



Fairisle Infant and Nursery Schools children's newsletter



Autumn 2023 Newsletter 2

A message from the Headteacher



The first half term of the new academic year has whizzed by! The children have been very busy getting to know everyone and are demonstrating an increasing display of perseverance and growth mindset towards their learning. I do think we have the kindest children here too. An example of this is that many of our children have decorated bunting that has been posted to be put up in a number of NHS hospital children's wards for the charity Starlight in readiness for Christmas. Thank you to all our parents for your continued support too -we raised £313.03 from our September Book Fair and £793.96 from the disco. You are all amazing, remember that! Happy half term.

Miss Owens, Headteacher

Meet our wonderful SENDCo and team

	Mrs Darke SENDCo		Mrs Bostock		Miss Kelly		Miss Anita
	Mrs Skinner		Miss Coady		Mrs Fear		Miss Hulbert

What is the job of a Senco and the Send team?

The Senco is someone that supports children with additional needs in the school. They also work alongside parents, teachers, teaching assistants and professionals like speech and language therapists, Educational Psychologists etc. A Senco's job is to make sure children have access to the provision they need to be successful. They can also signpost parents to other services (the hearing or visual impairment team for example) that might support a child.

The SEND team work with children who have additional needs to ensure they achieve their potential and are successful in the school setting. They work closely with the Senco and provide appropriate interventions to support children, e.g. fine motor skills or sensory play. They can also be a first point of contact for parents who may have concerns.

How do people contact you?

I can be contacted by calling the school number 02380 731199 and asking to speak to the Senco. I am happy to make appointments to chat about any concerns on the telephone or in person.

Rainbow Room

In Rainbow Nursery we've been excited to welcome the youngest children to our school. They have made both the staff and their parents proud in how they have settled. The children are now beginning to respond well to their new environment which brings with it a new awareness of change & routines which the children are learning rapidly. We have started to learn a new rhyme/song each week as well as a Makaton sign. We also have a 'Tree of Kindness' in the Nursery. It helps us understand how to use kind hands/feet and say kind things to others, like 'please and thank you.' When we have shown kindness to others, we put a photo of ourselves on the tree and our adults give us a special sticker.



Sunshine Room



We have welcomed lots of new children to Sunshine Nursery this term and we have had a great time making new friends. We played fun games like 'Bug in the Rug' to help us learn each other's names. The children have especially enjoyed learning about recognising feelings with some help from the Colour Monster and finishing the term by making some pumpkin soup. Delicious!

Year R

Year R has been learning about Autumn! We went on an Autumn walk and we collected lots of pinecones, leaves and acorns. We've noticed the changes in the environment and weather with the help of the Squirrel from the story 'the leaf thief.' We were very excited when we found leaves of different colours and sizes and used these to make natural pictures. Here is what we have to say about Autumn:
Kaleb (Foxes) - 'The leaves change colour and fall off. It will get more rainy.'
Roman (Hedgehogs) - 'Leaves change colour and some branches fall down. I liked to go on an Autumn walk because the leaves were changing colour. The wind shakes the trees.'
Tommy (Squirrels) - 'The trees fell down and change colour. The green leaves stay on the tree.'



Year 1



In History, we compared old and new toys. Children looked at how toys have changed over time. We used our senses to describe the toys and the materials they are made of. Martiros said 'I liked the new toys. It was easy to put them in order.' During Writing and Science, we looked at the theme, 'All about me' and 'Our bodies' and labelled body parts, wrote amazing sentence and even used our sense of smell to complete an experiment in class. Jeannette - I enjoyed the Science body parts. It was a bit easy to guess the smell.

Year 2 Pirate Day

In Year 2 we ended the half term with a pirate day. Everybody dressed up and completed their pirate tasks at pirate school! Maya said 'I liked seeing everyone dressed up, even the teachers although they were a bit scary!' We even went on a treasure hunt! Jack said 'We got to hunt for treasure and we found some chocolate coins!' Amberley said 'We got to meet a real life pirate called Pirate Patrick.'



Halloween Disco fun!

Lots of fun was had once again thanks to Friends of Fairisle and their fantastic Halloween disco. There was an array of costumes and dance moves on display as the children boogied away. Thank you to Friends of Fairisle for organising and to all the children, parents and staff who supported us by attending.



Applying for your child's Year R or Year 3 school space

Admissions to infant school Sept 2024 – If your child's birthday falls between 1st Sept 2019 – 31st Aug 2020 you will need to apply for an Infant school space. If your child is currently in one of our Year 2 classes, you will need to apply for a Junior School space for next Sept 2024. All applications should be made online here <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/schools-learning/find-school/apply-school/> and MUST be received by SCC by 23:59 on 15th Jan 2024.