

Robert Ferguson Primary School

# THE SCHOOL SCOOP



Welcome to the first ever edition of 'The School Scoop' - a newspaper created just for the pupils of Robert Ferguson! In this termly newspaper, you will find lots of school news, book reviews, jokes, puzzles, interviews with staff and pupils and so much more! We hope that you enjoy reading!

The School Scoop Team

## World Book Day - A booktastic day!

By Elliot and Ciaran, Year 5

World Book Day took place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. It was originally planned for 1<sup>st</sup> March but had to be postponed because of the 'Beast from the East'! We had some fabulous dressing up and exceptional efforts from everybody, including: many Harry Potters, princesses, heroes and villains. However, the smartest bookworms were the people who came wearing pyjamas because they didn't have to get dressed for school that morning! Everybody had a great day reading their favourite books, listening to stories and doing lots of book related activities.

Can you spot yourself in any of our photos? #WORLDBOOKDAY

#READERSFORLIFE



Amazing dressing up efforts from Year 1! How many book characters can you identify?



## World Book Day Fun



We went around school finding out what children like about reading. Mia in Year 1 said her favourite book was 'Beauty and the Beast'. Rachel in Year 4 told us she loves reading because it 'makes you feel like you are in a different place more fun, like a castle or candy land!' Belle in Year 4 explained how reading is so fun and it is a 'good way to learn new words and their spelling'. Kennis and Aleece also asked adults their favourite books of all time! Mrs. Neil's is 'Mary Poppins', while Mr. Roughley's is 'Touching the Void'. Mrs. Craig loves 'The boy in the dress' and Mrs. Martin's favourite is 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. Mr. Pearson is a big Harry Potter fan and Mrs. Hewitt loves Patricia Cornwall.

Remember: if you love a book, recommend it to your friends and family! Also, visit the library where you can check out all the latest book releases!

## Book Review Corner

'Diary of a Wimpy Kid - The Getaway'

By Rosie, Year 5

Jeff Kinney, bestselling author of Diary of a Wimpy Kid, released the twelfth book in the series a few months ago! The book is called 'The Getaway' and here is the review ...

**The Characters:** Greg, Rodrick, Manny, Mom and Dad.

**About:** Unlike all the other Wimpy Kid books, the story is about Greg's family going on a Christmas holiday to a place called Isle de Corales. Isle de Corales is called paradise but is it really paradise? As it isn't set in America, it is considerably different to the other books in the series.

**My Review:** I really enjoyed reading the book and it was extremely funny! I recommend this book to people who have read the whole series and people who haven't read any of the books!

# Five minutes with...

Every edition, we will be interviewing a different adult in school to find out a bit more about them. Have you ever wondered what it feels like to be a head teacher? If you have...YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT PAGE! Welcome to five minutes with ...Mr FROST!

By Jack and Rosie, Year 5

How does it feel being head teacher?

It is a great feeling and a privilege!

How long have you been teaching for?

I have been teaching for 21 years.

What are you most proud of about our school?

I am proud of how the children work so hard and how the all of the staff help them to work hard.

What are your favourite hobbies?

My favourite hobby is ... LEARNING different things!

What's your favourite film?

It depends what mood I'm in! If I felt like watching an action movie, it would be Raiders of the Lost Ark.

What was your favourite book as a child?

My favourite book as a child was a collection of books of people carrying out great escapes (like the Tower of London).

Why did you become a head teacher?

I wanted to help teachers make decisions.

Tell us your favourite joke.

There were three English cats called One, Two and Three. There were also three French cats called Un, Deux and Trois. They wanted to race over a river. The English cats won the race because Un, Deux Trois Quatre Cinq!

What is your favourite food?

My favourite food is freshly baked bread.

What is your inspiration?

I have lots of inspirations but my main inspiration is ... my family.

Thank you Mr. Frost! Next edition, we will be interviewing Mrs. Stephenson, who has worked at our school for over thirty years!





# A masterclass with an author!

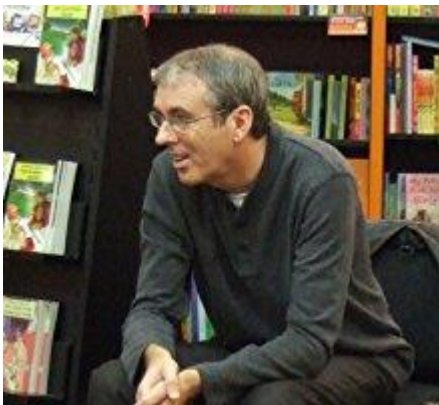
by Roisin, Year 5

On the 20<sup>th</sup> March, some year 5 pupils were lucky enough to spend a day with an author at Pennine Way School. David Webb is a famous author who writes book for children of all ages. We had the opportunity to write a part of a story of our choice. We had a lot of fun and we learnt some great tips on how to write an exciting story! We also got to meet children from other schools around Carlisle, who are also interested in story writing. Some of us even managed to purchase one of David's books, which were signed by him. Overall, it was a really interesting and exciting trip. Some of us have already decided that we want to be authors when we grow up.

Here are some of the children's perspectives of the trip...

"It was good and we had fun writing stories about a chest! It was great having an author guiding us!" Rosie, Year 5

"I could not choose a favourite part, it was all great! I bought a signed book called Tom Travis" Olivia Brown, Year 5



The amazingly talented author David Webb



Children from Classes 12 and 13 who were lucky enough to attend David's workshop

## EGG-CITING EASTER EGG COMPETITION!

By Kennis, Year 5

This Easter, we are going to be holding an egg-citing Easter Egg design competition. Entry forms will be given to each Class on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March so you will have plenty of time to complete your design over half-term and hand it in to your class teacher by **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**. One lucky winner from each Class will receive a little prize for creating the best design, so get your colouring pens ready! The more original your design the better! Good luck! Winners will be announced in the next edition of The School Scoop.

Happy Easter everyone!

## Fair Trade Bake Off

The Fair Trade Bake Off took place on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> March. Each class or year group baked their own very unique cakes using Fair Trade ingredients. Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Stephenson and Liz had a very hard job tasting and judging all of the yummy cakes! **The winners were:** Reception, Year 1, Year 4 and Class 12. Well done to you all, and to everyone for all your efforts!

# An audience with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

By Reece, Year 6

On Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February, Years 5 and 6 went to the Sands Centre to see The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. My friend and I, Jayden were really excited because we had never seen one before. The Sands Centre Hall can be used for a multitude of activities such as: football, theatre, comedy, pantomimes and much more. The Sands Centre was constructed in 1984 and is still used now for gymnastics, squash, ping-pong, climbing and football.



Filled with impatience, we sat waiting for it to begin. Finally, we heard the microphone plug in! Everybody went quiet and then two children, who used to attend our school, introduced the show. Eventually, the music started; it was 'Star Wars'. Everybody enjoyed the graceful music. After they had performed the Star Wars theme, they decided to play the 'Pirates of the Caribbean' theme tune. Everybody cheered, as it was one of the best pieces they had performed.

Confidently, I would recommend seeing the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra to all of my friends and family because it was such a brilliant, enjoyable experience!

## Help keep our school clean!

By Millie and Olivia, Year 5



**At Robert Ferguson, we all take pride and joy in the appearance of our school. However, we have recently noticed people taking Blu Tack off the nametags and throwing food, drink bottles and plastic on the floor or in the playground. The dinner ladies always have to clean up this mess on the floor of our hall, as well as doing their other duties. Do you think that this is fair? We all love our school. However, we could be even better by following these guidelines:**

- **Try not to throw any rubbish, food or plastic on the ground or in the dinner hall.**
- **If you see coats or bags on the floor, please hang them back up on the pegs.**
- **Juice is ok to have in pupil's packed lunches, but please remember that juice is not allowed in the classroom.**
- **Remember to place empty milk bottles in recycling bins. (Every class will have one soon!)**

**Thank you everybody for helping to keep our school looking great!**

**KS1 AND KS2 Playground Football Reminder** by Harley and Archie S, Year 5

**PLEASE REMEMBER:**

Year 3 and Year 4's days for football are Tuesday and Thursday.

Year 5 and Year 6's days for football are Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

# Easter Chocolate Nests Recipe

By Lilly, Year 6

These delicious chocolate nests are simple and the perfect Easter treat to make for your friends and family!

Prep time: 25mins

## Ingredients

200g milk chocolate (fair trade if possible!), broken into pieces  
85g Shredded Wheat (crushed)  
2 x 100g bags of Mini Eggs

## Method

1. Melt chocolate in a small bowl placed over a pan of barely simmering water. Make sure you have an adult to help you!
2. Pour the melted chocolate over the Shredded Wheat in a bowl and stir well to combine.
3. Spoon the chocolate and wheat mix into 12 cupcake cases and press down to create a nest shape.
4. Place 3 Mini Eggs on top of each nest.
5. Chill the nests in the fridge for 1 hour until set.
6. Enjoy!



## We want your ideas!

We would love to use your ideas in our newspaper so please feel free to tell us what you would like to see in the school newspaper, such as book reviews, articles about school events, interviews, puzzles and jokes. If you have anything you would like to include, please pass it onto the School Scoop team!

## Calling all budding sports journalists!

By Millie and Olivia B, Year 5

We are looking for a sports journalist to join the School Scoop Team! Are you in Years 4, 5 or 6? Are you somebody who is enthusiastic about sport? Do you enjoy playing all types of sport? Do you enjoy writing? Then, maybe this is the job for you! If you are interested, please feel free to come and speak to a member of the School Scoop Team or Mrs O'Farrell.

By Elliot and Connor

**Q. What do you get if you pour hot water down a rabbit hole?**

A. Hot cross bunnies.

**Q. What do you call a rabbit with fleas?**

A. Bugs Bunny!

**Q. Why should you not tell an Easter egg a joke?**

A. It might crack up!

**Q. How did the soggy Easter Bunny dry himself?**

A. With a hare-dryer!

**Q. Why did the Easter Bunny cross the road?**

A. Because the chicken had his Easter eggs!

**Q. What did the rabbit say to the carrot?**

A. It has been nice gnawing you!

**Q. How did the Easter Bunny rate the Easter parade?**

A. He said it was eggs-cellent!

**Q. How does the Easter Bunny travel?**

A. By hare-plane!

**Q. How does the Easter Bunny stay fit?**

A. Eggs-ercise and hare-robics!

**Q. Why did the Easter egg hide?**

A. He was a little chicken!



# Year 6 York Residential

By Kyra, Year 6

The day had finally arrived! On Wednesday 14th March 2018, I woke up with ants in my pants! Excited for the Year 6 York trip with school to York. Surprisingly, I was ready to leave the house in about twenty minutes! After getting through the traffic, I arrived at school and handed my money to Mrs Rinder. Already missing my baby brothers, we set off on the long journey. After a boring three-hour drive, we finally arrived at York!

In 71AD, York was discovered by the Romans and they called it 'Eboracum'. York is a historical and beautiful place to visit. We stayed at the Fort, which is the first boutique hostel in York. After tea, we went on a ghost walk and listened to some scary stories; my favourite was one about a girl who had the plague. The scariest story was about a workhouse. The next morning, we went shopping at the Shambles in York, where I bought my mum a keyring. After that, we went to the Art Gallery and we had a look at the paintings and had a go at sketching our own. We had dinner there, followed by a workshop - it was all about the history of York and we all learnt a lot! Our last activity was a fun boat trip, where we did a quiz and got to see the lovely views of York.

To conclude, we all had an amazing time. I would recommend York to visit because I had a great time and there is something to do for everyone!

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Can you find these words?

Bunny \_\_\_\_\_ Chocolate \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

Easter \_\_\_\_\_ Flowers \_\_\_\_\_ Hot cross Bun \_\_\_\_\_

Spring \_\_\_\_\_ Egg hunt \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

# Who owns that baby face?

Can you guess who any of these bonny babies are? Can you spot your class teacher or STA? Answers below!



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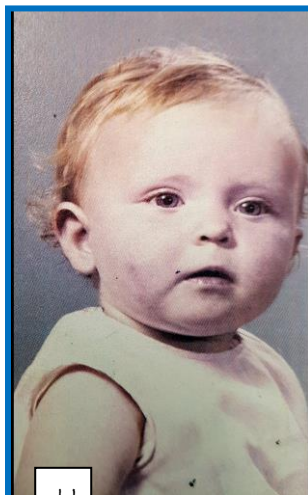
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## Answers

A = Mrs. Cannon  
B = Mr. Pearson  
C = Mrs. Martin  
D = Mrs. Thompson  
E = Mrs. Stephenson  
F = Mr. Roughley  
G = Mrs. Duvdham  
H = Mrs. Mavis