



Robert Ferguson Primary School

Celebrating a Year of Achievement Together



Showcases

All our pupils have been showcasing their learning and many achievements in style this term and it has been a great pleasure that so many of you have come along to share in the celebrations. Reception through to Year 4 have all put on special assemblies while Years 5 and 6 have performed in a musical.

We have been entertained with singing, music and dance, listened to the children's accounts of memorable topics and seen some of their excellent creative work.

What a difference a year makes!



Sports Afternoons

Our sports afternoons were festivals of competitive athletics and traditional games. These were well-supported, once again - thank you for coming along and cheering on the competitors!

DIY Learning

As part of our drive to promote independent learning skills such as problem solving, resilience and perseverance, we held an Independent Learning Week this term. The children were encouraged to research a topic of their choice. We were really impressed with the variety of subjects the children were interested in and the creative

approaches they adopted to present their topics. It culminated in an exhibition and celebration of the children's work in classrooms. It was good to see so many parents there.



Out and About

River Study



Archive Centre

Mokshi: "The stacks [where all the artefacts are stored] was my favourite thing because it was cool and electronic."

The Life Centre

Naomi: "The 4D motion ride was the best!"

Allonby Beach



Walby Farm Park

Rio: "I loved the food and the slides at Walby Farm Park. The blue slide was my favourite!"

Lazonby



Charlotte: "Collecting shells was my favourite thing. It was nice and sunny. I would like to go back again!"

Abbotts Lodge Ice Cream Farm

Rachel: "I loved Abbotts Lodge Ice Cream Farm. I had a blue ice-cream with chocolate balls in it. It was great! I want to go back again!"

Megan: "I like playing in the sand - it's great fun!"

Maryport Aquarium

Daisy: "Maryport Aquarium was fun. I held a starfish and saw a shark and Nemo!"

Aglionby Wetland Discovery Trail



Alisha: "We went to Mrs Davidson's house. I really loved the park. I liked the tyre swing. It was my favourite. I also liked the lunch because we had a lolly."

Marshall: "I liked it when the wave came over us!"

Hawse End

Tullie House

Thomas: "We got to see the Crosby Garrett Roman Helmet and it was really interesting. I didn't like the horrible smells. The fishy smell made me fall over!"





Year 6 Leavers

Our leavers' performance was a poignant and nostalgic look back at the primary school years, which depicted familiar scenes and characters. The acting, singing and music were excellent and it was a truly memorable celebration of this special time. We wish all our leavers every success in the future!

Staff who leave us this term

This term we say a fond farewell to several members of staff. **Mrs Lesley Carigiet** leaves us after 20 years and **Mrs Janet Patton** after 12. Both have made a fantastic contribution to the life and work of Robert Ferguson School. Among other things, Mrs Carigiet is noted for her work as a specialist teacher for special needs, while Mrs Patton is noted for her teaching of creative subjects such as Design Technology. Both will be very much missed.

In early September we say farewell to **Miss Andrea Fox**, our Barnardos Support Worker who is moving on to pastures new. Andrea has been an asset, providing invaluable support to many of our pupils and their families.

Earlier this term, **Mrs Pauline McKie** retired. Pauline has been a valued supporter of RFPS in a voluntary capacity as well as being a midday supervisor - we are delighted that we continue to see Pauline regularly.

Ms Danielle Docherty has been an apprentice teaching assistant with us for the past year and a half, whose work in class has been appreciated by staff and pupils alike.

We thank them for all they have done for RFPS and wish them every happiness for the future.

Joining us next term

Next term we welcome two new teachers: **Mr Mike Roughley** will be teaching a Year 2 class, while **Mr Dave Pearson** will join the Year 5 team for three days each week.

In August, we will also be advertising for an additional Playground Activity Organiser, two additional Kitchen Assistants, and a Pastoral Support Worker.

Enterprise Week



Enterprise week was another huge success, generating over £450 profit. The young entrepreneurs in Year 6 worked tirelessly to produce a variety of creative products to sell at the end of the week. They have just enjoyed the fruits of their labour - using the profits to fund a fun-packed day out!

Kieron Bell: "I loved enterprise week, apart from it was stressful! My team worked well together and I think we made a big profit!"

Looking Ahead to Next Year

This year saw the completion of our Nursery extension. The year ahead looks like being just as eventful. From September the school is fully two-form entry, with two classes for each year group. Over the summer, work will be carried out to improve the interior of the Annexe to provide better accommodation for After School and Breakfast Clubs. We are also planning an exciting joint research project with University of Cumbria which will see Robert Ferguson becoming ever more innovative in providing the best possible educational opportunities for our pupils.

Thank you for all your support for RFPS. Have a great summer!

Graham Frost.

We are Always Learning

Relaxation, developing new interests and hobbies, enjoying sporting activity and spending time with friends and family are all incredibly important.

While it is possible they may have a dip in what they remember from the lessons of the previous year, it is good to return to school, having broadened their learning, refreshed and ready for another school year.

At Robert Ferguson Primary School, we believe that learning is not limited to the classroom. We celebrate "outside achievements" every Friday in assembly. We look forward to hearing about the summer's outside achievements at the start of the new term.

Summer Challenges

To help the children keep the momentum going in their learning, we recommend you keep up the reading practice and play maths games, or do some summer maths practice during the summer.

School Year just ended	Suggestions for practice
Reception	Adding 1 to numbers (counting on) Taking away 1 from numbers (counting back) Counting forwards and backwards
Year 1	Numbers which go together to make 5: 1+4, 2+3, 3+2, 4+1, 5+0 Numbers which go together to make 10: 10+0, 9+1, 8+2, 7+3, 6+4, 5+5, etc. Adding numbers less than 10: e.g. 6 is 5 and 1 more.
Year 2	Numbers which go together to make 20 Counting in 2s Counting in 10s 2x 5x and 10x tables Doubling and halving numbers
Year 3	2x 5x 10x 3x and 4x tables
Year 4	2x 5x 10x 3x 4x 6x 8x tables
Year 5	2x 5x 10x 3x 4x 6x 8x 7x 9x tables

On the School Website

The school website contains many learning activities, including Purple Mash - a complete set of educational software. The children can create and learn, saving their work on the website to revisit or share.



What is the Summer Reading Challenge?



The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays. You can sign up at your local library, then read six library books of your choice, collecting stickers and other rewards along the way – all FREE.

The Summer Reading Challenge website (<http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>) is where you can follow your progress online, find new books to read, take part in a story writing competition and play games.

The Autumn Term Begins on Wednesday 3rd September

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While we will continue to send newsletters, we will be updating the app and website much more frequently, with news and events.



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