



Newsletter

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A Message from Mrs Frost

Every day at Ashfield Junior School is different and busy. It's part of what makes the job so rewarding. Here are a few examples:

As part of our focus on the United Nation's Global Goals, we have all been recycling as much paper and plastic as we can. There are now large wheelie bins outside the classrooms for paper, and Mr Kyle and the School Council have been busy bagging up all of the plastic that lunchtimes produce.

Every Friday our Fruit Bombs (the School Council) make an appearance at lunchtime — you may have seen them on our Facebook page. When a child has a piece of fruit in their packed lunch or on their plate, the Fruit Bombs reward them with a gold token which goes towards their House points.

It's lovely when the children knock on my door to tell me about their latest sporting achievements. I get to hear about dance, gymnastics, football, rugby and many other sports. At school, I don't think there's ever been a time when we have offered so many sporting opportunities. Mr Gaskell's girls' football club has a huge following and many of the children in Year 5 and 6 go orienteering each week with Mrs Smits and Mrs Hicklin. We are so proud of our four Year 4 pupils who won the Allerdale large schools' tennis competition and can't wait to see how they do in the county finals — we wish them luck!



The Fruit Bombs



Tennis Champs!

Just before the Easter break, we had a fantastic Rock Star Maths Day. I'm sure you must have seen the photos—the children looked amazing! And so did many of the staff! It was a great day for walking around the school and seeing all of the fun maths activities going on in the classrooms. Not only that, each year group visited the hall to take part in maths and problem solving activities. A big thank you to Mrs Gibson for organising such a brilliant day. Thank you, too, to you for helping the children with all of their wonderful costumes and make-up.

As I said, every day is different and busy. But none of it is worthwhile without our amazing, unique children. They are what makes this school so interesting, exciting and special.

Mrs Frost

A Word from the Governors

Hi everyone. After lots of discussions with Mrs Frost and the governing body we have decided to introduce ourselves one by one on the school newsletter - I get to go first!

I have been a governor at Ashfield Juniors for a few years now as a parent governor. When I first joined I was also a governor at the infants school. I have two daughters, one in Year 6 here and the other in Year 9 at Workington Academy. My interest in joining this governing body came from my interest in education as a whole. I have been a primary school teacher for the last 18 years - currently teaching a mixed year 5 and 6 class.

There have been many positive changes at Ashfield School over the last couple of years and I look forward to supporting Mrs Frost, all of the staff and the children in the future.

Sarah Layzell (Vice Chair)



Residentials

Years 3, 4 and 5 had a fantastic time on their residentials. Every child returned to school having pushed themselves a little (or a lot!) further beyond what they thought they could do. Staff always comment about how much the children have grown in confidence after the residentials.

We asked a few of the pupils to tell you what they thought about the trips:



Year 5 ghyll scrambling

Jamie (Yr3): It was nice. It was a really good place to go to. I wish I could live there!

Millie (Yr3): It was really funny and there were loads of things to do.

Blake (Yr3): It was brilliant and amazing.

Portia (Yr4): It was very, very, very, very, very, and I mean very, amazing!

Roman (Yr4): It was awesome.

Paige (Yr4): It was scary, but brilliant.

Owen (Yr5): It was exciting because there were loads of fun things there and the beds were comfy.

Eliza (Yr5): It was really fun because you did lots of things you wouldn't be able to everyday.

Connor (Yr5): The experience was incredible.

Ofsted

As no doubt you'll know, Ofsted were with us last week. As with all schools, we are not allowed to share the inspector's judgements until twenty-eight days after the inspection, which will probably take us beyond half-term. As soon as we can, we'll let you know.

Imran

The children made Imran feel very welcome when he visited our school to tell us about his faith. Imran did an assembly for the whole school and Year 2 from Ashfield Infants. He then went on to do workshops for each year group. They were fascinated!

