choose what you can consume.”

Callum Atkinson, Year 6 – “I think it is silly that it they are getting smaller because we are paying the same amount for a smaller bar.”

What do you think? Do you think the government are right to try and help stop obesity? Or do you think that we should be allowed to consume as much chocolate as we want?

Budding artist in Year 1

By Rosie, Year 6 (Editor)



This edition, we are celebrating the talents of Albert Hurn, Class 5, who told the School Scoop all about his interest in Andy Goldsworthy, a famous artist.



Albert with his photo collection of his art!



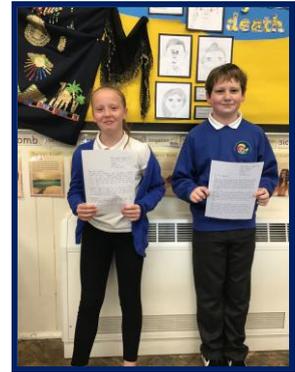
Albert found a book by Andy Goldsworthy in his house and wanted to find out how he made his art. “I decided to try and make my own art like Andy’s”, he told us. “He is an artist who loves and uses nature.

He makes patterns and shapes using things like rocks, flowers, leaves, wood, feathers and even snow. I made shapes from flowers and grass, ice and rocks. I have also drawn my own version of some of Andy’s art. My favourite is called ‘Sweet Chestnut, Autumn horn.’ One day, I would like to be an artist myself!

Year 6 urge local MP to help stop child labour in Africa

By Roisin and Will, Year 6

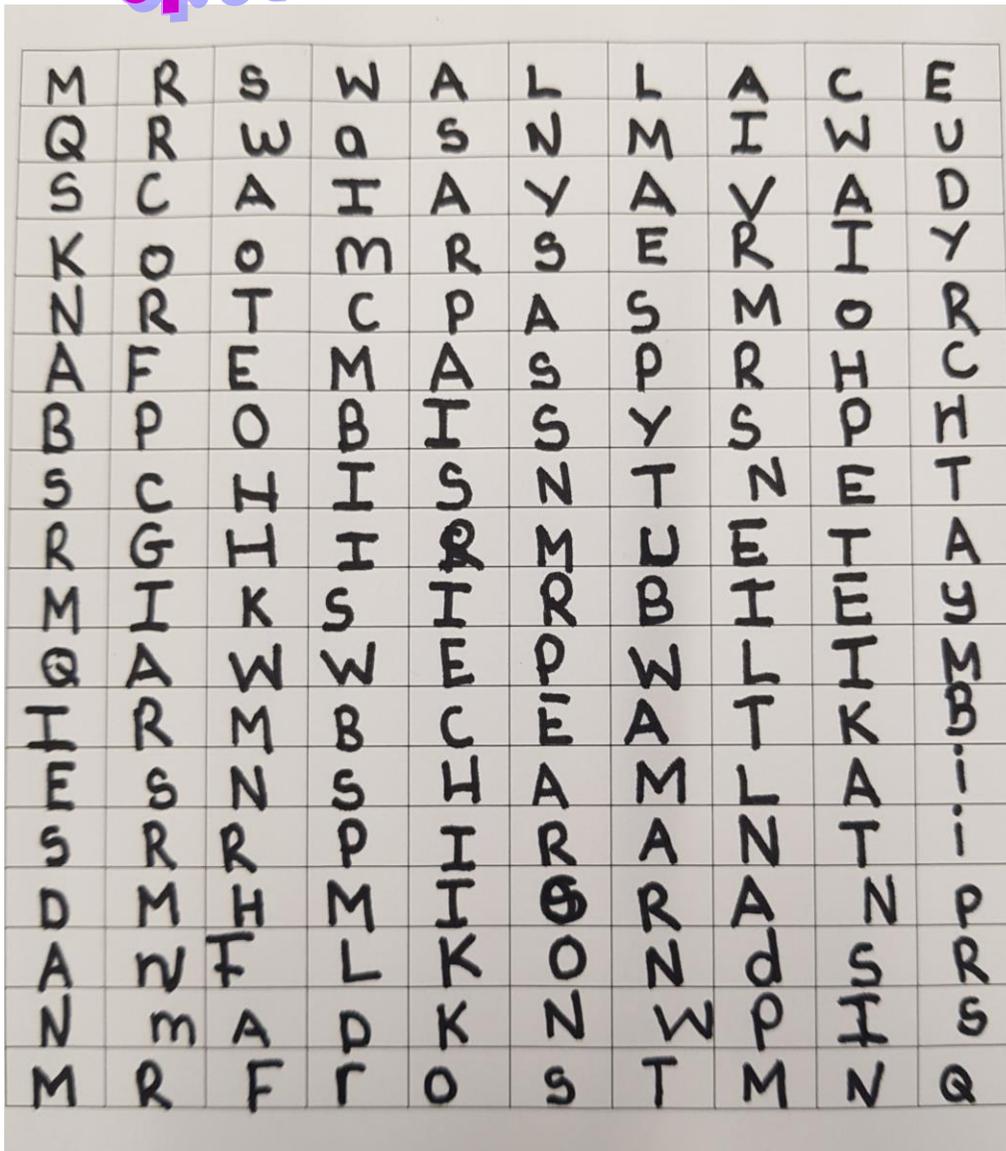
In Year 6, we have written a letter to our local MP, John Stevenson as part of Fairtrade Fortnight. We wanted to ask his opinions on child labour in Africa. We tried to persuade him why child labour is such an awful thing and we also tried to give reasons why it is so horrendous. A common suggestion that we all wrote was to bring this topic to Parliament so more people try to help end child labour in these countries. It is horrible for young children to be working because they should be able to go to school to get an education to prepare them for the future. We have not received a response from Mr. Stevenson yet but we are hoping we will get one soon!



Roisin and Will with their persuasive letters!

Spot the teacher wordsearch

By Layla, Year 5



Can you find the following RFPS adults?

- Mrs Craig**
- Mrs Neil**
- Mr Pearson**
- Mr. Frost**
- Mrs. Banks**
- Mrs. Wallace**

Guess Who!

Answer:
Mr. Pearson
Did you work it out?

Thank you for reading! The last edition of this school year will come out