



# Fairisle News

Newsletter No. 6

## PANTOMIME



*We were fortunate to be able to invite the Pantomime Theatre into school to entertain the children in year groups in January.*

*Although the cast was very limited in numbers, they still delivered a sterling performance of Snow White.*

*The children had a great time and enjoyed seeing a live performance, the first in a long time indeed.*

*Oh No They Didn't, Oh Yes They Did.....*



## Tapestry

It is lovely seeing so many comments from parents on Tapestry telling us about some of the wonderful and creative home learning activities taking place.

If you are not a regular user of Tapestry, please remember that there is no 'right' or 'wrong' way in recording your child's experiences, so please do so!

By adding observations from home you are supporting the Early Years Practitioners with extending your child's development and experiences.



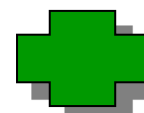
## Parking

I have been informed that a group of residents from Starboard Way have been prevented from parking their cars and have also been blocked-in due to parents parking their cars there.

Please could parents not use Starboard Way to park their cars at the beginning and end of the day but instead use the car park across at Sainsbury's and walk through the underpass to reach the school.



Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



## Supporting Pupils With Medical Needs

In accordance with the Department for Education (DfE) Guidance for Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions, please ensure that you notify the School Office immediately if your child has a medical condition which you have not already told us about or if your child's medical needs have changed.

All children with a Medical Condition need to have a Health Care Plan in place.

For further information please see our "Medical Conditions' Policy on the school's website.

Furthermore, if your child needs to have medicine during the school day, this must be brought to the School Office in the original container or bottle.



Please note that in line with our Managing Medicines Policy we are not able to administer non-prescribed medicines.

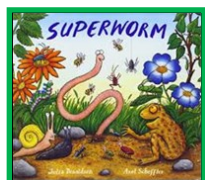
## Staffing Update

We say 'Farewell' to Mrs Stewart (Early Years Practitioner in Year R) and wish her 'All The Best' for the future.

We are pleased to have welcomed back Mrs Dillon, an experienced Teaching Assistant, who will remain in the Foxes Class until the end of the academic year.



**Year R** Year R has started January with a positive attitude towards their learning and are very excited to embark on new adventures. We have been very busy learning about 'People Who Help Us' and how these real life superheroes are so important in our Community. We know if we have an Emergency Situation we can dial 999 and they will send someone to help us. We have also explored Julia



Donaldson's book 'Superworm' and have written facts about him. In Maths we have explored the concept of 'part part whole' and enjoyed looking for the parts in numbers

to ten. We loved exploring the topic 'I wonder what countries are around us,' where each class embarked on a journey to a country of their choice. Some of us went to China, others to Africa and others to Iceland. We asked questions about these places and looked for the answers. We had the opportunity to explore books, search on Google, watch videos, taste traditional foods and also create artwork using a range of textures and tools. Soon we will be learning about 'Outer Space' and look forward to discovering more about the Solar System and its Planets!



**Year 1** Year 1 have enjoyed learning about all kinds of Superheroes this half-term! We have learnt about Supertato, Evil Pea and Florence Nightingale. We cannot wait to see the children

dressed up in their costumes on Superhero Day to celebrate all they have learnt. There are lots of fun activities planned! Last Friday, Year 1 had the chance to work with Ken and Ian from the Openbox Theatre Company to do some drama and learn more about Florence Nightingale. It was lovely to see the children so animated and share their knowledge of her with them.



They have retained a lot of the information which is great! The children have also been busy designing and making playground equipment. It has been challenging finding ways to attach the

parts together but the children have kept persevering and have made some great swings and roundabouts so far. We are looking forward to seeing their completed playground.



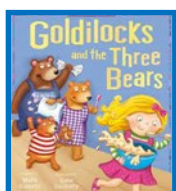
## Year N Sunshine

Sunshine Nursery has welcomed many new children this term, all of whom have settled in brilliantly. We have enjoyed learning more about our Right to be Healthy by trying new foods at snack time, designing our own healthy lunch box, practising mindfulness and exercising! Year N loved their visit with Matt from Real PE who took us on a space



adventure. We dressed up in space gear and took a trip to the moon, searching for aliens and alien eggs. The eggs started to shake and made us move high and low. The children have re-enacted these games later in the week in our garden.

Goldilocks and the Three Bears has been our special story. We all laughed when the teachers read it, changing their voice for the different characters. We have role-played the story with teddies, by dressing up and using puppets. 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!



## Rainbow Nursery

It has been a busy half-term in Rainbow Room. We have been investigating magnetism, playing with things to see which stuck to the magnets and which ones did not.

We have a new slide and swing in the garden which

we are all learning to take turns with. It's been

fun sharing a new experience of visiting the Music Room, we have been lucky to explore the resources in there. We have learnt

how to play the drum fast and slow, loud and quiet. We celebrated Chinese New Year. It is the year of 'The Tiger'. We made dragon puppets and really enjoyed arranging 7 x shapes into an arrangement which is called a Chinese Tangram Puzzle.



**Safer  
Internet  
Day 2022** | **Tuesday**  
8 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre



## **Safer Internet Day 2022**

Safer Internet Day was celebrated on 8th February with the theme:  
'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'.

This year at Fairisle we explored young people's roles in creating a safer internet. In class, children took part in quizzes and interactive workshops to extend their awareness.

This is in addition to the 'Lock it, Block it, Show it, Tell it' motto that we have embedded already in school.

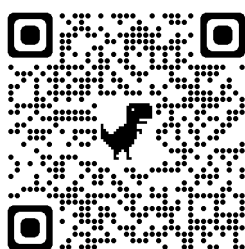
The children took part in acting out the 'The Little Red Riding Hood story' which demonstrates how easily strangers can be hidden online. Then they themselves designed their own safety messages videos and posters.

Our Digital Leaders in school found out which games children are playing on their devices at home. From this we thought it would be a good idea to share some player guides with you.

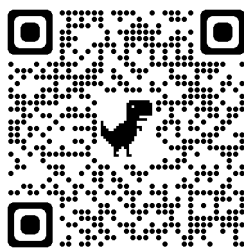
All you need to do is scan these QR codes and it will take you to the Parental Advice Guide.

For all other online safety resources please go to: [Internetmatters.org](https://www.internetmatters.org) for everything you need to know about keeping your child safe online.

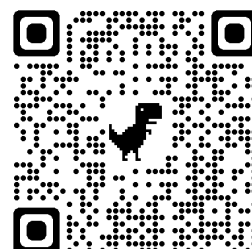
Links are also on our School Website or if you need any help at all regarding online safety support, please contact [itac@fairisle-inf.co.uk](mailto:itac@fairisle-inf.co.uk) for further help.



Among Us—Parent Guide



Roblox—Parent Guide



Minecraft—Parent Guide



## **Important Information**

If you still need to apply for an Infant School place in Year R or Junior School place in Year 3 for your child for this September 2022, please ensure to submit a Late Application on-line via Southampton City Council's website.

All applications should be made by clicking on the blue 'Apply for a School Place' link as shown in the centre of the front page of Southampton City Council's website and by following the appropriate instructions—Thank you.





## Dates For your Diary

16 Feb : Year 1 Superhero Day  
 18 Feb : INSET DAY—Infant School, Sunshine & Rainbow Nursery  
CLOSED ALL DAY



### 21—25 February Half-Term Holiday

28 February : Children Return to School

W/B 21 March : Book Week   
 24 March : SeaCity Museum Trip - Eagles & Robins  
 25 March : Seacity Museum Trip—Owls & Kingfishers  
 25 March : Progress Reports to Parents -Year 1 & 2



W/B 28 March : Parent/Teacher Meetings On-line 

### 11– 22 April Easter Holiday



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

### 30 May—3 June Half-Term Holiday

6 June : Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday  
 22 July : End of Academic Year



## Year 2

Year 2 have really enjoyed learning about The Great Fire of London this half-term. Lots of parents have commented that their child has come home and taught them lots of information too which is great!

Thank you very much for your support with the houses the children made. They were some of the best we have had over the years and the children had such pride when showing them to everyone. It was lovely to see.

Last Thursday we created our own Fire of Fairisle and set fire to the houses. The children loved watching the fire spread and see for themselves how quickly it can happen. This led to amazing writing from the children as they could draw on their own senses and experience.



We have also been growing some plants this half-term in the classroom and the children have been deciding how much water to give it and how often, in order for the plant to grow as much as possible.

This week is our final week and we will see if we can find an answer as to how much water is the perfect amount!

*S. Ottens*

Best Wishes  
**Susanne Ottens**  
Headteacher