

Felton C of E Primary School

Monthly Newsletter - October 2023

'Loving, Learning, Living as we journey together to enable everyone to flourish'

Well our first month at school has flown by and we are all, both staff and pupils alike, back into the swing of school life. I am sure you will agree that the school is looking wonderful with its new roof and windows and the Early Years team are loving their new building and are already making plans for the outdoor space. Thank you to those who joined us for the 'Grand Opening' and Macmillan coffee morning and there will be many more opportunities for you to have a tour. As the weather turns colder please ensure that your child has a coat and suitable footwear to spend playtimes outside and of course for their walk/scoot/bike to school month.

We are extremely appreciative of all the support you give us.

Mrs Emma Lucas

Headteacher

Learning Journeys

Each class has embarked on their first 'Learning Journey' of the academic year and I have been extremely impressed by their enthusiasm, knowledge and the 'Journeying Further..' tasks.

Explorers have been exploring 'Brilliant Bears' and it is amazing how many books we have found in the Library that have bears in them. They've also started their Drawing and Doodle clubs which have introduced some very impressive vocabulary.

Adventurers are being 'Superstars' while journeying through their Star topic and are reading Star in the Jar as their class story.

Voyagers are 'Journeying along the Tyne' for their Rivers topic and enjoying the much loved classic 'Wind and the Willows.' They will be learning how Physical and Human features change along the river's course.

Pioneers are journeying to the bottom of the oceans in their 'Dive In' Learning Journey and have been reading 'Song of the Dolphin Boy' by Elizabeth Laird to fire their understanding of the importance of looking after our oceans.

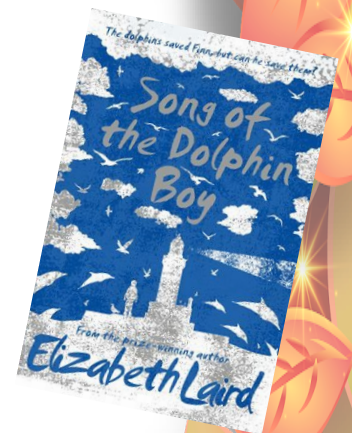
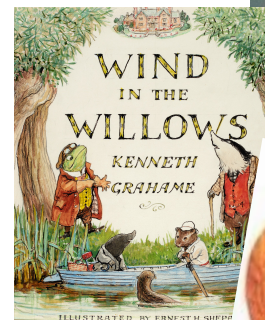
The Learning Journey plans are on the school website if you wish to see more detail.

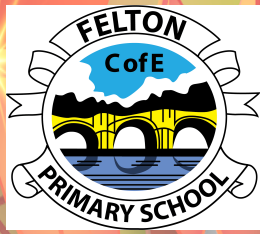
Thursday Weekly Run

Thank you to all the parents and carers that have been joining us both as runners and marshalls, having marshalls on each road has made a huge difference. We couldn't do it without you! We will continue for as long as we can, until the weather defeats us! If children wish to carry their water bottles with them that is absolutely fine but they will need to take responsibility for them.

October Parents Evening

If you have not done so already, please make sure that you click on the link you have been sent to select your preferred appointment times. Mr Long will be in touch next week to confirm your meeting times.





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Felton School Friends Association

Thank you so much for all your contributions and for those who attended our Macmillan Coffee morning and grand opening of the Explores new zone. It was lovely to see so many of the Felton community there and more than £200 was raised for a very worthwhile cause.



Their big fundraising project for this year is to support us in developing the Early Years Outside area. If you have any expertise or contacts regarding landscaping please get in touch with school or FSFA, any advice would be gratefully received.

Walk to School Month

October is Walk To School Month. We have decided to take the opportunity to encourage our families to attempt to make as many journeys to school by foot or bike as possible. Even the staff are going to park off site and walk in. We will launch a collective 'Eco-Journeys' challenge and every journey taken to school by foot or bike will count towards our school total. We are also looking forward to getting involved by organising and taking part in themed activity weeks as follows:



Week 1 Wb 2.10.23	Let's get walking week	Monday 2nd October - launch day! 'Happy Shoesday' On Tuesday 3rd October we will celebrate walking and having happy feet by encouraging pupils to come to school in their 'Happy Shoes'. Anything goes as long as the children can safely run in their shoes during playtime, or bring a change of shoes for going outdoors.
Week 2 Wb 9.10.23	Bring your wheels to school week	Design a 'Tour de Northumberland' cycling Jersey competition (to be completed in school). Bike journeys will count towards the eco-journeys target!
Week 3 Wb 16.10.23	Be bright be seen week (Road Safety)	Play the Be Bright Be Seen Games on the Think website (in-school) PHSE road safety sessions
Week 4 Wb 23.10.23	Clean up our environment week	Design a poster competition to encourage road users to: switch off engines when parking, to car share or to park and walk (completed in-school)

We are also planning to turn one of our Felton Mile runs into a 'Felton Autumn Ramble' around the village. Stay tuned for further details! Thank you to Mrs Gamston for coordinating this event.

Dates for your Diary

- 19.10.23 - Parents Evening
- 24.10.23 - Parents Evening
- 24.10.23 - Flu Vaccinations in school
- 27.10.23 - Break up for Half term & FSFS Halloween Disco @ Village Hall
- 6.11.23 - Return to school

