



# Fairisle News

Newsletter No. 3



## 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, Guy Fawkes information, Remembrance Posters 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 'Rainbow Colours' and everyone enjoyed themselves on the day!  
**Altogether £221.85 was raised for this worthy cause.**  
**Thank you for your support.**

## Arts & Music Week

Our week started with a BANG as Year 1 & 2 enjoyed Samba Workshops. The children used big drums to copy patterns and to compose a piece of music.



Year R explored the sounds of different instruments and created their own musical patterns.



Mr Bollywood came in to teach us some Bollywood dance moves. Year R & Year 2 enjoyed performing their routines to Parents in the playground.



In classes we have been learning about Artists and styles of art from around the world.



Each class created Art in these different styles some of which will be put on display

for all Fairisle children to enjoy. Our week ended with a fantastic performance of 'Dick Whittington' by a Theatre Group.



**Many thanks to Mrs Du Toit, Miss Chambers and Miss Owens for organising such an inspiring and entertaining week for the children.**



## 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 Water Tray in the Sunshine Nursery Garden which provides many opportunities for learning and fun water play.*



*They are now working hard to prepare for the Christmas Fayre.*



**If you are at all possible to help and volunteer a few hours of your time, please let us know.**

**We would love to hear from you!**

## Dogs On Site

Please can we remind Parents that Dogs are not permitted in the school grounds which includes puppies as well.



**No dogs except guide dogs**

Only Guide Dogs are allowed to enter the School Site and building.



## Year 2

This half-term Year 2's Topic is 'Remember Remember'.



This has involved looking at the story of Guy Fawkes as well as talking about the significance of poppies. We had a visit from Open Box Theatre Company to act out the story of Guy Fawkes and then the children have written a newspaper article about the Gunpowder Plot.



As a half-term homework, children were asked to research Remembrance Day and present their findings in a creative way. The results were AMAZING and the work has been admired by children, staff and visitors.

Thank you for your creations.



Year 2 Team



## Year 1

We are very excited to see the progress in Reading and we love to see children read as often as possible. We

collect stars in classes for our wall charts for everyone who reads 3 or 4 times per week. We are so proud of all the good reading we can see happening at home—Thank you!

We had 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 were able to write beautiful Autumn Poems using our senses. Thank you for the amazing homework handed in around the Autumn and Remembrance Themes.

We saw great DT Projects and Artwork and were so impressed with all the effort. We created a lovely display in our Shared Area for all to enjoy.



The Year 1 Team



Year R are enjoying learning about 'Superheroes' both real and fictitious.



Mr Kirby a real life soldier came to visit us on Remembrance Day and helped us to understand the significance of this day. The children then focussed to apply their Phonic knowledge when writing a sentence about what makes them special like a 'Superhero'. They showed fascination and curiosity when thinking of ideas to free the jewels that were trapped in ice. We are enjoying our Magic Maths sessions and beginning to problem-solve to find more or less of a number linked to the beginning of Addition and Subtraction skills.



## Sunshine Nursery



In Sunshine Nursery this half-term we began by celebrating Bonfire Night. We had lots of fun watching sparklers in our garden! We enjoyed some Art Activities and Sensory Play based around the colours and shapes fireworks create in the sky. We learnt about Remembrance Day. We thought about the soldiers and how brave they were. With our Parents and Teachers we have reflected on times we have been brave ourselves and were proud to share these moments with the class. We have enjoyed 'World Nursery Rhyme Week' and engaged in activities themed around different rhymes including 'Baa Baa Black Sheep' and 'Incy Wincy Spider'.



## Rainbow Nursery



In Rainbow Room we have been really busy.



We made lots of patterns in coloured sand which resembled fireworks in the dark sky. We also celebrated Diwali by having Mendhi patterns on our hands and lighting Diva lamps. We made Poppies to remember all the brave people, and watched a special animated film about a rabbit to help us understand.



For Children In Need we wore Rainbow themed clothes and had our faces painted with colourful spots.



The Rainbow Nursery Team



# Dates For your Diary

- 4 Dec : Phonics Workshop for Year R Parents
- 6 Dec : Christmas Fayre 
- 11 Dec : Flu Nasal Spray 
- 12 Dec : 9.30 am Year R Christmas Performance 
- 13 Dec : 9.30 am Year R Christmas Performance
- 13 Dec : Christmas Jumper Day 
- 16 Dec : 9.30 am Year 1 Christmas Concert
- 17 Dec : 9.30 am Year 1 Christmas Concert
- 18 Dec : 9.30 am Year 2 Christmas Concert
- 19 Dec : 9.30 am Year 2 Christmas Concert 
- 19 Dec : 9.45 am & 1.15 pm Nursery Sing-Along & Crafts
- 19 Dec : Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Service at Lordshill Church
- 20 Dec : End of Term

**Christmas Holiday 23 December—3 January 2020**

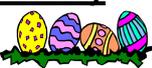
6 Jan : INSET DAY—Infant School, Sunshine & Rainbow Nursery  
CLOSED ALL DAY

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

14 Jan : Fire Service Visit Year 1 

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

**17—21 February Half-Term Holiday**

**6—17 April Easter Holiday** 

20 July : INSET DAY—Infant School, Sunshine & Rainbow Nursery  
CLOSED ALL DAY



## Anti-Bullying Workshops

This week is part of our annual 'Anti-Bullying Week'. Our Key Stage 1 children were lucky enough to explore ideas surrounding this important topic through drama.

The engaging workshops that were run by 'Perform' tackled issues such as what bullying can look like and how to stand up to bullies.

They were also taught that having lots of friends can help to make you appear less vulnerable to potential bullies.

The messages were clearly portrayed through interactive scenarios that the children themselves took part in. Our children strengthened their understanding that we do not tolerate bullies and that everyone has the right to be safe and can help to keep our school bully-free.

## Useful NHS Guidance for Parents

If your child seems under the weather or has been poorly it can sometimes be difficult to know whether they should still attend school. 'Healthier Together' [what0-18.nhs.uk](http://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.



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