



Fairisle Infant and Nursery Schools children's newsletter



Autumn 2024 Newsletter 1

A message from the Headteacher

I am pleased to announce that we achieved our **SuperKind Social Impact Award** in September for our efforts throughout 2024:

- ✓ Fundraising for a number of charities including Children In Need, Deaf Awareness Society and the RSPCA
- ✓ Changing our habits to improve our health and our community e.g. Manners at Mealtime and Scoot and Ride to provide cleaner air
- ✓ Year 2 'Change Makers' talked about issues that are important to them and made posters - 'Stop Dumping Rubbish/Waste in the Sea'. They also worked with Southampton University PhD students and myself developing 'Pupil Voice' about what matters to them.
- ✓ Making a difference through our work with the Lighting the South Project and creating our fantastic lighthouse which was in West Quay for all to see throughout the summer!



Positive social action can make a positive contribution to society – developing positive values will help our children stand out from the crowd and become lifelong leaders!

I will soon be looking for more 'Change Makers' to work with this year and meeting with our School/Class Council representatives.

Miss Owens, Headteacher

Meet our amazing Assistant Headteacher



'Hello. I am Miss Marris and I am the Assistant Headteacher. This is my 7th year of working at FINS! I relish this role as I get to work with all our children and see many of them change and grow from the age of 2 to 7. Alongside being the AHT, I have other roles. I am Key Stage One Leader, which means I work closely with and oversee the Year 1 and Year 2 staff. My favourite role however is being a class teacher 3 days a week in Robins. I love helping young minds develop and teaching in the classroom is where my passion lies. Outside of school, I love sport and will often be found checking the BBC sport app at lunchtimes! I also enjoy the theatre and spending time with friends and family.'

A few children interviewed Miss Marris to find out a little bit more about her:

What do you like most about being at Fairisle Infants?

'I like the children because they are inquisitive and funny so it is fun to teach them. The staff are kind too.'

What is your favourite subject and why?

'I like computing because it is fun and I get to lead this subject.'

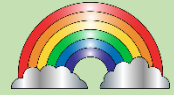
What is your favourite colour?

'My favourite colour is purple.'

Rainbow Room



In Rainbow Nursery all of the children have been exploring their new environment and have been learning lots of new routines. They have been busy making new friends and forming relationships with the adults. They have been also learning to share the toys and resources and learning one another's names by looking at their photos.



Sunshine Room

Autumn is here and the children are really enjoying the season! We have been for Autumn walks, collected natural materials and used them in our learning. The children sorted them by type, talking about what they had 'many' of and just a 'few' of. We have investigated what patterns we can see in the leaves, on trees and used the materials to create repeating patterns too! In the garden, the children have painted natural materials, used them to cut and stick and even threaded leaves using a stick and string to make necklaces.



Year R



What a fantastic start to the year we have had in Year R! We have been exploring our new learning environment and finding out all about each other. *"I like cooking in the house with my friends"* Layla (Foxes). We have been learning about autumn and have collected lots of acorns, leaves and pinecones to build hedgehog houses. *"The hedgehog needs somewhere warm to live because they hibernate."* Orion (Squirrels). We have also been exploring colour mixing and printing with autumn leaves. *"The leaves are brown, yellow and red now because it's autumn. They were green!"* Phoebe (Hedgehogs). Finally, Year R have been learning about Harvest and the corridors have been filled with the wonderful sound of our youngest children singing 'Big Red Combine Harvester'. We are so proud of you Year R.

Year 1

This half term in Year 1 we have been exploring our new topic of flight! We have been using all of our skills to learn about flight and famous inventors and pilots as well as building our own flying machines in junk modelling. We have been reading the story Emma Jane's Aeroplane and have been enjoying our work linked to this such as writing postcards and acting out the story. We have been recapping measuring, one more and one less in Maths and using our practical resources to support us. We have enjoyed colour mixing and making butterflies in Art!



Year 2



Year 2 have had an amazing start to the year! They have all settled in brilliantly and have loved the topic of Pirates. Nivaan from Eagles said *"The pirate topic is great. We made treasure chests and I worked with my friend."* We are all looking forward to Pirate Day. In Maths, we have also been starting to learn the times tables. Thomas from Eagles said, *"I love Maths especially the times tables. I know my 10s and now we are doing the 2s and 5s."*

Caterpillar group



Children in Caterpillar Room have been working hard on their fine and gross motor skills. This week, children tried to make a bracelet by threading hooped cereal onto a pipe cleaner. Look at the incredible concentration the children are showing! We are so proud of the progress they are making.

