

Thursday, 2nd May 2019

Welcome to my first weekly newsletter. We'll share news and information and tell you what some of the classes are busy doing.

We welcome new staff to our team with Rachael MacArthur starting as a Pupil Support Assistant this week. Rhianna Coorey will start work as an Early Years Officer in the nursery next week, Pam Hogg is starting as an Early Years Practitioner and Linda High starts work in the school as a Pupil Support Assistant. Welcome everyone, we look forward to your time at Ferryhill.

Primary 1 have started their living and growing topic. They have been inspired by the spring flowers in our garden and have created their own spring flower paintings. Primary 2A have been practising for their class assembly on Scotland. They have been working hard to learn their lines. Primary 2B have started their new topic about the rainforest and have been very excited to investigate the different animals that they would see in the rainforest. Both classes enjoyed creating their own games this week using marbles and straws to investigate forces. They had great fun during their S.T.E.M. lesson and cooperating with a partner. Primary 3A are finishing their topic on Castles and will be designing and writing about imaginary dragons. They're moving on to plants and animals as a topic next week. They have been reading Roald Dahl this year as a class novel and are currently loving James and the Giant Peach. They've started learning their 4 times table and are practising their 2,3,5 and 10. They've been learning about nouns and have been introduced to written comprehension alongside their usual reading and literacy tasks. They're starting to practise their athletic skills in PE in preparation for sports day. Primary 4A pupils have been making super posters to advertise a forthcoming book event in school. They've been using bold, colourful designs and making sure their posters have a clear message. Watch out for posters around the school soon. P4B enjoyed some outdoor learning where they were working in groups and using sticks to spell their weekly spelling words. P7s are about to embark on the first of their transition visits to Broughton High School next week. They've had visitors from Broughton High this week and it's all very exciting.

We hope all families enjoy the holiday on Monday, 7th and time off for the in-service day on Tuesday, 8th May. The next holiday will be Monday, 20th May. Although some schools are closed for the European Election Day, Ferryhill will be open on that date.

The April newsletter included extracts in the school log book from 1958. We move forward to the 4th of May 1959 when, "Mr Howieson Supervisor PT came this morning to give a demonstration lesson with the new apparatus which has been fitted in the gymnasium. He took 3 classes to show Mrs Watson PT how the various parts of the apparatus could be used. We are the first school in Edinburgh to be so equipped." On the 29th of May the school held its first Sports Day. Races were held in the adjoining playing fields though they were not yet ready for general use.

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