



# Little Miller's News



The Newsletter of Fulwell Infant School Academy

Mrs Angus's message...



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Dear parent,

This has been an incredibly busy fortnight back at school. We have welcomed parents of children starting Nursery and Reception classes into school. Thank you to all staff who attended the evening meetings -it is always a challenge when staff are busy writing reports. The photographs overleaf show the first transition visits which have happened for Nursery and Year 2 children. All have enjoyed it.

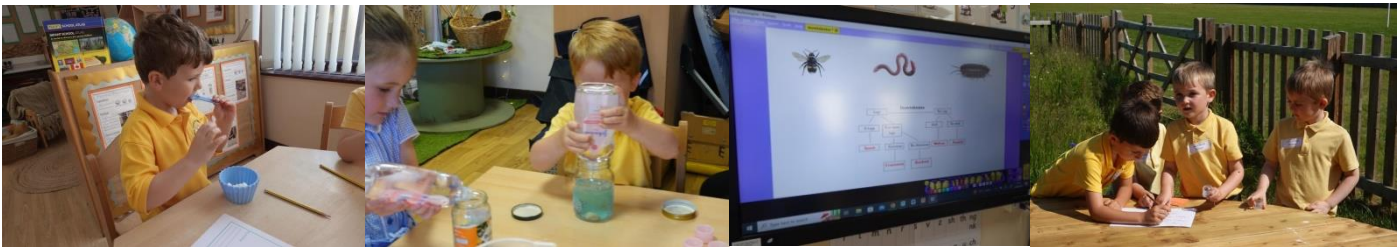
This week has seen all classes observed during science lessons. The focus was scientific enquiry and also maximising any outdoor learning opportunities. It was a great pleasure to be able to see staff and children in action in their classrooms or outside. Their knowledge in science was very impressive -yes class 7, I learnt what an exoskeleton was! As always, the children were polite and respectful and engaged with the visiting adults in discussing science with them. The children are a credit to their families as well as the school!

Year 1 children have completed the Year 1 phonics screen this week -parents will receive their results with their end of year report. Again, we are thrilled with how they have tackled this.

Beach week has been supported by the weather. Sun cream and hats were essential but reception children had a wonderful day on Monday. They were observed by many beach visitors and school received a lovely email from a couple who watched the children as they visited the beach. They commented on the children's behaviour and how well they worked with staff. They particularly enjoyed the singing at the end of the day. Year 2 children visited the beach on Thursday and returned for their afternoon session as they practice for the concert. Year 1 children will visit the beach later as they had the phonics screen this week.

Fulwell Fest planning is well underway, and dance festival practices are also happening regularly. I am led to believe that Elton John will be making an appearance! Don't forget the summer fayre next Friday. We are hoping the rain stays away next week, as we have book shares that also depend on the weather. Expect a text message if there is a weather issue.

Wendy Angus



The pictures show science happening across the school. Children are very clear in LOVING experiments and all that is involved in them. As mentioned above, we were very impressed with 'science in action'.





## TRANSITION

As the summer term progresses, induction has begun with Year 2 pupils and Nursery pupils visiting their new classes and meeting teaching staff. Year 2 classes visited Fulwell Juniors the week before half term and the children are very excited. On Wednesday morning, their new teachers came to school to meet them in their classrooms.

On Wednesday afternoon the Nursery children also visited their new classrooms and enjoyed every minute of it. They too were excited and loved exploring lots of new opportunities.

The rest of school will also meet their new teachers next week and will no doubt be very eager to share their news with you.



Class 1 meet Miss Birch



Class 2 meet Miss Lockwood



Class 3 meet Mrs Loverance



Class 7 meet Mrs Meechan and Mrs Robson



Class 8 meet Mrs Bell and Mrs Hill



Class 9 meet Mrs Lewis and Mrs Brewerton





# Reception Beach Fun



Reception classes visited the beach on Monday. They explored wet and dry sand, built with it and chased the waves. They encountered the pebbles and rocks and discovered what 'particles' were as scientific enquiry travelled to the beach. The lifeguards taught them about seaside safety and the dangers that might happen and what to do. They were commended by a local resident and his wife on their exemplary behaviour.



# Sun + Sea = Science

Year 2 children visited the beach on Thursday. They were investigating the density of sand and water and how much water would be needed to be able to make their sand sculptures. As they dug and built, they identified smooth pieces of beach pebbles and knew they were smooth because of the waves going over them and also the sand wearing the surface away. They also found that if they dug deep enough, water was appearing. They wanted to know how far down you have to dig for this to happen? Is it always the same depth?

