



Fairisle News

Newsletter No. 3

Tapestry

Thank you to all the parents who contribute to 'Tapestry'.

Tapestry builds up a record of your unique child's time at the School and Nursery.

I do hope that you enjoy reading about your child's learning and development and what they have achieved at the school.

I have had the pleasure of reading some of the Tapestry comments from parents and it was delightful to see some of the exciting learning activities you do with your children at home.

If you haven't yet made an entry on your child's Tapestry account please do so, as we would love to hear from you!

If you have any problems with e.g. uploading photos, please contact us and we would be more than happy to help you.

I hope that you enjoy reading the 'Learning News' from your child's year group below and follow the exciting learning that is taking place in the school.

Christmas Performances

Unfortunately Positive COVID-19 cases are rising in Southampton schools mirroring the national trend.

Thus we are not hosting 'live' Christmas performances in school to protect everyone's safety. Staff are working on a short Christmas video production which will be uploaded to our website for you to enjoy from the comfort of your home.

Reception and Nursery will use Tapestry as their platform.

Many thanks to the staff for organising this for our children and families.



The children - and staff— all looked amazing in their 'Spotty Clothing' and everyone enjoyed themselves on the day!

Altogether **£ 199.40** was raised for this worthy cause.

Thank you for your support.



Rainbow Nursery

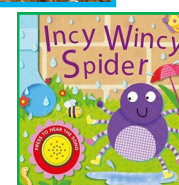


The children in Rainbow Room have been extremely busy once again. Amongst other things we immensely enjoyed a walk in the Autumn sunshine around the school grounds, it was fun looking for the signs of the change in season. We played with the leaves, hugged a tree and collected things along the way.



It has also been World Nursery Rhyme Week. We have learnt A new rhyme/song each day.

We have also celebrated Diwali, Bonfire Night & remembered the brave people who fought for us .





Year 2

Year 2 have had a busy half-term so far. We have learnt all about the history of Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate Firework night! The children enjoyed acting as the guards that were hunting around the Houses of Parliament. We had some visitors from Openbox Theatre Company who came in and did some amazing drama with us..... The children enjoyed having someone different teaching them! They have also read and explored the book "The Bear and The Piano" and have written fantastic descriptions using great adjectives. The children have also been making the most of 'Purple Mash' and have been emailing each other with some lovely pictures and messages. Lots of the children have been using Purple Mash to access their spellings and homework each week as well. We have loved being able to give the children feedback and rewards. If you haven't tried it yet, please do it this week! The children really love it! Your teachers are more than happy to help you with this.

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mash

Home

Year 1 Year 1 have been enjoying the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' this half-term and completing lots of activities around it. We have been pretending to be 'The Little Pigs' and imagining what they would say as well as exploring what nouns are. In Science, the children have been investigating which material is the best for keeping the little pigs dry.....



They enjoyed using pipettes and syringes to act as the rain!

The children have been very excited as they took a 'bus tour' around England! They got a ticket (which they have kept safe for next time) and went on a journey to explore the features of England.

For homework, the children are playing 'Secret Streets' and been discovering more about their local area. We have learnt a lot of exciting things about where they live!



The Year 1 Team

Year R We have been learning about our Local Area! Baxter sent us a letter and a map to look for a special envelope in the playground! We followed the map's directions and found our class' envelope. Inside there were some photos of Lordshill and we have discussed all the places we could see.



We have also designed a map of our way to school and created our houses using a variety of resources (lolly sticks, Lego, magnetic shapes, 2D shapes). We've noticed we don't live in the same type of houses and some of us live

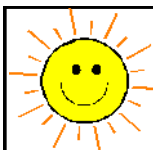
in flats, maisonettes, semi-detached or detached houses.

We discussed all the things we did for Halloween and also learnt that some cultures celebrate Diwali. We explored Sita and Rama's story and also created Rangoli patterns using a range of textures (paint, rice, pasta, play dough).

Finally, we remembered all the soldiers who fought for our country and kept us safe. We learnt about a special British nurse called Edith Cavell, who helped more than 200 soldiers from different nationalities. She believed everybody deserved to be saved.



The Year R Team



Sunshine Nursery

The children in Sunshine room have proven to be super explorers over the past few weeks. We have enjoyed noticing the changes in the weather. One day we donned our welly boots and went for a walk where we observed falling leaves, bird nests, wiggly worms and fallen chestnuts! Our Curiosity Cube held lots of interesting vegetables and utensils. We explored the texture, smell and even the taste when we made our own pumpkin soup! Sunshine children have begun to make weekly visits to the hall in 'big school' for their PE lessons. They have enjoyed parachute



games, music and dance and adventures with 'Jasmine'. On our return from half term, the grownups and children were so impressed with the latest addition to our outdoor learning environment – Fairisle's kitchen. The children have been very creative in cooking and baking conker pie, mint soup and leaf cake! A reminder to please contribute to your child's online learning journal by completing the weekly activity on Tapestry or by uploading any 'wow' moments you observe at home! The children love their work from home being shared on our big screen!

Dates For your Diary

10 Dec : Christmas Jumper Day
 W/B13 Dec : Christmas Parties
 16 Dec : Christmas Lunch
 17 Dec : End of Term



Christmas Holiday 20 December 2021—3 January 2022

4 January 2022 : Children Return to School After the Christmas Break

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

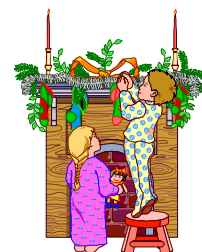
21—25 February Half-Term Holiday

28 February : Children Return to School

11– 22 April Easter Holiday

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

6 June : Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday



Parking Around The School

Thank you to all the children and parents who took part in our recent Walk To School Week. It was great to see so many families supporting this.

Please could I impress on everyone the need to park away from the school and to be considerate of the local residents.

Parents could use the parking facilities at Sainsbury's and use the subway to reach the school safely without having to cross any roads.

Thank you.



Our Schools App

We hope that all Parents have now downloaded and installed 'OurSchoolsApp'.

If you haven't yet installed this App on your Mobile Phone please type:

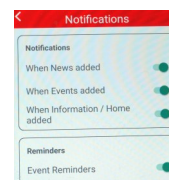
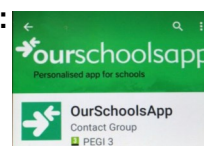
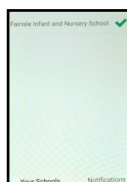
1. 'ourschoolsapp' into the 'search' box in your phone's App. Store.
2. Follow the instructions & select Fairisle Infant & Nursery School Post Code SO16 8BY

3. Select Fairisle Infant & Nursery School.

4. **Select Notifications.**

5. **Allow All Notification:**

This will allow all up to the minute school information. Thank You.



We will continue to update Parents, Carers and Staff with the latest school information via the above School App, Email and Website.

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Best Wishes Susanne Ottens
Headteacher

