



Fairisle News



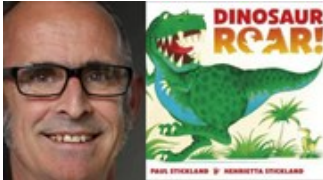
Newsletter No. 7

Book Week

Once again, we had a very successful Book Week. During Book Week we were visited by two Award-Acclaimed Authors: Shoo Rayner & Paul Stickland.

The children thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as Book Characters too which raised £156.82 for Comic Relief!

Thank you to all those who visited the Book Fair. We raised £400 for books for the school!



Here are some of the comments:

"I really enjoyed learning how to write and draw with author Shoo Rayner. It is important to celebrate reading and the more we read the smarter we will become!" Gianna Yr 2

"I loved learning about Nick Sharratt. I met him and I love his book PANTS! It was so funny! I enjoy reading and it is important to know what the words mean so that you can write them and be an author!" Elsie Year R

"I dressed up as a genie from Shimmer and Shine and I loved visiting the library there were so many books! I went to the Book Fair and bought a princess book. Reading is for everyone and we respect our right to read." Molly Yr 1

"I went as Gilbert the Grape for Dress as a Book Character Day and I was so excited about getting the costume through the post to wear! I visited the Book Fair and bought the Lego Movie 2 book. We made things with author Paul Stickland. His book is Dinosaur Roar!!!" Peter Yr 1

Maths Workshops

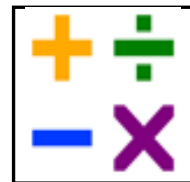
Our Maths Workshops were a huge success!

Thank you to all the adults who were able to attend. The children thoroughly enjoyed working alongside you and showing off their amazing Maths learning. Year 1 & 2 Parents commented that they enjoyed seeing the types of problems that their children would be expected to solve by the end of Key Stage 1 and the importance of verbal reasoning.

Year R Parents commented that they found learning the techniques children are taught to Add and Subtract useful and it was also great to see the range of activities in action.

Look out for more fun ways to support your child at home on our website which will be updated shortly.

Miss Chambers & Mr Hay
Maths Subject Leaders



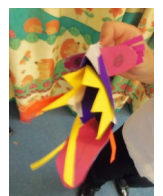
Year 1

We have had a wonderful time celebrating our love for reading during Book Week. We met a real author called Paul Stickland, who showed us how to make pop-up books!



We enjoyed having a go at making our own colourful pop up monsters. We also tried out some story telling in a Drama Workshop where we had to be 'Superheroes' and use our imagination! It was lovely to visit our local library where we learned about how to borrow interesting books and all of the exciting things the library has to offer.

Thank you for the amazing homework handed in around Book Week theme, we loved looking at your photos and drawings of the places you read your books! Our focus now is on 'Phonics', so please keep up the regular reading at home.





Year R

Year R have had a very busy term. We enjoyed learning to act out, retell and write traditional stories. Our favourite stories were Little Red Riding Hood, The Gingerbread Man and Goldilocks and the 3 Bears. We used our senses to make and taste plain, sweet and salty porridge for the 3 bears. We wrote the story of Little Red Riding Hood using our phonics and familiar story language.

Book week was great fun! We pretended to be heroes from comic books in our special drama workshop. We learnt about recycling to help save our environment. It was brilliant to have so many of our grown-ups in our classrooms to Share a Story. Nick Sharratt was our focus author for the week. His funny rhyming stories made us laugh. We even went on our own adventure looking for a 'Shark in the Park.'

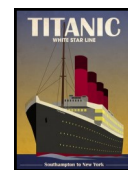


Year 2

In Year 2 we have been learning about the Titanic and the close links it has with Southampton.

After exploring the topic of Titanic, the children have written stories from the viewpoint of a passenger, a diary extract from the day the Titanic crashed and discussed other stories where the characters have been on a journey. The children visited the Sea City Museum in Southampton where they role-played as passengers and crew members of the famous ship, had a guided tour around the museum learning some fascinating facts and also sharing what they have already learnt and conducted a science experiment of how they could keep the Titanic afloat by spreading the water into different compartments.

Finally to finish the Titanic Topic, the children were treated to The Open Box Theatre Company conducting workshops based on the Titanic. The children travelled back in time to help build the ship, become first class passengers and also find the many theories as to who was to blame for the sinking of Titanic.



Year N Sunshine

In Sunshine Nursery we have enjoyed reading Julia Donaldson books during Book Week, and taking part in activities based around the stories of Zog, Monkey Puzzle, Room on the Broom, Stick Man and Sharing a Shell. We had a great time dressing up in our costumes and sharing our favourite book characters with our friends and teachers.

We now have a Nursery pet: Sammy the Snail, who has come from Year R! He has settled into Nursery well, and we love looking after him. We also have some frogspawn and tadpoles that we are carefully observing. We have been really engaged in learning about the life cycle of frogs, and we look forward to seeing the tadpoles grow!

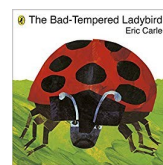


Year N Rainbow

During March in Rainbow Nursery, we have been very active, and have learnt lots of new things. We have explored the quad in the Infant School, observing the fish and spring flowers.

We've enjoyed sharing stories for Book Week. 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird' has taught us how important it is to be kind and dealing with our emotions. We've enjoyed lots of activities based around the story, such as making ladybird hats, sorting patterns, painting pebbles ladybirds and much more.

We've also had the opportunity to look after 'Sammy the Snail' for a day. We were able to watch him carefully and talk and describe what he looks and feels like. The adults in Rainbow Nursery have helped make a construction area in the garden, which includes, wood, bricks, pebbles, tyres, hard hats and various tools.





W/B 1 April : Parent/Teacher Meetings 
 4 April : Easter Service at Lordshill Church Years 1 & 2
 4 April : Easter Disco

8 April—22 April Easter Holiday



23 April: Summer Term begins

3 May : Year R Educational Visit to Marwell Zoo



27—31 May—Half-Term Holiday



21 June : School Photos

8 July : Year 1 Educational Visit to Hilliers Arboretum



19 July 2019 : Children's Last Day at School



22 & 23 July : INSET DAYS—Infant School, Sunshine & Rainbow Nursery CLOSED ON THESE 2 x DAYS



School Governor

Would you like to become a school governor?



A Note from our Chair of Governors:

One of the questions I sometimes get asked about being a Governor is 'why?'

For me it is about a number of very different things:

- ◆ *Making a difference to my local community.*
- ◆ *Using skills and experiences I've gained elsewhere and putting them to use in an educational environment.*
- ◆ *Putting something back into a system that I've benefitted from.*
- ◆ *To influence and improve the standards of education and attainment for the children.*
- ◆ *About me embracing new challenges and learning new skills as the school develops.*
- ◆ *It is definitely a two way street, on the one hand I hope I add value, and in return I get a personal sense of purpose and value from seeing the school develop.*

If you would like further information or would like to speak with a Governor please get in contact with the school or at governors@fairisle-inf.co.uk





Attendance

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
Article 28: "Every Child has the Right to an Education"

You will receive your child's **Attendance Report** at the end of this term outlining your child's attendance covering the period:

03 September 2018 — 29 March 2019.

The expected minimum Attendance level is 96.5%.
A big 'Well Done' to all children who have achieved 96.5% & above .

We are required to report to the Department for Education any pupils whose attendance falls below 90%. The Education Welfare Officer will contact any Families where there is concern about a child's school attendance.



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The Non-Uniform Day
Raised A
Grand Total Of
£289.13
for Comic Relief

J Owens

Best Wishes
Juliette Owens
Deputy Headteacher