



# Robert Ferguson Primary School

## Read, Read, Read...

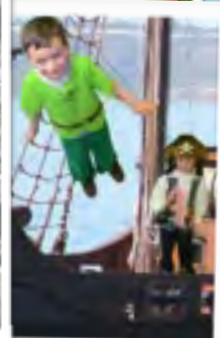
As you can see from the photographs, we had oodles of fun celebrating our favourite books and book characters during World Book Day earlier in the year. We work hard at R.F.P.S to promote reading and teach the children to become fluent and enthusiastic readers. This includes rigour in class lessons, group reading sessions, reading for meaning, phonics, spelling and grammar, and a full range of strategies derived from academic research.

But even with the very best teaching, for children to make great progress in reading, as with anything, it takes practice.

It is no surprise to find that those children who make the most rapid progress with their reading are those who read frequently (most days) with a grown up at home to encourage and help them.

There is statistical evidence both at a national and school level to back up this fact.

So keep reading with your children at home, or encouraging them to read by themselves if they are at that stage. If you would like advice on reading at home, or any aspect of reading learning, please see your child's class teacher.



## Sports Day - Wednesday 22nd May (weather permitting)



## Red Nose Day

Thank you, everyone who baked lots of cakes to help us raise £546.65 for Comic Relief!

## School Council



On Friday 22nd March, two of our pupils joined with the schools other from Carlisle Schools' Partnership for a special joint school council meeting at Carlisle City Civic Centre Council Chambers, hosted by The Mayor of Carlisle. The representatives shared how they are contributing to school life in their schools. A follow-up event is being planned for later in the term.

# Staff Changes for September 2013

## Mrs Carol Rutherford

half-term to join his new school in the Midlands.



Mrs Rutherford has been part of the fabric of Robert Ferguson School for almost as long as Sir Alex Ferguson has been at Man Utd! And in that time Mrs Rutherford has managed countless teams to meet their learning goals, getting the children off to an excellent start in Reception and Key Stage 1 classes. She has also been a member of the management team and looked after the pastoral needs of the children throughout school. Mrs Rutherford leaves us at the end of this term in time to enjoy the arrival of her first grandchild.



Both Mrs Rutherford and Mr Dick will be very much missed, and we are sure you will join us in wishing them every success in the future.

## New Staff Joining Us

Due to Mrs Rutherford and Mr Dick leaving, with an additional teacher needed as the school increases in number, we are delighted to welcome several new members of staff:

## Mr Gavin Dick

Mr Dick joined us in September 2010 and has quickly become an important member of the team. Mr Dick is perhaps best known for his many talents, including football and playing the drums. His dedication to the school has extended to giving up his own time to coach the football team and more recently teaching drums at the School of Rock. Mr Dick leaves us at the end of this

Mrs Sophia Craig joins as a permanent, full-time member of staff in September, but also takes over for Mr Dick for the remainder of this term, teaching Class 8.

Miss Carrie Murray joins us in September to teach a Key Stage 1 class, and Mr Tom Anderson joins us to teach a Key Stage 2 class.

## Dates for your Diary

### May

13th - 17th KS2 SATs

15th - Classes 2&3 to Abbott Lodge

20th - Classes 8,9,10 to South Lakes Wildlife Park

Week beginning 20th - Year 6 Enterprise Week

21st - Early Years Sports (Classes 1,2 & 3)

22nd - Sports Day

23rd - Classes 6&7 to Rum Story & Harbour

Week beginning 27th - half-term week

### June

26th - Classes 2&3 to Maryport Aquarium

July 19th - 13:30 - Term Ends

Please note that all classes will have a school trip this term - a few dates are yet to be confirmed.

## BUILDING EXTENSION

The building of our new Nursery classroom is at the stage of a Planning Application. From Tuesday 14th May we will have a display of the plans for you to see in the school, so call in, have a look, and if you have any questions, just ask.

*Graham Frost*