



Kindness - Respect - Safe - Ready to Learn

October 2024

Welcome to the first Ferryhill News. We have been busy choosing the name. Children and parents voted for the name **Ferryhill News** from a list of ideas we came up with in assembly. Our fabulous logo was designed by Ayesha Miah from P6B.

We are the Ferryhill Junior Journalists: Maissa, Jake, Ria and Kaitlyn. We have been busy planning everything to go in our newspaper. We have been interviewing eyewitnesses, writing articles, typing articles, editing, taking photos and helping younger kids to write about what they've been doing to bring you the news about what's going on at Ferryhill. We will bring you all the top news from



A Message from Mrs Dunn

This is the first edition of our school newspaper, and I hope you will agree that it is more pupil focussed! Mr Young and our Junior Journalists have worked exceptionally hard to pull this together and I would like to commend them on the outcome.

We have had a really good start to the academic year with lots happening in the school and playground. We are still waiting on additional work being carried out in the P1 playground but hopefully that will take place soon.

A great turn out at our first parent consultation of the year and a massive thank you to those of you who have volunteered to help around the school. We will be in touch with different groups of parents over the coming weeks. Thanks also to Josephine and Erica from our parent council who helped our P7 pupils complete the parent survey.

Our Halloween disco will take place on Thursday the 31st October and Xmas Fair on the 5th of December. We also have our yearly whole school trip to the Panto in December and our P1-3 Xmas show to look forward to too.

There are lots of school groups up an running and we would really welcome any volunteers in to school to take part in these or to support in classrooms. If this is something you would be willing to be part of, please let us know.

The weather has changed of late and we would encourage all pupils to wear appropriate

Meet Our School Reps



Pupil Parliament

Here are the class reps for our Pupil Parliament this year. We have PJ Imole, Freya, Dylan, Lottie, Ruby, Haris, Andrew, Ousman and Rheva. Your class reps will be working with Miss Mitchell to get ideas and opinions from you, to make things in our school better. They are meeting every month with Miss Mitchell and will start by looking at our successes

Equalities Reps

This year we have a new Equalities Group. This group will be working with Mr Colquhoun and Miss Wright. They will be working to make sure that Ferryhill is an inclusive place for everyone. They will look at what we already do and what we could do better at. Our reps to help us do this



Young Scottish Engineers in P4

P4A have been learning about engineering and have completed some engineering challenges. One challenge was to build a boat that could float and hold the most amount of weight. I chose bottles because they have air so it would have air and float. My boat was good because it held a lot of weight. We put a lot of time into it. We used a lot of Sellotape. I cut the Sellotape. I told Dean not to put a lot of stuff on it because it will sink. Next time I wouldn't put too much weight so it won't sink. *By Haris P4A*



Ferryhill Houses

Last year we set up four houses for Ferryhill. These are called:



Craigleith



Groathill



Telford



Ferry

We can earn house points by following the school values which are **Being Safe**, **Being Kind**, **Being Respectful** and being **Ready to Learn**. The house points are collected and counted by the P7s each week. These get put onto our big house points display in the bottom corridor. This means people can see which house is in the lead and if they need to try harder to get more points. The winning house get a special treat at the end of each term.



This term, we voted for our house captains and vice-captains. Jake from P7A said:

"I had to write a speech along with Aroush from P7B. I introduced myself to the whole house and told them I would work my best and finest to support Groathill as house captain. I felt elated when I got voted in!"

The Captains and Vice captains for this year are:

Craigleith	Captain: Sonya	Vice Captain: Ralph G
Groathill	Captain: Jake	Vice Captain: Aroush
Telford	Captain: Maissa	Vice Captain: Jessica
Ferry	Captain: Imole	Vice Captain: Amie

Well done to all our captains and house captains! We are looking forward to our house events this year working on a project in our houses linked to one of the Global Goals to improve our school.

Ferry were the house point winners for Term 1!

Ferryhill Houses

Last year we set up four houses for Ferryhill. These are called:



Craigleith



Groathill



Telford



Ferry

We can earn house points by following the school values which are **Being Safe**, **Being Kind**, **Being Respectful** and being **Ready to Learn**. The house points are collected and counted by the P7s each week. These get put onto our big house points display in the bottom corridor. This means people can see which house is in the lead and if they need to try harder to get more points. The winning house get a special treat at the end of each term.



This term, we voted for our house captains and vice-captains. Jake from P7A said:

"I had to write a speech along with Aroush from P7B. I introduced myself to the whole house and told them I would work my best and finest to support Groathill as house captain. I felt elated when I got voted in!"

The Captains and Vice captains for this year are:

Craigleith	Captain: Sonya	Vice Captain: Ralph G
Groathill	Captain: Jake	Vice Captain: Aroush
Telford	Captain: Maissa	Vice Captain: Jessica
Ferry	Captain: Imole	Vice Captain: Amie

Well done to all our captains and house captains! We are looking forward to our house events this year working on a project in our houses linked to one of the Global Goals to improve our school.

Ferry were the house point winners for Term 1!

School Improvements

Some things have stayed the same in our school, but some things have changed. We have new goals in the playground. This is a good thing because the people who want to play football at break and lunch get real goals. It's also good because everyone else gets space to play somethings else. We also have a new path to the back field. This has helped because it used to be really muddy and we couldn't use the field. People came in to cut the trees in the woods



because some of the branches were going to fall. This means that no one will get hurt. Some of the play equipment has been replaced because it was getting old. We have a new trim trail and wobbly board and new bark. In the P1 playground they have taken away all of the old equipment so it is safe. It's empty at the moment, but new stuff will be added soon.



Finally, we have painted our school reception and office area. We did this because it wasn't very welcoming and we want people to know that we care about the school and want to



welcome them by making it nice. We have put new signs in our classrooms and in the

playground so everyone knows our school values. By Kaitlyn

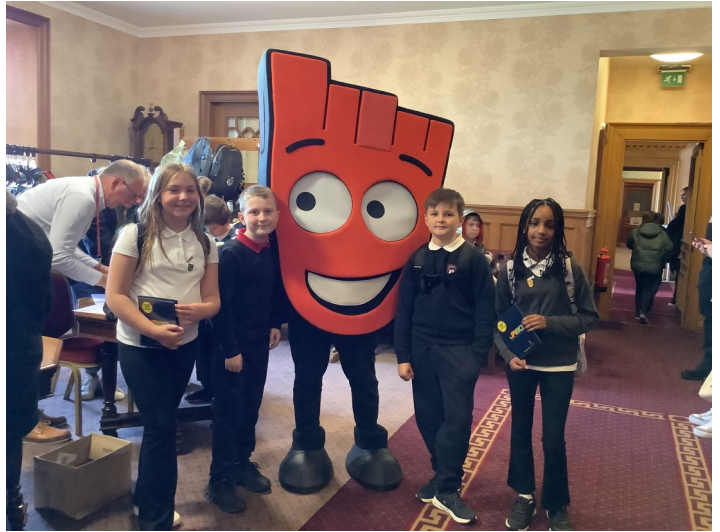


JRSO

Junior Road Safety Officer

Primary 6 have new Junior Road Safety Officers. These are Harris Pettigrew (P6B), Carmen Lowe (P6B), Betsy Minda (P6A) and Daily Hughes (P6A). Their job is to help younger children know how to cross the road safely. Harris told us that he wants to help little kids be safe on the roads. The JRSOs went to the City Chambers on Wednesday 11th September and did a presentation in front of lots of people. Harris told us:

"There were two mascots there one was a red foot and one was a superhero stop sign. We practised being safe on a scooter and a bike so we can help younger kids to be safe. We received a book and a badge. The book is to help us plan what we are going to do. The badge is to tell people we are the JRSOs of Ferryhill."



Sharing Shelf



Ferryhill are being given baked goods by a local business which is very kind of them. There are doughnuts, bread, croissants, biscuits and lots of other things. These are free to anyone who wants them in the morning and after school if there's anything left. We also have our Sharing Shelf which is for people in the school community to take if they need. There are tins, rice, pasta, cereal and lots more. You are free to take what you need. We also have school uniforms which are free to Ferryhill families. Please ask at the office if you would like to look at these.

Edinburgh Book Festival

On the week of the 19th August P3-7 went to the Edinburgh book festival. Everybody went to see an author talk about their book.

P3 saw **Nikita Gill** who wrote **Animal Tales from India** and Ousman from said he LOVED the book!

P4 went to see **Zanib Mian** who wrote **Meet the Malix** and Ayman in said "I loved when the author spoke to me."

P5's author wrote **Going for Gold** and Oliver in said he really liked learning about the book.

P6 saw **MG Leonard** who wrote **Feathers**. Freya in said it was fun, exciting and not what you would expect!

The P7s saw two authors. One was called **Nicola Davies** and her book was called **Future Hopes**. "I loved it so much so much" said Imole.

Can you spot the book character we met at the book festival?

Our class went on a trip to Edinburgh Book Festival to see M.G Leonard.

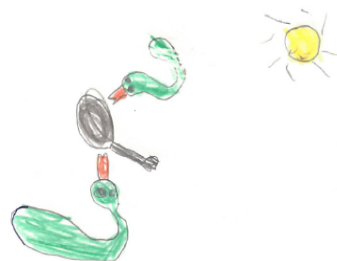
First we got on the bus I was with my friends so it was enjoyable. Everyone was banging the seats and clouds of dust came out.

When we arrived it was very cool. We met the Gruffalo and I felt happiness. When we got to the show all I could hear was plastic cups crackling. MG Leonard was announced and she showed us her report card. It was interesting and enjoyable. At the end of the day we got back on the bus I was feeling sad because it was over. When we got back we were screeching in the playground. It was a brilliant day!

By Finlay P6



Harry in P3 was inspired to do his own piece of writing after listening to the author of *Animal Tales from India*. You can read it below...



The pathon like sinding Good then cobra wanted the Good to they singed over the Good they eat it up.

We're All Readers at Ferryhill

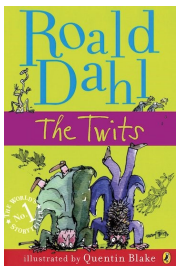


Last year, we got a new library and inside the new and big library we had new bookshelves, new rugs, seating and we decorated it with characters. We also got a new library system that scans books. The school bought Accelerated Reader. The first thing you do in Accelerated Reader is that you take a Star Reader assessment to find the right level book for you. The library books are put into coloured bands to show us

which colour to read. Then we take a book quiz on an iPad but we have to score 80% or more for the book to count towards our **total words read**.

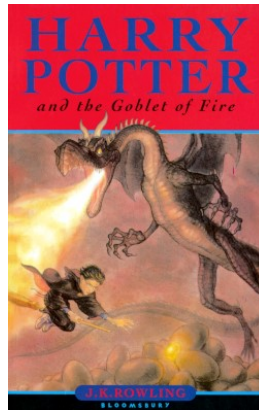


Here's what we're reading at Ferryhill . .



The Twits by Keiren P6

I think this is a good book and it's funny. I'm on page 99. This is a fun book to read and I hope other people like it. Teachers should read it too. I give it a 10/10

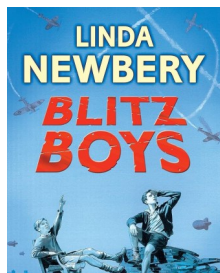
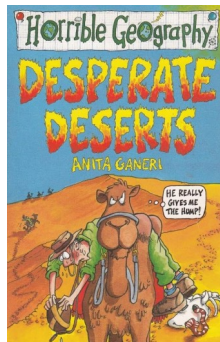


Goblet of Fire Mr Young

I've read this about seven times. I love the magic and the mystery of who the bad guy really is!

Horrible Geography—Desperate Deserts by Jake P7

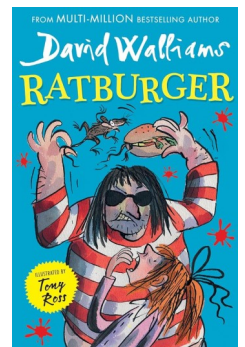
I love horrible geography because of how inaccurate it is. However its can be true and the other good thing about Desperate Desert is that it is easy to get a ten out of ten on your AR therefore I recommend it to all



Ratburger by Riley P7

The main character always wanted a pet but her mum won't get one. She adopts a rat and has to hide it from an evil exterminator.

This book is inspirational and encourages to live your dreams.



The Blitz Boys by Akshat P4

This book is about WW2 flashbacks. I recommend it to people who want to learn about WW2. It has real characters.

I've just finished reading Kaspar Prince of Cats for the second time - it is one of my favourite books! It is full of adventure and lots of surprises. The descriptions of the places and people in the story make you feel like you're actually there and I loved finding out more about



Improving Ferryhill



Every school has their own things they want to improve. We call this our improvement plan. Here are some of the things we plan to improve on this year.

We plan to improve children's writing. We are going to give teachers more training on how to teach children to write. We need to be writing every day and we will be looking at how we can use technology like Clevertouch boards and iPads to help us.

We want to work better with parents and our community in Drylaw and Telford.

We need to improve attendance, because children are missing out on important learning. Attendance is much lower on Fridays. We also want to improve how we support children who need more help with their learning and school staff will track our progress more closely.

We want teachers to make sure learning is fun and desirable and designed by us by asking us what we want. Our teachers letting us have a voice.

This year we want people to build their resilience. Resilience means when you ever give up! We need to build resilience in the classroom. For example maybe someone will say "I can't do this". That's not resilience, resilience is when you fall down or fail but don't give up. This is not only in your class but in your everyday activities. So remember be resilient and stay strong. Every class will be doing a project to help us get better at this.

WELCOME!

It has been great to see all the new faces of new children and their families at Ferryhill this term. We would like to say a big welcome to you all, and we hope you enjoy being part of our community. We have member of staff who have also had **new arrivals** of their own. Mrs Bailey our DHT is on maternity leave and we are delighted to report that she has had a healthy baby girl. While Mrs Bailey is away, we have the fabulous Miss Wright who is doing a great job and really fitting in at Ferryhill. One of our P4 teachers this year, Mrs Hammond has also gone on maternity leave. No news yet but we will keep you posted!



Little Authors in P2

P2A have been showing off their writing skills by describing characters. They used the characters from Inside Out for inspiration. Their artwork is pretty great too!



Joy is happy and smiley.
Joy has blue hair.
Joy has yellow skin.

Tabeel



Anger is red like
fire.
He is mad. He is
strong. He is
tall. He is
big.

BB



Anger is red
like fire.

Cassin



Sadness is
blue like
blue hair.

Myra



Anger is red like
fire.

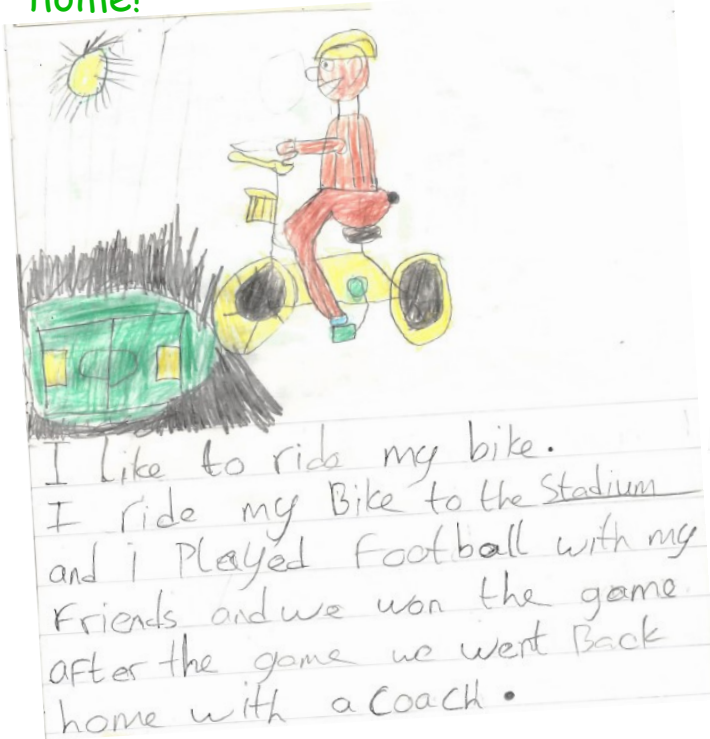
Lola

P2A have also been creating fabulous pictures of Elmer, and Atticus drew a great drawing and wrote a sentence about Elmer.



P3 Get Writing

P3A have been using the sounds and words they know to write stories. Trust and Max wrote great stories about where they like to ride their bikes to. Kayla wrote about a joke she'd like to play at home!



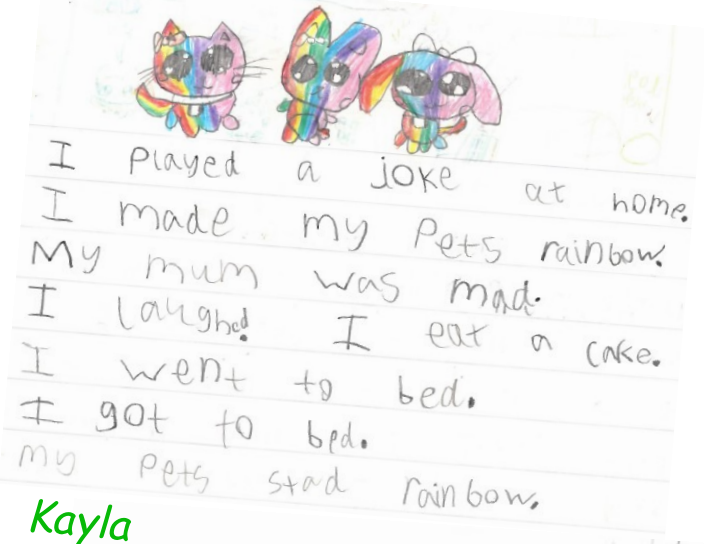
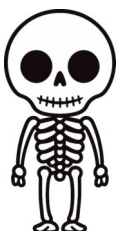
Trust

Dem Bones, Dem Bones



Primary 5s have enjoyed learning many different facts about the Human Body and shared these at the assembly on Thursday 10th October.

Over the past term, they have been learning about many different body systems and have been researching facts about these which they were able to share. They also worked really hard to learn their lines as well as the words and actions for several different songs.



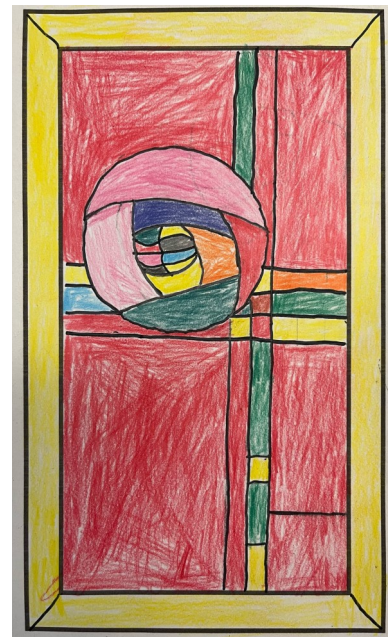
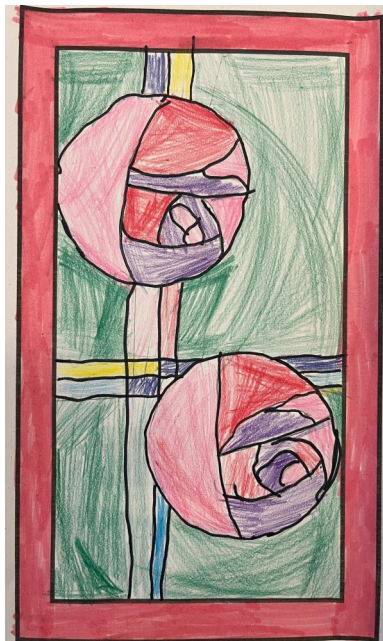
Kayla



Max

P5A Art Gallery

This term Primary 5A have been studying different artists and doing our own versions of their work. Can you match the famous artists to the paintings we have done? The famous artists are: **Wassily Kandinsky**, **Georges Seurat** and **Charles Rennie Mackintosh**.



Parent Zone

Thanks again to the people who volunteered to be on our new Parent Council. Josephine and Erica have done a great job in getting us started and were busy helping the P7s recruit volunteers from our parents at last week's parents' evenings. We would love for you to get involved in the school and all the fun and interesting things we have planned in the future. We will keep this part of the Ferryhill News just for news from our Parent Council, or whichever name they decide on. If you are interested in joining this group, please get in touch with the school office.

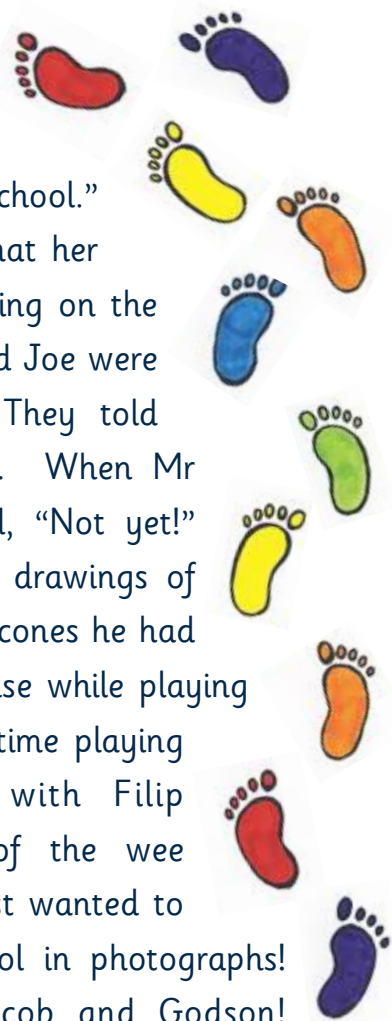




We went to the nursery to talk to the children there about being in nursery. We went into the nursery garden and ended up getting chased quite a lot. But we did get a chance to speak to some of them about what they get up to. Zoe said to us, "Ferryhill is a nice school." Freddie told us "I like playing with playdough." Ava also told us that her favourite thing to do is play with playdough. Isla said, "I like playing on the bike a lot and I like the food." Arlo and Joe were busy cooking in the mud kitchen. They told Maissa that they were cooking pasta. When Mr Young asked if it was nice, they said, "Not yet!" Vena and Peri showed us their lovely drawings of girls. Alexander showed us all the pinecones he had been collecting. Filip found a woodlouse while playing in the bark. Jake got to spend some time playing



Duplo with Filip
Some of the wee ones just wanted to look cool in photographs! Like Jacob and Godson! We will definitely go back next term to see what's going on.





Gaelic Football

On Thursday the nineteenth of September primary six b had a half hour session of Gaelic football. First we had a little warm up by laying a game Niall (the person who was teaching us) said something along the lines of "High knees jogging!" We had done that a few times when Niall said "boys and girls!" and we got into those teams and then we split into two girls teams and two boys teams. One boy team and one girl team put bibs on. First we got an explanation of how to play, the rules are you could only hand pass to pass which is like brushing dirt off your hand and you could only hand pass to the boys to score. The first game went really well, bibs won however. The one thing that was a little annoying was that you couldn't score on the same side two times in a row. After a few minutes, we swapped with the boys, girls on the end zone (side) and boys on the pitch. We swapped a few more times until the session was finished. By Freya P6B



On Yer Bike!



Jake spoke to Harley Lowrie in P6b about Bikeability that they doing with Mr Robertson. Harley said that they're learning how to balance and control their bikes and they do it in the main playground. So far they have been doing it for a month. Mr Robertson says "When everyone is competent enough they could get a chance to cycle on the local roads. Road safety and how to ride a bike safely are really important skills to learn. P6A are also learning Bikeability this term.



Rugby



We were very lucky that Fraser from BATs Rugby and Ryan from Active Schools organised rugby training sessions at Ferryhill. We learned basic skills and played simple games of touch rugby and 5 pass rugby to practise. Shadaf Islam in Primary 6B said he loved being the defender because it was extremely fun. Plus he said he would love to have BATs Rugby back at our school.



Judo Tasters

We asked Jacob and Sonya from Primary 7A about the judo tasters P3 to P7 got on the 10th of September. They said it was so much fun and Jacob liked how he could chuck people on the ground. Plus he said he liked the uniform they gave us. We also asked Ethan Wyczynski in P6B who said "It was very fun and entertaining. I liked doing judo moves and holds with my friends. I went to try judo at the white church with the same people to try it out more. Thanks to Cameron and Hannah from Active Schools for teaching us judo and thanks to Mr Robertson for organising it.



Friday 11th October	End of Term—Christmas Holidays
Monday 21st October	Inservice Day—School closed to pupils
Thursday 31st October	Halloween Parties
Wednesday 27th November	Shared Classroom Learning - parents/carers welcome!
Thursday 5th December	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 10th December	Panto Trip - Alhambra Theatre Jack & the Beanstalk