

Ferryhill Primary School Newsletter

Friday, 6th March 2020

We really enjoyed our activities for the Diversity Focus Week and the children loved seeing the photographs of what everyone had been up to during the week. Thanks to Mrs Modunkwu, the Diversity Group and all the visitors who came along and helped.

Around the Classes

P1 began their farm topic this week. They are excited to learn about the jobs of a farmer and the different animals on a farm. They have enjoyed playing with the farm animals in class and creating their own farms. Primary 1/2 and Primary 2 have been learning about famous Scots. We've discussed Alexander Graham Bell, Robert Burns, Charles Rennie MacIntosh and John Logie Baird. We've also been learning about Scottish farms and what they produce. We had a special visit from a farmer and a hen. We learned a lot about the processes of food and where food comes from. P3A have begun making Viking longhouses out of cardboard boxes. The pupils have found out about longhouses in the Computer Suite as well as class and are using their learning to add detail to the houses. P3B have been working on learning problem solving strategies. We have learned about number patterns and are now using tables and diagrams to solve word problems. We have been learning more about our Viking topic and we are trying to make our own Viking helmets. We have found out that real Viking helmets never had horns on them. Primary 4A have been working on number sequences this week, looking at different number patterns and identifying the rule and using this to continue the sequence. In science we were predicting which materials were conductors and insulators and using our circuits to test out our ideas, we all agreed that most metals conducted electricity. In P5A this week it has been all about our assembly. We created some colourful rainforest artwork and made posters to raise awareness of the negative effects of deforestation. The class did a great job, all their hard work paid off. P5B thoroughly enjoyed our diversity week and learning about and taking part in Capoeira. As it originated in Brazil the children were able to link it with our Rainforest topic that we are studying in class. Last week, Primary 7A presented their class assembly about their recent experiences of school camp at Benmore. Many of their lines came from the diary entries that they had written whilst they were away. Ideas for the role of the teacher, the coach driver and the presenters also came from them and they enjoyed being both script writers and script editors. They all loved creating the backdrop for the stage which consisted of a huge waterfall, ferns and rocks to represent their time spent gorge walking. Dr Stahl really helped bring this idea to life and the classroom was quite a hive of activity whilst producing it.

In Other News

Our P5-P7 samba drumming band performed at Edinburgh's Queen's Hall this week. They were absolutely amazing, well done everyone. The band really did rock the hall that night and it was great to see so many families enjoying the performances. Thank you to Rohan and all the team from Pulse of the Place for the huge enthusiasm and commitment you've put into getting the band to such a high standard. Last week P7A, and this week P5A, treated us to wonderful assembly performances in front of parents and families. Well done to all the children and staff for your hard work on these, we really enjoyed them. This week we held the first of our P1/2 Bronze Merit Award Ceremonies and we have our first Silver Celebration this week too. Congratulations to all the children who've been achieving their Merit Awards.

Coming Up in the Next Fortnight –

11 th Mar	6pm	Parent Council Meeting
12 th Mar		P5A Dynamic Earth visit
12 th Mar	2pm	P2A Class Assembly
17 th Mar		P1/2 & P2 Hopetoun House Farm visit
19 th Mar	9.15 am	P1/2 Bronze Merits Awards Ceremony
19 th Mar	2pm	P4A Class Assembly
20 th Mar		Newsletter day
20 th Mar		Progress Books to parents

Stewart Crabb - Head Teacher