



Robert Ferguson Primary School

THE SCHOOL SCOOP

Welcome to the Spring/Summer term edition of the School Scoop, where you will find articles, interviews, puzzles and fun! There were many exciting events which took place in the Spring Term that you can read about here, such as: World Book Day (where we dressed up as our favourite book characters or in our comfy pyjamas ready for a bedtime story!) and our continuous mile around the new track for Sport Relief. We hope you enjoy this issue of the School Scoop!

Thank you to all of the newspaper team for all of their hard work this year.

Millie and Ellie (Co-editors)

National Youth Climate Summit 2020



At our school, we all care about climate change and we always try to do our bit at school and at home to take care of our planet. A very special event called the National Youth Climate Summit 2020 took place on 22nd April, (World Earth Day). It was the first online youth climate conference in the UK and it was organised by Robert Ferguson Primary!

The conference was attended by lots of schools and colleges from around the UK and gave children and teachers a chance to talk about climate issues and share ideas of what we can do to make a real difference.

A big well done to everyone who sent in their questions and videos of what they are doing to help nature and what nature is doing for them! If you missed any of this event, you can watch clips of the speakers by following the link on the school website.

Why is Mr. Cannon in such a hurry? Find out on Page 2!



Sport Relief 2020



By Anna



Cool as cucumbers! Mr. Pearson and Oliver from Year 1 didn't even break a sweat!



Year 6 children doing their stint on the track

On Friday 13th March, we all enjoyed celebrating Sport Relief in school.

This year, we raised money for this worthy cause by paying a contribution so we could wear our sports clothes. We also completed a continuous daily mile around our amazing new track. Altogether, we raised a whopping **£713.50**. Fantastic!

Everybody is loving our new track around the field. Nevaeh in Year 3 said it is 'incredible'. Kevin in Year 5 told us 'We are loving doing the daily mile on the track because it's so long!'. Elijah in Year 5 said that he thinks that using our new track every day will help us become an even healthier school. We think he might be right!



KS2 children sprinting for Sport Relief



Run Mr. Cannon, Run!

Update: The money raised by Sport Relief this year is helping to support thousands of people who have been affected by the coronavirus crisis. For example, part of your donated money goes to companies who help children living in poverty or make meals for vulnerable people during this difficult time. Well done everybody!

School life during lockdown

Our School Scoop editors share their experiences of school life since we have been off. Millie is continuing to go to school every week because her parents are key workers. Ellie, like many of us, is learning at home.

Going to school during lockdown, by Millie

During these troublesome times, most children are at home but only if their parents don't need to go to work because they aren't key workers. However, many children whose parents are key workers are still going to our school and it's very different to normal school.

Right now, while the majority of you reading this will be learning at home - some of us have been going to school. You may think that school life is almost like normal for these children but it is far from it.

Some good things about being at school are that there are lots of fun activities to get involved in throughout the day! A few of these activities include playing in the playground, riding one of the school bikes or scooters (or riding your own that you brought in) around the track, watching a film in the hall and doing arts and crafts in the Year 1 classrooms. It's also great for making new friends as there is lots of children from other primary schools around Carlisle.

Some of the downsides are that we all have to stay two metres apart at all times. Another sad thing is that if your friends' parents aren't key workers too and they can't come to school, you really miss them!



'Stay a unicorn apart': How children at school are reminding each other to social distance in the playground!

Learning at home, by Ellie

It's day 'who knows?' of lockdown and I'm bored, with only my Mam for company. However, not all of it is boredom. I have done things I wouldn't get to do if I was at school. I have dyed my hair and made silly videos with my Mam (I even dyed her hair pink and she still had to go to work!). I bake cakes almost every day - I've made blondies, banana bread, hobnobs and even bread. I made my Grandma a pom-pom wreath for her birthday. I helped my Mam paint the kitchen walls. If I wasn't in lockdown I wouldn't have had time to do these things. Also, there's lots of face-timing my friends - I face-time them every day!

I'm also trying to do some home learning, including BBC Bitesize, pages from my maths book and reading. I do find it hard to stick to doing schoolwork at home because there's lots of distractions and I don't have my teacher with me to help me.

I miss school and all my friends and I can't wait to be back and be able to see them but it's not all bad. In some ways being at home is really fun and when everything's back to normal I'll miss having lots of time being silly at home with my Mam.

We hope everybody else is doing well during this strange time.

World Book Day 2020

By Layla

On Thursday 5th of March, children came to school dressed as their favourite book characters for World Book Day. The day was a roaring success as we celebrated how much we enjoy reading! We asked some children from different year groups what their favourite books were! Lots of children picked 'The Boy in the Dress' by David Walliams, and Harry Potter by J.K Rowling. 'Excellent Excuses' by Tom Gates was also very popular. What's your favourite book you've read this year?



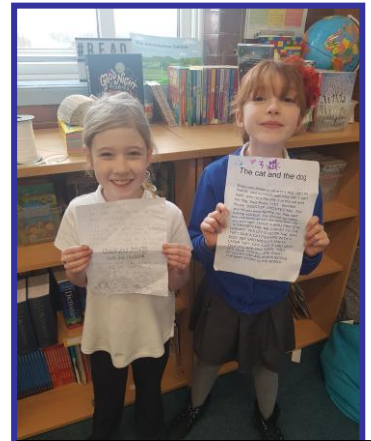
Amazing effort from all of the children and staff this year.
Well done everybody! 🙌

Budding authors in Year 3

Lots of children in school have become interested in writing their own stories this term. We have been inspired by books that are being read to us in class or at home!

In Year 3, two of the children who have been busy writing their own storybooks are Mia Scott and Robyn Baker. We asked them what kind of stories they like to write. They told us, "We like using our imagination and we like writing picture stories. Sometimes, we write fact books about animals." The girls are even part of a story-writing club called 'The Story Girls'.

Well done girls – future authors in the making! Who else has been writing stories? We would love to include them in the next edition!



Robyn and Mia with their published stories

An interview with Mr. Frost about music

At Robert Ferguson, we love music. Ellie wanted to find out about Mr. Frost's love for music and why he thinks it's so important to learn music at school.

Who is your favourite musician?

Paul McCartney (from The Beatles).

What is your favourite instrument?

Guitar!

Why do you think music is important for children to learn?

You can learn a lot of skills through music like maths and literacy but most importantly, music brings deep and spiritual emotions from playing or listening to it.

Do you encourage your own children to play an instrument?

I do. They each love to play instruments. One of my daughters plays the piano and the flute, another plays the violin and another plays the harp.

Have you ever been in a band?

Yes, I was in two bands in university. One was a rock band and the other one was a jazz band. I still meet up with the people who were in the band.

What is your favourite song?

'Every breath you take' by The Police.

What attracted you to play an instrument?

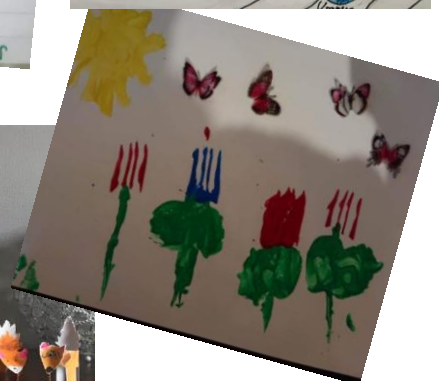
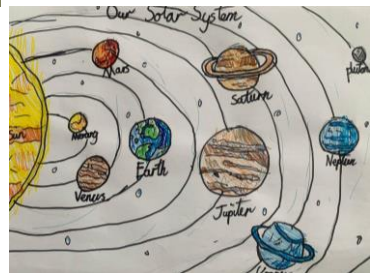
I have always loved music. When I was six, I heard a piano being played beautifully. I then asked for piano lessons and I have just played all types of instrument since!





Amazing home learning!

Our teaches and STA's are so proud of the learning that is taking place at home while we have been off school. From brilliant baking to amazing artistry, here is just a sample of what children have been getting up to at home. Well done to all of you and your families for being home learning superstars!





Stats Dashboard By Ellie and Millie

Congratulations to the current top four Times Table Rock Stars! It could be YOU next edition. Keep practising everyone!

Rank	Name	Rockname	Initial Studio Speed	Current Studio Speed	Rock Status
1	Max McPhillips	Douglas Prus	3.14	0.41	Rock Hero
2	Charlie Pagan	Rocky Orr	3.73	0.47	Rock Hero
3	Bobby Vevers	D. Husik	2.19	0.49	Rock Hero
4	Robert Paton	SJ Whitehurst	4.96	0.54	Rock Hero

If our teachers were songs...

By Chloe and Layla, Year 6

We decided to ask teachers around the school the question, 'If you were a song which one would you be?' (Can you tell which song choices have been inspired by how the adults feel about being stuck at home at the moment?!)

Mrs Bulman: Harvest for the World

Mr Frost: I'm A Believer

Mrs Cannon: A Million Dreams

Mr Pearson: Supersonic

Mrs Purdham/Mrs Craig: You're Beautiful

Mrs Rinder: I Want to Break Free

Mrs Hewitt: I Will Survive

Mrs. Harding: Three Little Birds

Mrs. Morris: Every day is like Sunday

Mrs Barbour: Let it be

Mrs. Wallace: I'm alive

Mr Roughley: Chippy Tea

Mrs Henry: Keeping the dream alive

Mrs. Morris: Everyday is like Sunday

Mrs. Fell: Super Trouper

Mrs. Thompson: Dancing Queen

Mrs. Henry: Keeping the dream alive

Mrs. Glaister: Get back up again

Miss Barrett: Be yourself

Miss Harrison: You've got a friend in me

Mrs. Craig (Reception): Happy

Mr. Johnston: We have all the time in the world

Mrs. O'Farrell: Somewhere over the rainbow

Mrs. Stephenson: One moment in time

Mrs. Craig (Yr3): Champagne Supernova

Mrs. Neil: It's a wonderful life

Mrs. Skelton: Mr. Brightside

What song would you be?



Five minutes with...

This edition, we interview Mrs. Skelton who is the Business Manager of our school. Ever wondered what she gets up to in the school office? Here's where you find out....

By Millie and Anna



Our journalists Millie and Anna with the lovely Mrs. Skelton

Hi Mrs. Skelton! How long have you been working here at our school?

I have been working here for nine years.

Where did you work before becoming the office manager at Robert Ferguson?

I worked at Welton Primary School for fourteen years before coming here. Previous to that role, I worked for a solicitor in Carlisle and I used to go to court with him!

Tell us about what you do!

I manage the day-to-day running of the school office, ensuring that the school runs smoothly in regard to health and safety, finance and human resources (the school staff!). I also make sure that all our staff is paid and I enrol all new pupils into the school.

What's your favourite part of your job?

I love that no two days are the same! I love speaking to the children when they come to the office. I get to meet lots of great children and watch them progress. I also love the people that I work with.

What's the hardest part of your job?

Trying to fit all my work into the school day!

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I love walking my dogs and reading a book.

What's your favourite book of all time?

My favourite book of all time is The Wizard of Oz.

Favourite movie?

Harry Potter!

If you won the lottery tomorrow, what is the first thing you would do?

I would buy my eldest son a house and pay for my youngest son's house to be completed. He has just bought a rundown cottage with his girlfriend.

Thank you Mrs. Skelton! Who would you like to see interviewed in the hot seat next? Let us know!

Outside Achievement Superstars! 🌟😊

By Ellie and Millie

This is a new feature in our school magazine, where we celebrate our outside achievements and inspire each other to persevere with our dreams! This edition, we are interviewing Kira and Belle Holliday.

What inspired you to start gymnastics and trampolining?

Kira: Our mum showed us a video on the internet of somebody doing trampolining and gymnastics and then we wanted to start!

Belle: I went to a Summer trampolining camp when I was about five or six and I really loved it, so I asked my Mum if I could start lessons.

How long have you been training?

Kira: I have been doing it since I was seven.

Belle: I have been doing it since I was six.

How many competitions have you competed in?

Kira: I have been competing for about two years, so about twenty!

Belle: I've been competing for a year – I've competed in about fifteen competitions.

What is the hardest part about being a gymnast?

Belle: The hardest part is focusing when you are at a competition and trying to keep calm! When it's over, if I haven't won, I just look over my videos and see where I can improve the next time.

What advice would you give to others considering starting gymnastics or trampolining?

Kira: Just to try your hardest. Always make sure you are warmed up (so you don't hurt yourself) and just have fun!



Kira and Belle with their very impressive collection of trophies and medals!

Do you have a talent or special hobby that you would like to share with the rest of the school? We would love to know about it for our next edition!

RFPS Sports Round-up



There was plenty of sport happening in school in the Spring term; here is a round up of what we've all been up to!

KS1 children have enjoyed after school football and dance with Carlisle United.

EYFS & KS1 have loved doing Action Ants in PE!

Year 1 have been learning multi-skills with Carlisle United

Year 3 and 4 have been improving their football skills in after school club with Mr. Pearson and Mr. Cannon.



Quick sticks hockey with Mr. Pearson

Year 3 and 4 have had the opportunity to play quick sticks hockey with Mr. Pearson.

Year 5 and 6 children have competed in Futsal competitions (one mixed, one girls only) at the Sands Centre and did us very proud!

Year 3 and 4 boys also competed in a Futsal tournament at the Sands. Well done boys!

Year 5 children have completed swimming lessons this term. Some of the Year 5's competed in a swimming gala at The Pools in March and did fantastically.

Year 6 have been learning dance in PE with Carlisle United.

Well done everybody!



Emoji Quiz

Can you guess these children's movies?

Answers at the bottom of this page!

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2. ★ VS ★
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Summer Jokes!

What is brown, hairy and wears sunglasses? A coconut on holidays.

Why does a seagull fly over the sea? Because if it flew over the bay, it would be a baygull.

How do you know the ocean is friendly? Because it waves!

ANSWERS:

1. Frozen, 2. Star Wars, 3. The Avengers, 4. Harry Potter, 5. Despicable Me, 6. Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, 7. The SpongeBob Movie, 8. How to Train Your Dragon, 9. E.T., 10. Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, 11. Happy Feet, 12. Up, 13. Cars