



Fairisle News

Newsletter No. 2

We are so proud of how well the children have settled into their classrooms and routines and making progress in their learning.

This Newsletter outlines the curriculum activities and learning children have enjoyed so far, please see below.

Our motto is "Expect Success" and this is evident when paying visits to the classrooms, looking at the children's work and talking to the children.

They clearly enjoy their learning and teachers present learning activities which interest the children.



School Photographs

The School Photographer is due to visit this Friday 22 October 2021 for children's portraits.

Appropriate Covid restrictions are in place including social distancing.

Unfortunately we are unable to offer Family Photographs this year.

Photograph Orders will be available to order on-line.

Further details will follow After the Half-Term Break.

Thank You.



Young Minds Charity Day

On Friday 8 October our children came into school dressed in a variety of sunny, bright yellow clothing in support of the charity 'Young Minds'.

It really was an uplifting sight!

Lockdown has had a devastating effect on some young people's mental health. More children and young people than ever before are reaching out for help with their mental health.

Young Minds is a UK based charity that provides support for children and young people and their families. Their aim is to promote good mental health to more children than ever before and to meet the needs of vulnerable and excluded children and young people.

We thank you for supporting this charity. We raised a total of £190.15 and are proud that the children in our school understand and support good mental health.

If you would like any further information please visit the website: www.youngminds.org.uk



Rainbow Nursery

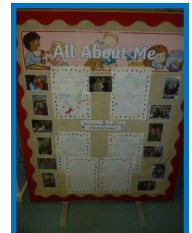


In Rainbow Room we are pleased to welcome our youngest children to the Nursery.

The children have made both the Staff and their Parents proud in how they have settled in.

The children are now beginning to respond well to their new environment which brings with it a new awareness of change and 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 have also been learning about the topic 'All About Me', reading books, showing a sense of self, being able to point to our body parts, learning to share with others and being able to show our interests and preferences.



Year 2

This term Year 2 have been learning about 'Pirates'. The children have read stories featuring different pirate characters and said which one we like best and why. They have been learning how to use adjectives to add detail to our sentences and written character and setting descriptions. We have found out information about real life pirates. Did you know that not all pirates had parrots?



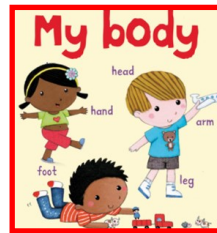
We have also been revisiting our addition and subtraction skills in Maths. By working hard and respecting our rights we have all been earning pirate doubloons for a special Pirate Day treat.



The Year 2 team are very proud of how well the children have settled back into school and adapted to new routines and systems.

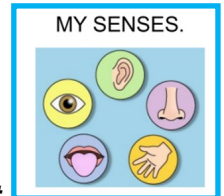
Year 2 Team

Year 1 Our children have amazed us in how well they have settled into their new Year 1 routines. We encourage independence and cannot wait to see how they blossom and learn throughout the year. Thank you for making sure your



child reads often as this always makes a huge impact on their progress. In Science and Writing we used our theme of 'All About Me'. We had great fun drawing around a friend. We wrote labels and captions and

made lists of all the things we could see or hear. We use our Phonics to help us with our writing. We are practising our handwriting by 'starting on the line' and are having a go at using neat



cursive. We completed a Science experiment using our sense of smell to vote for our favourite smells. The mint tooth paste was one of the favourite smells of the day! All staff are more than happy to answer any questions you might have and are looking forward to helping your child with the year ahead. Year 1 Team

Year R We have welcomed our new Year R children to Fairisle and we are so proud of how well they have settled into the school routines! They have quickly bonded with both peers and adults and are enjoying the different parts of the day. At the beginning of the term we went on a 'listening walk' in Phonics and now we are learning our Phonics sounds! In 'Busy Bee' the children have been enjoying the adult-



led activities and have extended their learning by accessing a variety of challenges. We explored the Autumn topic and had the opportunity to know more about 'Percy' and his friends as well as 'Gruffalo'. We helped Percy at making patterns using natural

resources and went on a shape adventure outside. We also showed Gruffalo our lovely families and helped him labeling objects so he could go to the supermarket. We have all enjoyed getting to know our classroom environment, as well as exploring the garden, the playground and the shelter! Our 'Wonderwall Day' is a recent addition to our routine and it has been a success! All classes have explored their own fascinations and embarked on different adventures. Stay up to date by checking the Memos on Tapestry, including the 'Look what we've learnt..' Memos which tell you all about our weekly learning.



We would also love to see and celebrate what children are achieving outside of school, so please continue to upload observations on Tapestry.



Sunshine Nursery

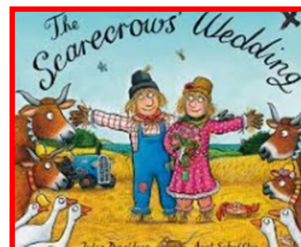
The children in Sunshine Room have settled so well into their routines!

We have made new friends and have explored lots of new things including puzzles, climbing equipment, songs and our sandpit! We have loved noticing the changes in weather each day, especially the falling leaves!

'The Colour Monster' has been a favourite story of ours and we enjoyed searching for the monsters in the garden and naming the feelings associated with each one.



Each day we look forward to our 'Busy Bee' time where we get to learn with an adult alongside our Key Group.



The Nursery Team



Dates For your Diary



W/B 18 Oct : Parent/Teacher Virtual Meetings (Year 1 & Year 2)

22 Oct : School Photos (Portraits)



25 October—29 October Half-Term Holiday

1 Nov : INSET DAY—Infant School, Sunshine & Rainbow Nursery
CLOSED ALL DAY

2 Nov : Children Return to School & Nursery

W/B 15 Nov : Parent/Teacher Virtual Meetings (Year N & R)

15 Dec : Christmas Lunch

17 Dec : End of Term



20 December—2 January 2021 Christmas Holidays



4 Jan : Children Return To School

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

21—25 February—Half-Term Holiday

27 May : INSET DAY—Infant School, Sunshine & Rainbow Nursery
CLOSED ALL DAY

6 June : Bank Holiday—Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Important Reminder

Admission to Infant School—Sept. 2022

If your child's birthday falls between 1 Sept. 2017—31 Aug. 2018 you will now need to apply for an Infant School place for your child for next Sept. 2022.

All applications should be made on-line via the 'Apply for a School Place' link on Southampton City Council's website.

Transfer to Junior School—Sept. 2022

If your child is currently attending one of our Year 2 classes you will now need to apply for a Junior School place for next September 2022.

Please apply on-line as above via the Southampton City Council website.

The Deadline for Both of the Above Applications MUST be Received by Southampton City Council by 23.59 on Saturday 15 January 2022.



Coronavirus

Now that the cold winter months are fast approaching please could we remind Parents to ensure that the children wear an extra layer of clothing as we need to ensure classrooms are kept well-ventilated—Thank you.

With Best Wishes for a Safe & Healthy Term

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