



Little Miller's News



The Newsletter of Fulwell Infant School Academy

Mrs Angus's message...

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Dear parent,

At last we have enjoyed a little warmer and dryer weather! Staff took advantage of this for 'Beach week' in which KS1 classes focused on Geography and Art. Both year groups took children to the beach this week and time spent was thoroughly enjoyed by them all. Thank you to parent helpers who supported the lengthy walk to and from the beach. Photographs are attached in the newsletter.

Last week I was able to travel to the Empire with Year 2 classes to watch 20 Year 2 dancers perform in the Sunderland Schools dance event. Last year this did not take place but it was a pleasure to share again the dances from schools with children aged 6-16 years. Mrs Meechan led the performance of our children and they were an absolute credit to school and their families. This lovely event offers all our children the experience of the theatre whether to watch or to dance. The dancers have told me they were nervous but couldn't see the audience when on the stage because of the lights. Our thanks to the children, Mrs Meechan, Mrs Pickford who went with them and to SOFIA parents who paid for every child to attend. Thank you.

On Monday this week we had all staff from Fulwell Juniors working together with all our staff looking at provision in Geography, History and Science books from each class were shared and there was a celebration of achievement from Nursery to Year 6. Discussions were deep and staff looked at how subjects were taught and exchanged ideas. Our staff were enthused by this and already have ideas to move subjects forward with KS2 in mind. This was followed by a well attended Y3 parent meeting in our school hall. Mr Speck advised that the Junior hall is about to be handed back as all the work taking place this year is coming to an end.

Year 2 classes visited the Junior school on Wednesday and met their new teachers. They were very excited! Children in school met new teachers last Friday and new teachers keep popping in to say hello to them. There will be one change of teacher in January next year as Ms Judges leaves school after 20 years service to pursue new opportunities. We wish her every success. Mrs Coates and Mrs Robson will be teaching her year 1 class until January when we will have appointed a new class teacher. You will realise that this happened suddenly and so we have put our plans for Mrs Robson's retirement on hold until Christmas.

We were very lucky to have an archaeologist in school on Thursdays. She worked with each reception class on 'a dig' talking to them about her job and what it involved. Don't be surprised if your reception child comes home and has decided they want to be an archaeologist when they grow up!

ATTENDANCE is falling due to holidays. We recorded 95.58% today. Please help keep it up!

Wendy Angus



Reception discovered what it meant to be an archaeologist as they excavated at a dig. Thank you to Elliott's mammy for giving us this opportunity.



Year 1 Beach Fun



The Sand Horse
Story by Ann Turnbull
Pictures by Michael Foreman

ART

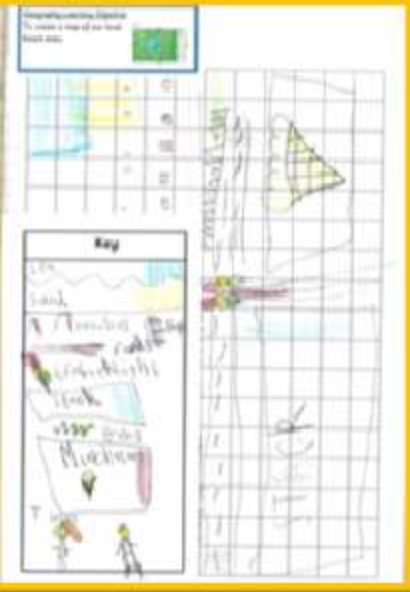
GEOGRAPHY

Year 1 children focused on the Sand Horse, recreating sand horse 3D images and using seaweed and stones very effectively. It was a team effort as the pictures reveal. They returned to school to extend their geography skills by creating maps of the beach after looking at aerial photos.

Year 2 children were using compasses and following a route to the beach. As they passed through the park they ventured past the caves and observed the rock formations before arriving on the beach. Not only was Geography a subject that was appropriate but equally science as they used Venn diagrams to categorise beach stones into smooth and sharp.



GEOGRAPHY and SCIENCE Year 2 Beach Fun



Year 1 children drew an aerial map of the beach for the first time.



Year 2 children used grid references and co-ordinates for location.

