



Little Miller's News



The Newsletter of **Fulwell Infant School Academy**
Mrs Angus's message...

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Dear parent,

As half term arrives, the children had a fantastic dressing up day today, with Halloween in mind! As the photographs reveal, costumes were very adventurous and we have some talented parents.

Year 2 children have enjoyed a visit to West Boldon Lodge in which they made and burned paper houses and baked and ate bread. They returned to school so excited and were able to share their knowledge of the history of the Great Fire whilst taking part in experiences that brought it to life. Angela from Angela's Ark led workshops about habitats to support their learning in Science. They handled a range of animals from 'skinny pigs' to gecko's and even a large frog. The photographs included provide a window into their life at school.

Parent meetings this week offered families the chance to look at their child's progress to date and discuss how they have settled into their new year group since September. Year 1 children have coped incredibly well with what is the greatest challenge. Reception children have made great progress with their phonics and working hard to refine their pencil grip and letter formation as well as their early addition.

Many thanks to staff for their work during parent sessions and to parents for attending (95% attendance). I know parents found the session in school and the system for booking slots much better than last year and really appreciated being able to view their child's books.

ATTENDANCE

The award of Spike this week was to Class 1 -this means their class attendance was the best in school. School attendance up to this week is **96.5%**, lower than last year when it was 97% at the same point. Sickness bugs have had an impact -we hope the holiday break will mean attendance picks up again after half term.

Hoping that all families and staff have an enjoyable half term holiday. Children are tired and certainly ready for a break. So are their teachers!

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Nursery children enjoy Tiny Tweeties...



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West Boldon Lodge hosted a 'Great Fire' event and all Year 2 classes visited over the last fortnight. The children constructed their houses in groups, measuring accurately and constructing lots of different designs. They learnt about the impact of houses in close proximity at that time, accelerating the spread of the fire. They watched from a distance as their houses were lined up and set alight. The faces in the picture above caught that special moment.

The children went on to bake bread (and eat it!) The weather was favourable across the 3 days and ALL enjoyed their visit and this will be a memory that will stay with them for a long time! Their impressive knowledge and understanding of the Great Fire was drawn together on this occasion. Thank you to parents for supporting them.



SCIENCE: Angela brought a range of animals to school (class 1 have yet to enjoy their session). Her focus was on habitats as part of the children's science and they LOVED the opportunity to carefully hold and feed the animals. Many children remembered from Year 1 what an 'omnivore' was and could explain this during the lesson.

Angela's Ark





HALLOWEEN