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#### Headteacher's message

It's hard to believe that a whole term has been and gone since I took over as Headteacher at Kielder. It's been an absolute pleasure to take over as leader of this truly amazing school.

This term has been jam-packed full of exciting activities and opportunities for our wonderful children. A highlight for me was a workshop about 'The Kielder Brag', which combined local legend, storytelling and crafts. Our children are still talking about it!

I was also immensely grateful to the amazing community of Kielder for turning up in such large numbers for our Red Nose Day event. We raised over £270 for Comic Relief, which is truly brilliant.

I'm looking forward to a productive, fun-packed term of learning and laughter after the Easter break.

I wish you and your family a restful break and thank you for your support over the last term.

Lee Ferris



#### Celebrating our local heritage and folklore!

Part of our curriculum vision is pupils understanding and appreciating their place in the community they call home. We are currently taking part in the 'Beneath our Feet' project, looking at the mining heritage of the Kielder area. As part of this, we recently visited Bellingham Heritage Centre and Kielder Viaduct. Our research will form the basis of workshops with local artists. We were also lucky enough to be visited by Susan and Cath from The Kielder Brag; an afternoon of storytelling and crafts based on the idea of local legend had our children absolutely captivated!



All of our pupils took part in a Friday afternoon storytelling and craft workshop about The Kielder Brag' and loved every minute of it!



Mr Ferris took the children to Kielder Viaduct to talk to them about the rich mining history of the place they are lucky enough to call home.

#### **Fab Friday superstars**

Every two weeks, we hold Fab Friday and celebrate the outstanding achievements of one of our pupils. The award could be given for anything from consistent effort to being kind or polite. Pupils are awarded a certificate by Mr Ferris in assembly and are celebrated on our social media accounts.



Anthony (Year 3)
For excellent effort in Maths



Esme (Year 1)
For increased fluency in Reading



Levi (Year 1)
For amazing written work in Literacy
and History

### Teacher feature

#### Miss Hickie

Our Class 2 teacher, Miss Hickie, works on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. She teachers our Year 3, 5 and 6 pupils. This term, her class have been learning all about Ancient Greece!



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#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Miss Hickie's favourite food is Indian food. She likes nothing more than a curry!

## Bringing our community together for Red Nose Day 2023!

Our school was over the moon that so many people from the wonderful community of Kielder came to our fundraising event for Red Nose Day.

As well as a fantastic cake sale with tea and coffee, we hosted a raffle with a host of great prizes. In the end, we raised over £270 for Comic Relief - a fantastic amount!

This was also a chance for the community to come together in our lovely school hall. As Mr Ferris said when he addressed those who came, the school should be the beating heart of the village.

Well done to everyone for a fabulous Friday of fundraising and fun!















#### Learning about fire safety in Bellingham

While in Bellingham learning about our local history, we took the opportunity to call into the fire station for some hands-on experience in fire safety.

First, the pupils were reminded of the job of a firefighter and were surprised to discover that it's not just about putting out fires!

Then, they were given the opportunity to try on some firefighter kit before that all-exciting moment when they got to sit in the fire engine! The pupils also got to try out the hose and were brilliant at it!

The visit formed part of our ongoing work to ensure that all our pupils are safe both inside and outside of school.

# NEW WEBSITE



Our brand-new website is now live! More information will be added to it over the next few months but please do take a look! We are really pleased with the design and we believe it will make home-school communication much more effective.

www.kielderprimary.org.uk

# Democracy in action @ KPS







Here at Kielder, we promote British Values. One of these is Democracy. As part of this, we held a vote to elect two prefects and two Green Team leaders. Before this, Mr Ferris explained the importance of having a vote, using it wisely and treating those putting themselves forward with respect.

Our prefects will take responsibility for helping at lunchtime, welcoming visitors and representing our school in other ways.

Our Green Team leaders will promote environmental responsibility in school and the wider community.

After putting forward their vision for the roles, all pupils and staff had the opportunity to vote and we are delighted that Maddie and Blake (Year 5) are our prefects and Max (Year 3) and Connor (Year 6) are our brand new Green Team

Well done, everyone!



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