



Fairisle News

Newsletter No. 2

Governors' Comment

It was a real privilege to read the school's Ofsted Report.

The hard work and dedication of the staff, enjoyment your children get from learning, the ethos and commitment of everyone to developing the children to be the best they can be shone through.

As Governors we would like to say a huge "Thank You" to the Staff, Senior Leaders, you, as Parents, and most importantly the children for so publically demonstrating Fairisle Infant & Nursery School's qualities and achievements.

Rick Allan—Chair of Governors

Governor Vacancy

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 email the School or call into the Office.

If you would like further information about this role we would be happy to speak to you.

We look forward to hearing from potential Governors.



School Council.....

The School Council are meeting regularly and is made up of Class Representatives (who have been democratically voted into their role). They have been discussing the importance of their role and how their pupil voice has an impact upon decisions in school. They know that all children have the right to speak and be listened to.

The Class Representatives are:

Owls: Mollie Mae
Kingfishers: Ami
Robins: Jessica
Eagles: Harrison

Panthers: Evelin
Tigers: Grace
Leopards: Ashton



Year R will be represented in the Summer Term



MacMillan Cake Sale

Thank you for your generous donations and the scrumptious cakes! The Cake Sale was a real success and altogether raised £173.78



Thank you also Friends of Fairisle for organising this event.

Also, Well Done to Mrs Hooper for winning the prestigious 'Fairisle Bake-Off' Award!

Book Fair

This was well attended, we hope the children are enjoying their new books! Altogether the Book Fair Raised £ 192 for the school.



'Wow Notes'

Thank you to all the Parents who are writing 'Wow Notes' for their children in the Nursery and Year R.



I have been amazed by the fantastic comments.

It's so great to hear about the children's achievements at

home - keep them coming!

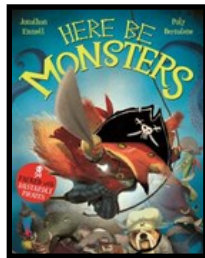




The Year 2 Team

Year 2 have had a fantastic half-term learning about Pirates! We have been collecting doubloons and learning 'what it takes to become a pirate. We have read some

fascinating pirate stories including "Here Be Monsters" where a fearless Pirate Captain and his crew get eaten by Monsters! We also know that Pirates love underpants and that sometimes Pirates need a New Home because they get seasick! We are all really looking forward to our visit to the HMS Warrior.



Apparently there are 'cannons' that we can fire at each other (carefully) and we will explore a real boat to look at what life would have been like as a Pirate.



Year 1

Year 1 stars are shining brightly! Our lovely Year 1 children have settled in well following their new Year 1 routines. We are already so impressed with how Year 1 are showing us they can recognise and respect their rights. We encourage independence and can't wait to see how they blossom and learn through the year. In History we have been comparing old and new toys and would



like to say thank you for the toys we were able to display in the classrooms, where we created our own toy museums.



During Writing sessions, we were inspired by the book called 'The Everywhere Bear' by Julia Donaldson. We are pleased to see how they sound out their words and remember to use spaces, capital letters and full stops. Thank you for making sure your child reads often, as this always makes a huge impact in their progress and they would love to show you what they have learnt. All staff are more than happy to answer any questions you might have and we are looking forward in helping your child with the exciting year ahead.



Year R

We have loved welcoming our new Year R children to Fairisle! They have settled quickly and are enjoying learning their sounds in 'Phonics'. Our half term started with a visit from 'Percy the Park Keeper' and the



children enjoyed helping him look for natural objects in the outside environments.

The teachers dressed up and acted out the story of 'Room on the Broom' before the children helped to make potions.

'The Gruffalo' will be visiting our school shortly and we hope to be invited to his birthday party at the end of the half term. Stay up to date by looking at the 'We are learning...' poster and encourage your child to try the Maths and Literacy challenges which are both located outside our classroom doors. Keep sending in 'Wow Moments' as we love to celebrate what the children are achieving outside of school!



Sunshine Nursery

In Nursery we have enjoyed making lots of new friends and settling into our new environment. We have been interested in the changes we are beginning to see outside as autumn has arrived and have used some of the natural resources in the garden, such as conkers and leaves for sorting and counting. We have been collecting apples from our Nursery apple tree and enjoyed making and eating apple crumble.



Everyone enjoyed our trip over to the school field to collect autumn leaves and seeds to use in our collage and printing.



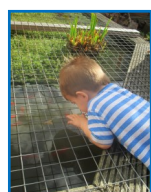
Rainbow Nursery

In Rainbow Room we have welcomed our youngest children into our school community.


We are so proud how well they have settled and are exploring different environments and becoming familiar with new routines.

We have also been learning some Nursery Rhymes: 'Twinkle, Twinkle' and 'Incy Wincy Spider' and trying to do the actions too.

We visited 'The Quad'. We kept ourselves safe by holding onto the walking rings. We looked at the fish in the pond, the flowers in the planters and also collected some natural objects to bring back to Nursery.












- W/B 14 Oct : Parent/Teacher Meetings Year 1 & Year 2 
- 15 Oct : Year 2 Educational Visit to HMS Warrior in Portsmouth (Owls & Robins)
- 16 Oct : Year 2 Educational Visit to HMS Warrior in Portsmouth (Kingfishers & Eagles)
- 18 Oct : School Photographs Year R, 1 & 2—*Family Photos from 8.15 am*
- 21 Oct : School Photographs Rainbow & Sunshine Nurseries



28 October—1 November Half-Term Holiday

- 4 Nov : **INSET DAY—Infant School, Sunshine & Rainbow Nursery CLOSED ALL DAY**
- 12 Nov : Anti-Bullying Workshop Year 1
- 13 Nov : Anti-Bullying Workshop Year 2
- 15 Nov : Children In Need Day 
- W/B 18 Nov : Parent/Teacher Meetings Year R & Year N 
- W/B 18 Nov : Theme Week: Arts and Music
- 22 Nov : Theatre Production: ‘Dick Whittington’ 
- 26 Nov : Every Child a Talker (ECaT) Workshop for Year N & R Parents
- 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 Feb : **INSET DAY—Infant School, Sunshine & Rainbow Nursery CLOSED ALL DAY**
- 20 July : **INSET DAY—Infant School, Sunshine & Rainbow Nursery**



Attendance

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 28: “Every child has the right to an education”

As you know, all children’s attendance is carefully monitored by the school and the Education Welfare Service. The minimum expected attendance is **96.5%**. **If a child’s attendance falls below 90%, this will automatically be discussed with the Education Welfare Officer. Children with attendance below 90% are now categorised as ‘PA’ (Persistently Absent) by the Department for Education.**

Please see below for the current attendance for each class since September for your information:

Year 2		Year 1		Year R	
Owls	97.17%	Panthers	96.29%	Hedgehogs	98.26%
K/Fishers	94.03%	Tigers	97.72%	Squirrels	96.79%
Robins	97.88%	Leopards	97.12%	Rabbits	92.88%
Eagles	94.81%			Foxes	96.18%

Well Done to all the Children Who Attend School Regularly and Punctually!





Safeguarding

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child Article 19: "All Children Have the Right to be Safe"

The safeguarding of children is of the highest priority for our school. We have a range of Safeguarding Policies in place which are reviewed regularly by Governors and Staff. Full copies of the school's Safeguarding Policies are available on our website: www.fairisle-inf.co.uk.

Here is a quick overview of some of the policies in place:

Safeguarding:

This is the overarching policy which explains the actions that the school does to keep children safe. It provides staff with the framework to promote and safeguard the wellbeing of children and how to meet their statutory responsibilities.



Child Protection:

This is a sensitive area and all staff receive training. The school has a Designated Safeguarding lead (DSL) and four Deputy DSLs who deal with all child protection concerns. The school works in close partnership with external agencies in all child protection issues.

Attendance:

Good and punctual attendance maximises children's opportunities to fulfil their potential. All children's attendance and punctuality at school is rigorously monitored on a daily basis. Frequent and persistent absences are followed up and referred as appropriate to the Education Welfare Service. Penalty Notices can also be requested for poor attendance.



Anti-Bullying:

All children have the right to feel welcome, secure and happy. We do not tolerate bullying and all incidents of bullying are followed up. The school has a named Anti-Bullying Co-ordinator.

E-Safety:

Children are taught how to stay safe when using the Internet. The school works closely with the Local Authority to ensure systems to protect pupils are rigorously implemented. The school partakes in the annual Safer Internet Day every February.



Health & Safety:

The safety of children, staff and visitors are paramount. Risk assessments are regularly undertaken for school and off-site activities. We have several members of staff with First Aid Certificates. Children are also taught how to keep themselves safe.

Medical Conditions:

We aim to provide all children with medical conditions the same opportunities as others in school as far as is reasonably possible. All staff understand their duty of care in the event of an emergency. We work in close partnership with the Health Service.

