



Little Miller's News



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

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Dear parents,
In the last fortnight I have been able to work in every class observing children achieving really well and enjoying their learning. Skilful staff make it exciting and ensure that lessons engage children who love to contribute. Their confidence is commendable and their knowledge that it doesn't matter whether you are right or wrong in an answer as this is how you learn is very apparent. I was joined by two directors in classroom visits and they too were impressed with what they saw. We saw a mixture of Art and Maths lessons from Nursery to Year 2. The newsletter includes work produced in the lesson in Year 2 (Art) and photographs taken in each classroom.

We are rapidly approaching Christmas performances and dress rehearsals have happened this week. I am certain that parents will enjoy these Christmas events and recognise the effort the children make in taking on the many roles and singing the range of songs. These magical moments are to be treasured as time passes very quickly. Year 2 children will sing at the Stack on 19th December. This will be the last year DVDs will be available for performances. More information will follow regarding these.

Attendance figures have improved slightly since last week. We hope this will continue in the lead up to Christmas.

Thank you to Miss Hopkinson, Miss Dickinson, Mrs Dunbar and Miss Southern who led the final curriculum meeting for parents during the first week back. Parents attending confirmed the meetings help with understanding of how the children are taught at school. Thank you to all parents who attended.

The school council briefly met with Naomi Priestly from the Re f use café in Chester Le Street. Food waste was the theme and the children are very keen to focus on reducing waste at lunchtimes. We are planning for the team to visit school and work with Year 2 classes as well as leading an assembly.

Two very special members of staff will retire at Christmas. We are organising two special assemblies to celebrate their time in school. Mrs Robson has taught at Fulwell Infants for 40 years, teaching many parents of children in school now. She spent one year in the Victorian building! She will be joined in retirement by Mrs Cockton. Mrs Cockton has worked with children across school and many will speak fondly about the opportunities they have taken part in during craft after school clubs.

Wendy Angus



I think it is Kandinsky - circles in circles. I remember from Year 1



Around school...

In reviewing teaching and learning last week, I was privileged in seeing all children in classrooms. Their achievements, attitudes to learning and polite, respectful behaviour were commended by the whole team. The focus was Maths and Art so a mixture of subjects were seen. The photos below were taken during the observations.



Above learning in Early Years can be seen in both Nursery and Reception classes. Class 9 children were learning in Hagrid's hut outdoors. Below Year 1 and Year 2 classes can be seen. The wonderful Art images are from class 1.

