

Robert Ferguson Primary School

# THE SCHOOL SCOOP

## Sports Day 2018

By Elliot (Year 5) and Ellie (Year 4)

Robert Ferguson Sports Day took place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May. The activities included: relay, beanbag throw, the sack race, the obstacle course and of course, the egg and spoon race! Well done to the White team who were the overall winners!



Thanks to all the children and staff for all the effort put into Sports Day and to all of our family and friends for coming along. Also, lots of appreciation goes to the friends of Robert Ferguson for selling drinks and ice-lollies! A big well done to the teachers and parents that raced in the adult races (Hard luck Mr. Pearson and Mr. Johnston!)



# Book Review Corner

By Chelsea, Year 5

## 'There's a boy in the girl's bathroom' by Louis Sachar ★★★★★

**The characters:** Bradley Chalkers, Carla, Jeff and Colleen.

**About:** This book is all about friendships. Bradley Chalkers is a terrible boy who is disliked by everyone! All this changes, however, when he meets the new school counsellor, Carla Davis, who helps him to finally realise the good in himself.

**My review:** I loved this book because I was really able to empathise with Bradley. Some parts were really funny and I couldn't wait to read the next chapter! I would rate this book 5/5. I would recommend it to anyone who likes stories about friendships and believing in yourself.



Can you spot the five differences between these two pictures? Good luck!

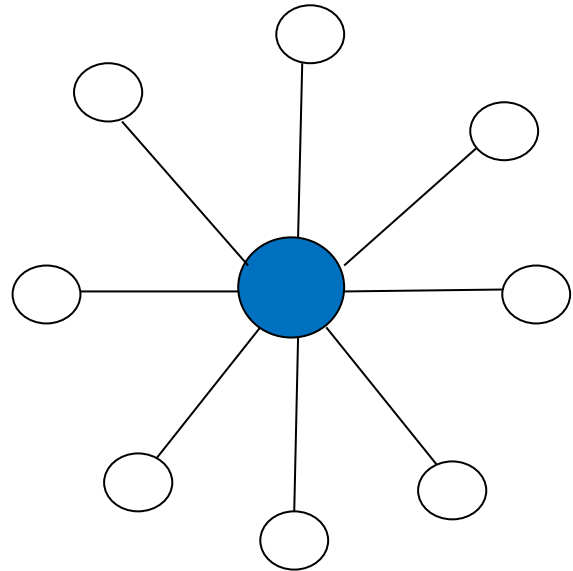
By Jack D, Year 5

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A puzzle for our younger Mathematicians!

By Jack D, Year 5



Can you solve this maths puzzle?

By Suzi, Year 5

You need to place numbers 1 to 8 in each of the circles above.

You cannot place consecutive numbers (numbers that are side by side e.g. 1 and 2, 2 and 3), or diagonally. Good luck!

# Five minutes with...

This edition, our interview is with Mrs. Stephenson, who has been working in our school as an STA for over 30 years!

By Aleece and Kennis, Year 5

*When did you start working at Robert Ferguson?*

I started in January 1986. I was 19 years old.

*What's your favourite subject to teach?*

In Year 5, I love teaching Maths. I went back to night school a few years ago to help me get even better at Maths. I love solving problems and finding different ways to answer them! I also love teaching art, baking and our topic work. Especially Ancient Egyptians!



Mrs. Stephenson with Santa in 1990!

*What jobs did you have before you came to work in our school?*

When I was fourteen and still at school, I worked in the market selling fruit and vegetables. After I finished school, I went to college to train to be a teaching assistant. Once I qualified, I worked at High Heskett for six months before I began working at Robert Ferguson and I've been here ever since!

*Has the school changed much since you started working at Robert Ferguson?*

When I first came to work here, it was two separate schools. The infants school was downstairs and the junior school was upstairs. The toilets were outside and there were two head teachers! The school has changed so much over the years. We have a lovely new hall and kitchen now!

*Did you come to our school as a child?*

No, I didn't. I went to Inglewood Infant and Junior school and then Harraby Secondary school, which is now Pennine Way School.

*What do you enjoy most about working at our school?*

I love teaching so many different boys and girls and I've even taught some of our Year 5's mummies and daddies! Our children are so polite and all of our staff are lovely and work so well together. It is such a happy school and I can't imagine ever working anywhere else!

*What was the first record you ever bought?*

The first record I ever bought was called 'Super Trouper' by Abba. I loved every song on this album!

*What is your all time favourite film and book?*

My favourite film is a cartoon 'The Rescuers'. I remember going to see it at the pictures and both of my children also love this film too. My favourite book as a child was 'The Faraway Tree'. I just wanted to go on all the adventures with the characters!



Mrs. Stephenson showed us some of her most prized possessions - her favourite book, film and record!

# Empathy Week

By Katy, Year 5

Empathy week took place from the 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> of June. First, each class chose an empathy themed picture book to read for the week and did some writing and artwork about it. On Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> of June, Morag Hood visited us and read her book, which is called 'Colin and Lee, Carrot and Pea' to us all in assembly.

Every year group read different stories that had to do with empathy and all the years voted for a story that they liked the best:

Reception - Colin and Lee Carrot and Pea

Y1 and Y2- Leo a ghost story

Y3 and Y4- Grandad's Island

Y5 and Y6- The Bear and the Piano

The teachers also swapped classes to read their favourite empathy book to a different age group! We asked Mrs Cannon, who leads Empathy Lab in our school, why it is important that children learn about empathy and what exactly 'Empathy Lab' is. She told us, "Empathy is a life skill! It teaches people how to connect with each other and how to understand the world we live in. Empathy Lab aims to make a difference to children's lives, story by story. They believe that by putting empathy into action we can build a more caring society.'

We also asked some children from Year 2 and 3 what they thought empathy was. Keaton, Bobby and Callum thought that empathy was when you put yourself in someone else's shoes. Aoife, Mya, Kiera and Tahlia said "empathy is about feeling how someone else is feeling." Anna said it means "to feel how someone else is feeling and treat people the same."

We all had a lovely week and we really enjoyed all of the stories and activities that we did.



Morag Hood reading her story to the school during our special empathy assembly

**COMPETITION**  
**TIME!**



By Rosie, Year 5

Last edition, we ran an Easter egg design competition (well done to all the winners!). This term, we have decided to run a photo competition for the best photo of Summer time. For example: a beach or river, a seashell, a Summer flower, a beautiful sunset or even an underwater picture! Whether you are travelling abroad or spending your Summer holidays at home, there are lots of opportunities around you to capture a fabulous photo! If you would like to enter, give your photo entry to your class teacher (remember to write your name and class on the back) for the School Scoop team to collect. Or, you can email your photo to [Year5@rferguson.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:Year5@rferguson.cumbria.sch.uk)

Closing date is **Friday 7th September 2018**. Happy snapping!

# PLASTIC POLLUTION

By Rosie, Year 5

Plastic is becoming a huge problem for our world. Lots and lots of animals are dying each and every day! What is the cause of these deaths? PLASTIC! A few weeks back, a whale died as it had eaten 80 PLASTIC bags and whales are very big and strong animals, so that is very surprising. We need to try and reduce the amount of plastic that goes into our oceans because at the minute, 8,000,000 tonnes of plastic ends up in the ocean every year! Horrendous!

So how could we reduce the amount of plastic we use? We could recycle and put all rubbish that can be recycled into the recycling or we could use it again ourselves. Our final option is ... BE CREATIVE! You could build something out of used items! For example, you make a used water bottle into a rocket!

## EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW!

We interviewed Daniel Cooper from Year 4, as he is very passionate about this subject. As we learned in assembly recently, Daniel decided with his family to clean up one of our local beaches. We asked Daniel why he decided to do this. "I decided I'd do this because I quite like fish and I don't like all this plastic going in to the ocean as it kills lots of fish. When I was doing this, I liked cleaning and I felt happy whilst I was doing it. When I received my certificate, I was extremely proud. I also think if we are going to try and reduce plastic in the oceans, more people should be encouraged to clean up our local beaches!"

Well done Daniel! Let's all use Daniel as an example of how to take care of our planet this Summer!



Daniel happily collecting litter on the beach!

## Bikeability Week

By Liliانا, Hannah and Suzi, Year 5

Bikeability is cycling training where you learn to be safe on the road. In June, lots of us from Year 5 carried out two different levels of training: (L1) Learning how to ride your bike properly before going on the road. (L2) Cycling on the road carefully and learning how to ride on the right side of the road.

We loved Bikeability because we learnt to be safe on the road, while having fun! We learned how to complete a U-turn, go up and down hills safely and how to get on and off a bike while on the road. We've also learnt how to check our bikes were safe to use. We would definitely recommend Bikeability training to people who use their bikes a lot or feel they need a bit more confidence in their cycling.

# A Farewell to Mrs. Murdoch

By Rosie and Cíaran, Year 5



***Mrs. Ferris and Mrs. Murdoch on World Book Day!***

*As we all know, Mrs Murdoch is retiring this year and we are sure everyone will really miss her. Mrs. Murdoch started working at Robert Ferguson in 1989 and has been here for 29 yrs! Mrs Murdoch was a fantastic deputy head who always found time for everyone, no matter how busy she was. Here are what some of our children had to say about the fabulous Mrs. Murdoch...*

*'Mrs. Murdoch was my teacher last year so I am really sad she is leaving – enjoy spending time with your family Mrs.Murdoch!'* Aleisha, Year 6

*'Mrs. Murdoch is a loving and caring teacher – she has always helped me when I feel stuck.'* Tyler, Year 5

*'Mrs. Murdoch is really lovely and kind. We will all remember her for the lovely lady and teacher that she is.'* Ella, Year 5

*'I loved Victorian Day with Mrs. Murdoch because she was acting so strict and she was really funny!'* Katie, Year 5

*'I am so glad that Mrs.Murdoch was my teacher this year because she is so kind-hearted and a wonderful person to be taught by.'* Chelsea, Year 5

*'I will miss her as she has been here for so long! But have fun on your holidays Mrs. Murdoch!'* Taylor, Year 6

*'I'm so sad she's leaving because she was such a lovely deputy head teacher.'* Ryan, Year 2

*'I am sad she is leaving because I wanted her as my teacher in year 5.'* Charlie, Year 2

# and Mrs. Ferris



*Mrs. Murdoch and Mrs. Ferris with Mr. Frost at their leaving party.*

*Mrs. Ferris is also retiring, sadly. She has worked at our school since 1992. Mrs. Ferris has worked with lots of different children over the years and has been a very important member of the Robert Ferguson staff. She will be remembered for being so caring, helpful and always friendly. Here is how some pupils feel about lovely Mrs. Ferris leaving...*

*'Mrs. Ferris is a really good person. She deserves a rest now!' Alex, Year 6*

*'I'm sad she's retiring because she works so hard!' Cody, Year 6*

*'I remember In Year 4, Mrs. Ferris helped us to sketch the Taj Mahal. She is really nice and is really helpful!' Katy, Year 5*

*'Mrs. Ferris is a really passionate and kind lady and I hope she has a nice retirement. She helped me a lot with my spelling!' Corey, Year 4*

*'Mrs. Ferris was really helpful when we were drawing pictures to go with the song we wrote in Year 4. She is so friendly and caring.' Josh, Year 5*

*'I wish Mrs. Ferris a nice retirement because she is so nice and kind.' Jake, Year 4*

*'We are all going to miss you Mrs. Ferris because you have always been here when we needed you!' Suzi, Year 5*

*'You are one of the most helpful and thoughtful teachers in this school. We thank you for helping us improve our artistic skills!' Roan, Year 5*

**Happy Retirement from all of the Robert Ferguson children!**

## Bike safety in school 😊

By Kennis and Olivia B, Year 5

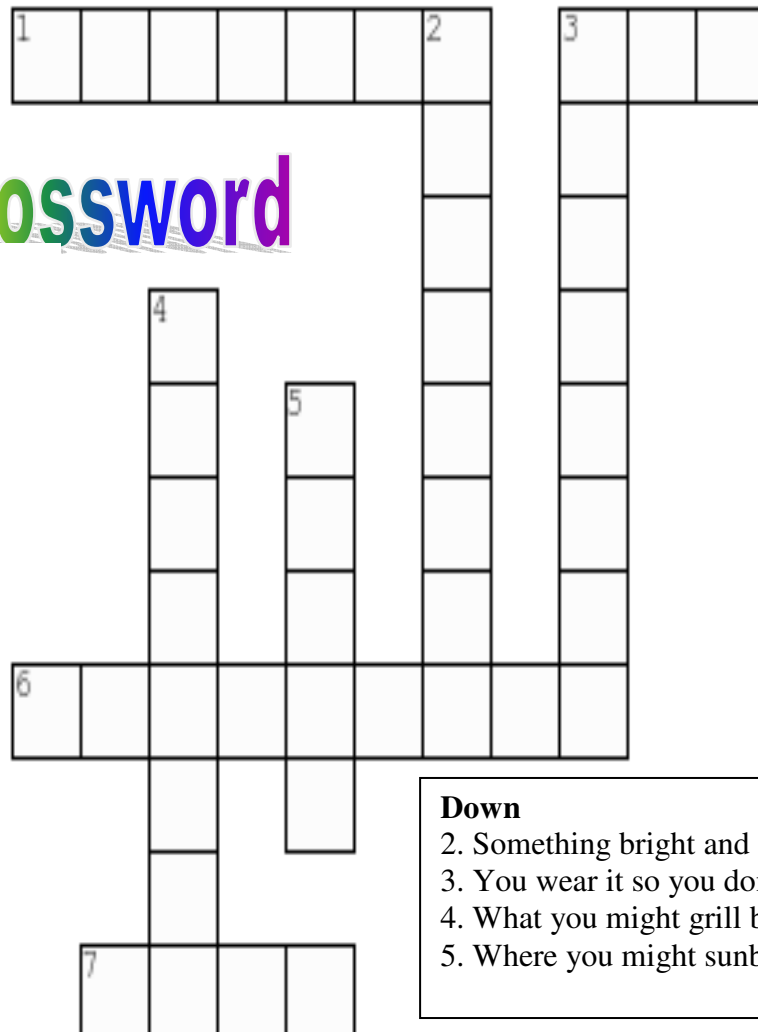
In our school, lots of our children cycle or scoot to and from school. Unfortunately, we there are still a lot of children who are riding on their bikes and scooters around our playground in the mornings before school and after school too. Please try and remember that this is against the school rules, as you could knock someone over and they could get hurt. If you see someone cycling or scooting around the playground, make sure that you remind them politely about the school rules, or tell an adult.

## We are a fit school! By Ellie, Year 4

We all know that if you are active and eat well, your heart works better and you feel better about yourself. Every morning after registration, Years 2 to 6 carry out our 'daily mile'. We run, jog or walk around the perimeter of the playground. We interviewed some children to find out their views on the daily mile. Isabelle in Year 3 said that she enjoys doing it as 'I like it because you get lots of exercise.' We also spoke to Rachel from Year 4, who told us she loves doing the daily mile because 'I love running and it keeps me healthy.' Even Mr. Pearson has said that doing the daily mile has definitely helped children to do really well at Cross Country! Well done everyone!

## Summer Crossword

By Robyn, Year 5



### Across

1. Something you use to help you swim under water.
3. What you swim in on the beach.
6. Something sweet to cool you down.
7. What happens to ice cream when it is too hot outside.

### Down

2. Something bright and warm!
3. You wear it so you don't burn.
4. What you might grill burgers on.
5. Where you might sunbathe.



This term, we sent some of our journalists down to the younger year groups to find out about what they have been learning this term!

## Year 1

By Roísín and Kennis, Year 5

Year one visited the Lake District Zoo on 22<sup>nd</sup> of June to visit the animals and have a picnic in the sun!

They have also been growing some beans because they have been reading Jack in the Beanstalk in their creative writing 😊 They also did a showcase about Jack and the Beanstalk. The showcase was held for the parents to find out what their children have been learning about. They did fantastically!

## Creative Year 2

By Olivia and Aleece, Year 5

Year 2's topic this term is walking in footsteps and they have been imagining what it would be like to be Florence Nightingale and Mary Sea Cole. They have also been doing lots of fantastic artwork, including making Caribbean carnival masks and having a go at Jamaican art!



## Nursery

By Aleece and Olivia B, Year 5

Nursery's topic this term was all about wings, wheels and waves. As part of this topic, the children practised riding on bikes to help their balance and coordination.

This has been continued throughout the year and they still do it today! Emily in Nursery told us 'I have really enjoyed wheelie Wednesday.'

Mrs. Thompson told us that some children couldn't ride a bike or scooter before they started but now they can because they have practiced so much every week!



Mrs. Thompson and the Nursery children enjoying a cycle!

## Reception

By Millie, Year 5

The lovely children in reception have been learning about mini beasts. To help them learn more about mini beasts, they went on a school trip to Watchtree Nature Reserve. At Watchtree, they did some pond dipping and they had a mini beast hunt. They had an African land snail in their classroom that they examined and cared for! We wish you good luck in Year 1! 😊

# Boy's Football Tournament

By Elliot (Sports Editor), Year 5

Members of the RFPS football team from Years 4, 5 and 6 attended a boy's tournament held at Inglewood Junior School on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June. The scores were as follows:

RFPS (B) 0-5 Inglewood.      RFPS (A) 2-4 Beaconside.

RFPS (B) 1-1 Beaconside.      RFPS (A) 2-1 Longtown.

RFPS (B) 1-3 High Hesket.      RFPS (A) 1-0 Inglewood.

RFPS (B) 0-1 Belle Vue.      RFPS (A) 0-1 Bell Vue.

**Well done to everyone who played!**

## Guess Who! By Archie H, Year 5



This footballer...

- Plays in the Premier League
- Scored three goals against Panama in the World Cup
- Was born 28<sup>th</sup> July 1993
- Is 1.88m high
- Weighs 86kg

**Answer in next term's edition!**

## RF Cricket Superstars!



By Grace, Year 5

This term, Mr Johnston has been running a cricket club every Thursday after school for Year 5 and 6. After a few weeks of practise, the girls and boy's teams took part in the Kwik Cricket Tournament.

The girls had an amazing time playing two different schools, which were Shankhill and Belle Vue. Unfortunately, we were beaten by Belle Vue by 10 and Shank hill by 134. As people say, 'teamwork makes the dream work' and although we lost, we made our dream come true by playing in a tournament! As we didn't reach the quarter finals, we played St. Bede's, who we did beat.

At the boys Kwik cricket tournament, they beat one school, which was Pennine Way. The boys also really enjoyed the tournament. Although they didn't reach the quarter-finals they tried their hardest and had so much fun! Well done everyone!

# Summer Jokes

By Jack D, Year 5

**Q. What do you get if you combine an elephant with a fish?**

A. Swimming trunks!

**Q. Why did the dolphin cross the beach?**

A. To get to the other tide!

**Q. Why don't Oysters share their pearls?**

A. Because they're shellfish!

**Q. What is a frogs favourite summer treat?**

A. Hopsicles!

**Q. Why are fish never good at tennis?**

A. Because they never go near the net!

**Q. What do you get when you cross a fridge and a CD player?** (By Callum, Year 5)

A. Cool music!

# CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

By Harley and Roan, Year 5

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, some children from Key Stage 2 were given the opportunity to represent our school at a Cross Country competition at Netherhall school in Maryport. The distance to be ran depended on the year group. Years 3 and 4 had to run a mile and Year 5...a shocking one and a half miles! Although it was a really hot day, we all enjoyed it and everyone did very well. We were also given the most participation award - it was a really nice end to the day!

# Unicorn Milkshake Recipe

By Grace, Year 5

This is a really cool (and easy!) recipe that actually looks like a rainbow and tastes very sweet. You can use whatever food colouring you like - I used yellow, purple and blue.

## Ingredients

1½ cups vanilla ice cream

¾ cups milk

½ cup strawberries

Drop of teal food colouring

Whipped cream

Sprinkles/Jellies

## Instructions

1. In a blender, blend together 1 cup of ice cream with ½ cup of milk and ½ cup fresh strawberries.
2. Pour this mixture into a glass until it's about half full. Pour the remaining mixture into a spare cup.
3. Wash the blender, and then blend together ½ cup ice cream with ¼ cup milk and a drop of food colouring.
4. Pour the second mixture over the first into the glass. Pour the remaining strawberry mixture into the glass until it's full.
5. Top with whipped cream and sprinkles. Enjoy!



# Year 6 Enterprise Week!



Year 6 hard at work selling a variety of tasty and exciting things. Some children even had a car wash business in the playground!

By Kyra, Year 6

Enterprise week was a very successful week for us, with a total profit of £678! Working together, all of the groups managed to fill the stalls with wonderful and creative things. We would like to say a big thank you to all of the shops who kindly gave us donations:

Crumbs

Bargain Booze

The Sun Newsagents

Baps and Wraps

Ye Olde Sweet Shop

The Creative Toys Company

Thank you all so much for your generosity!



## Memories of Year 6!

By Río, Year 6

My fondest memory of Year 6 was definitely our York Residential. It was fun and enjoyable; we learnt lots and also had so much fun. Year 6 also enjoyed our Dynamic Earth visit as our topic was 'Volcanoes'. We learnt a lot and really enjoyed climbing the extinct volcano, Arthur's Seat!

We are now looking forward to all of our new adventures at secondary school!

