



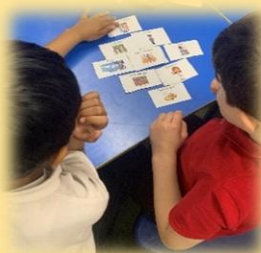
Fairisle Infant and Nursery Schools children's newsletter



Summer 2025 Newsletter 6

A message from the Headteacher

Fairisle Infant and Nursery School has been working with the University of Southampton on a collaborative research project about Pupil Voice - to explore children's aspirations and strength of character, with the goal of preparing them to become global citizens who strive to be their best and aspire to be extraordinary.



Using a variety of child-centered methods—including the Diamond Nine tool, storytelling, conversations with children, photo elicitation and voting, Word Aware activities, and stem sentences—we explored how young learners could develop a deeper sense of purpose and belonging.

In Year 1 with Miss McGovern, the research question focused on whether historical figures could influence children's ambitions and aspirations. The outcome revealed that students were inspired by job roles that positively impacted others, and they developed a richer vocabulary and greater understanding of how words and actions can benefit those around them. In Year 2 with Miss Owens, the focus shifted to whether exploring the concept of 'strength of character' could enhance children's sense of connection and belonging.



As a result, the children took on the role of "Change Makers," initiating meaningful changes in school life, such as creating motivational cards and establishing a friendship bench. These outcomes demonstrate how character education, grounded in thoughtful research and practical engagement, can empower young learners to make a positive difference in their communities. Miss McGovern and myself presented our work over this year to university professors, PhD and PGCE students and we have posters up in school. The children will receive a certificate for their participation.

Miss Owens, Headteacher



Caterpillar room

The children have been having Phonics fun with a magnetic fishing game. When each fish was caught by the children, the adults said the sound and children tried to repeat it. The children really enjoyed this session and tried to catch as many fish as they could!

Rainbow Room

It's been a very busy half-term, and we have enjoyed many new learning opportunities. Here are some of the things that have made our learning special:



- ❖ Mixing colours to make new colours
- ❖ Matching and naming 2D shapes
- ❖ Vet Role Play, learning to care for things
- ❖ Learning about floating and sinking
- ❖ Having fun paddling in the water
- ❖ Coping with change as we go into Sunshine Nursery
- ❖ Learning how vehicles travel and sharing our experiences of going on holiday

Sunshine Room



Sunshine Nursery has had a fantastic summer term! We've loved spending lots of time outdoors in the garden this term, where we've enjoyed reading, mark-making, sensory activities, and taking part in exciting races. A highlight of the term was Healthy Fun Week, where we created colourful fruit wands and tasted a variety of delicious fruits. We also had the opportunity to explore the 'big school' hall, where we had lots of fun with hula hoops and balls, and learned calming strategies to support our mental health and wellbeing. Back in the garden, we played team games

with our friends and went on a special Healthy Heroes Adventure, which was full of fun and movement!

This term, the children have taken part in transition activities to help them get ready for Year R. They've had the opportunity to visit their new environment, explore the classroom, and get to know the adults who will be working with them. We looked at the visual timetable for Year R and discovered that there will be many familiar routines next year. The children are especially excited about learning more phonics, playing on the big playground, and exploring during Independent Learning Time! Lots of our children will be moving up to Year R in September, and we wish them all the best as they begin this exciting new chapter. We do hope they'll come back to say hello! For those returning to Sunshine in September, we look forward to welcoming you back and making even more wonderful memories together.

Year R



What a busy term we have had in Year R! We have been looking at ways to keep healthy as part of our 'healthy fun week'. Year R have taken part in football workshops and made smiley faces out of fruit.



We have been exploring our new classrooms and using the 'Colour Monster' text to discuss how we feel about transition. The team were so proud of Year R and their achievements during sports day. It was a fun morning had by all, finished with some well-deserved ice lollies. Go team R!

Year 1

What a busy year we have had this year! From learning about famous pilots, to the countries that make up the United Kingdom, we have learnt a lot! We are so proud of the children and all that they have achieved this year. Here are some of their favourite memories:

Naveed: I've loved Maths because we have been learning about times and divide.

Quinn: Going to play in Mrs Granger's room has been fun and going to feelings and emotions club.



Eva: I loved the school trip because when we were pond dipping, I caught a newt!

Frank: I loved the fun bits like the man who came and talked about castles.

Oscar: I've enjoyed PSHE and talking about ourselves as we learned lots about each other.

JJ: We made fruit kebabs and we cut the strawberries. They were delicious.

Year 2

This time of year is always tricky for Year 2 as we are about to say goodbye to them. This year, is going to be hard to say goodbye to them, as they are a fantastic year group! We have shared so many memories with them over their time here and so many highlights. These are some of the children's memories:



Abigail: All the trips because they were so much fun!

Harper: I have enjoyed all the sport we have done this year because I love being active.

Milana: I enjoyed learning about the Titanic and going to Sea City Museum.

Vihaan: I enjoyed our writing and playing with my friends at playtime.

Grace: I loved Tutor house because I got to sit on the coach with my friends!

Jeanette: I liked the Titanic Museum because we got to put our hands in the water and got the boat to sink



Trust Sports day news

Our Year 2's have been very active this week! They have taken part in the 'Trust sports day' and a rounders workshop led by the sports leaders at Fairisle Junior School. They completed different circuits and worked extremely well as a team. They had lots of reasons to celebrate and they won! We are so proud of all the children that took part.

