



Fairisle News

Newsletter No. 3



Rights Respecting School Award—Gold Level United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child



Article 3: “Organisations concerned with children should work towards what is best for each child.”

I am very pleased to let you know that Fairisle Infant & Nursery School has been re-awarded: **The Rights Respecting Schools Award.**

The Gold level Award, the highest stage, is given to schools that have fully embedded the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in their practice and ethos. Two Assessors from Unicef spent a whole day at the school and wrote a comprehensive report: **Here are a few quotes:**

- ◆ “A very supportive and caring learning environment, underpinned by a respect for the rights of all members of the school community.”
- ◆ “‘Pupil voice’, with the opportunities for pupils to be fully engaged in the life of the school.”
- ◆ “‘Respect’ is an integral part of the school’s ethos and everyday practice.”
- ◆ “Pupils understand that they have a right to be safe and confirmed that they feel safe at school.”
- ◆ “The school nurtures a culture where learning is valued and with an aspirational school motto of ‘Expect Success’.”

I would like to thank the Children, Staff and Governors for embracing the ethos of respecting all children’s rights and the right to be treated with dignity and fairness. Also a big ‘Thank you’ to the Parents who spoke to the Assessors on the day. A special thanks to Mrs Sumpter, our RRS Lead for her drive, passion, commitment and sheer hard work in achieving this fantastic award!



Homework

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 28:

“Every child has the right to an education”.



It is wonderful to see so many children producing homework and taking pride in their learning. There has been some great Homework ranging from Autumn Collages, Pirate Ships, Treasure Maps, Remembrance Posters, Dream Tree Models etc.

Of course reading with your child every day is also part of homework and benefits children enormously.



Thank you for supporting your Child’s Learning at Home!



The children and staff all looked amazing in their pyjamas and everyone enjoyed themselves on the day! Altogether **£337.70** was raised for this worthy cause.

Thank you for your support.



Parent Governor

*We welcome
Kate Dawson-Brown
as our new
Parent Governor.
Kate is a Parent in Year R.*

We still have a vacancy for a Parent Governor

Governors are vital for the effective running of the school and it can be a rewarding role. You will find out about how schools are managed and you will also be able to play a role in policy and financial decision-making.

If you are interested in this role, please call into the School Office for a separate letter.



If you would like an opportunity to discuss this position, please feel free to speak to myself or our other **Governors**


**Ann Stephens,
Faye Beston or
Geraldine Singleton.**

We would be happy to talk to you about this role.



Rights Respecting Schools ShoeShare

As you may know we are hosting the Unicef ShoeShare Event this year.

As they say: 
"Being a goody two-shoes has never been easier!"

The shoes will be delivered to the nearest Clarks store who will send the shoes for re-use and make a donation to Unicef for their Education Programme around the world helping children go to school.



We are collecting the shoes on 5 December 2018.



Thank you Shoe Box Appeal

We would like to extend a huge message of thanks to all families who donated to the Link to Hope Shoe Box Appeal.

We were overwhelmed by the response and are proud to announce that we collected over **40** filled shoe boxes and many more individual donations that were put together to form a class shoe box.

We know that donations will be greatly received by the children, families and elderly who will receive these in Eastern Europe this Christmas time.

Hopefully they will spread hope and cheer at this special time of the year.

Useful NHS Guidance for Parents

If your child seems under the weather or poorly it can sometimes be difficult to know whether they should still attend school.

"**Healthier Together**" can help you find the guidance you're looking for.

Their website: what0-18.nhs.uk is packed with information, tips and advice for Parents including recommended recovery times from common childhood conditions.



This information is also available on our website.

Arts & Music Week

This was a great success and the children had a busy and enjoyable week working with a range of Educational Visitors.



Some examples include: African Drumming Workshops, Bollywood Dancing, Rock Academy, Nursery Rhymes in the Nursery culminating with a Grand Theatre Production of 'Jack and the Beanstalk.'



I am very impressed by the artwork produced by children using different Artists for inspiration.



Many thanks to Mrs Du Toit and Miss Tivey for organising such an inspiring and entertaining week for the children.



Year 2
Year 2 have been doing a lot of remembering recently.



Remembering the life of Guy Fawkes and how he is linked to the fireworks.

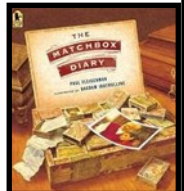


Remembering the soldiers that sacrificed their lives in the war.

Most importantly, we have been remembering things that are important to each other and sharing our memories.

It has been wonderful sharing the children's memories and for us

to share our memories with them.



Year 2 Team

Year 1



We are having a great time in Year 1 learning about the season 'Autumn' and comparing it to other seasons. We imagined we are scientists and we observed the changes in the weather all around us.

We went for an Autumn Walk and listened to the crunchy leaves under our feet.

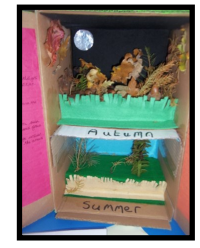
We enjoyed feeling the breeze on our cheeks while watching colourful leaves dancing to the ground.



We were able to write beautiful Autumn Poems using our senses.

Thank you for the amazing Homework handed in around the Autumn Theme.

We saw great Design and Technology Projects and Art Work and were so impressed with the effort.



The Year 1 Team

Year R

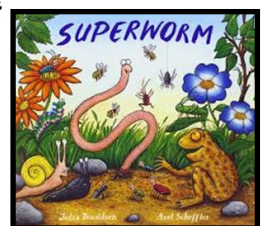


Children have enjoyed transforming themselves into 'Superheroes', creating their Superhero name and designing their own cape.

The children showed fascination and curiosity when thinking of ideas to free jewels from ice.

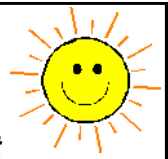
We problem-solved to find more and less spiders for Spiderman linked to 'Addition' and 'Subtraction' skills.

The children applied their 'Phonics' knowledge when writing a sentence about the character in the story 'Superworm' and wrote some super sentences.



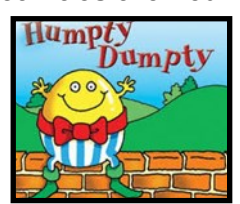
The Year R Team

Sunshine Nursery



In Sunshine Nursery we have enjoyed learning about Bonfire Night and Diwali. We were excited to share our experiences of fireworks with our teachers and in the garden we had great fun watching sparklers and drinking hot chocolate. This inspired us to create some beautiful fireworks artwork which is displayed in Nursery.

We have also engaged in World Nursery Rhyme Week and have taken part in activities themed around some of our favourite Nursery Rhymes such as 'Humpty Dumpty'.



The Sunshine Team

Rainbow Nursery



We have been so busy in Rainbow Nursery this half-term. The children have been exploring, testing out and have been fascinated with the new water feature in the garden.




Inside the Nursery we have been enjoying lots of different activities such as making dens, using our senses to explore natural materials, wellie-boot painting and lots more.

It's been very exciting learning Nursery Rhymes for World Nursery Rhyme Week.



The Rainbow Nursery Team

Dates For your Diary

7 Dec	:	 Christmas Fayre 	
11 Dec	:	9.30 am Year R Christmas Performance	
12 Dec	:	9.30 am Year R Christmas Performance	
13 Dec	:	9.30 am Year 1 Christmas Carols	
14 Dec	:	9.30 am Year 1 Christmas Carols	
14 Dec	:	 Christmas Jumper Day	
18 Dec	:	9.30 am Year 2 Christmas Carols	
19 Dec	:	9.30 am Year 2 Christmas Carols	
20 Dec	:	Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Service at Lordshill Church	
21 Dec	:	<u>End of Term</u>	

7 January 2019 : Children Return to School After the Christmas Break

15 Jan	:	Fire Service Working with Year 1	
22 Jan	:	Grace Darling Open Box Drama Workshops Year 1	
29 Jan	:	Air Ambulance Working with Year 1	

18 February—22 February Half Term Holiday

25 Feb : INSET DAY—Infant School, Sunshine & Rainbow Nursery
CLOSED ALL DAY

8 April—22 April Easter Holiday 

27—31 May—Half-Term Holiday

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

Friends of Fairisle

Our small, but committed Friends of Fairisle group, continue to work hard for the school and have raised considerable funds for the school which the children benefit from.

The latest venture from funds raised is the new Pavilion in the playground which creates a cosy area for the children to retreat to at playtime.

They are now working hard to prepare for the Christmas Fayre. Sadly however they are very short on the ground and this means that we may not be able to offer quite so many stalls and entertainment activities as in the past.

If you are able to help and volunteer a few hours of your time, please let us know.

We would love to hear from you!

Year R Phonics Workshop

It was great to see Parents attending the **Year R Phonics Workshop** and the feedback has been very positive:

Comments from Parents Include:

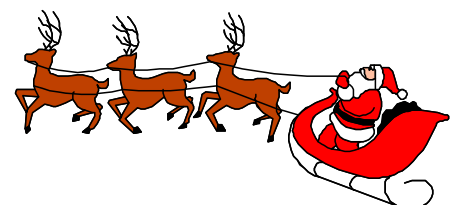
“Love the activities using things we would have at home so we can do the same to support.”

“Thank you for the lovely presentation.”

“Found it very useful and gave me lots of tips.”

“Very well explained and presented.”

Best Wishes Susanne Ottens
Headteacher





“I never had a birthday party, until I met my foster carer”

Southampton
needs new
foster carers

If you could give a Southampton child in need a brighter future please get in touch

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