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Prejudicial Language & Behaviour Survey 2023

Last week, I conducted a Prejudicial Language and Behaviour Survey with all the children in Years 4, 5 and 6. There were 259 surveys completed (90 in Year 4, 81 in Year 5 and 88 in Year 6) by 153 boys and 106 girls.

We are extremely pleased with the results. We need to continue to do everything to combat prejudice and instil our ethos of respect among our children, working on definitions of the terminology to ensure that all children know exactly what we mean (particularly by prejudice, stereotyping and 'banter'). We do this through effective and positive relationships that are set by the adults in our school as well as by explicit learning about equality and the protected characteristics in SMSC and regular whole school assemblies, where we openly discuss discrimination and the consequences of it.

	Always or Sometimes	Rarely or Never
I know what it means to be respectful of my rights and those of others	99.3%	0.7%
I know what to do if I see someone I think is being treated badly	97.4%	2.6%
If I need help with a problem I know an adult who I can trust to help me	96.3%	3.7%
I know what names and behaviours would be hurtful to others	97.4%	2.6%
I have heard of the Equality Act and can name some of the protected characteristics	93.8%	6.2%
I feel that I have a voice in my school and I am listened to by adults	97.4%	2.6%
I feel able to have likes and dislikes that are different to my friends	93.7%	6.3%
I can recognise any examples of stereotyping that happen with my friends or in my school	67.6%	32.3%
I understand that the things people say can be hurtful in person and also online (social media)	92.3%	7.7%
I feel able to look and behave in the way I want whatever my gender	86.0%	14.0%
I feel that all my adults in my school respond to prejudicial language and behaviour	95.3%	4.7%

Our main conclusions are that our children are well aware of their responsibilities to themselves and each other, especially when it comes to treating each other with kindness, and that if our children were in charge of the world, it would be a far happier place with less conflict.

Parents' Evening Work Share — Wednesday 15 November

By now, you should have received my letter regarding the Parents' Evening Work Share, which is due to take place next Wednesday, from 3.25 until 5.25pm, when we look forward to welcoming parents and children into school to meet teachers and share outcomes.

We will also be asking parents to complete a short questionnaire on the way out.

Please come in through the main reception. We look forward to seeing you.

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Southampton City Council Draft School Travel Service and Post-16 Travel Service Policy Consultation

A consultation for the proposed School Travel Service and Post-16 Travel Service Policy has been launched– by Southampton City Council.

The consultation is now live on the council website: <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/council-democracy/have-your-say/draft-school-travel-service-and-post-16-travel-service-policy-consultation/>

Please note the closing date is **27 November 2023**.

Thank you very much for your support with their consultation.
The link to provide input to the consultation is also on our school X (formerly known as Twitter) feed.



Attendance Update

Last half-term attendance edged upwards. The vast majority of parents and carers do bring their children to school regularly and on time – thank you. However, overall attendance and punctuality is still well below where we would expect it to be. We will be in regular contact with families where this is of concern.

Making a decision on whether your child can attend school is sometimes not easy. The best resource is the 'Wessex Healthier Together' [app](#) or [website](#). Alternatively, phone the school and we can advise.

Here are some key points to draw your attention to:

- We would rather your child attended school late than not at all – if you are having a tricky morning just make sure you get your child in.
- Children with coughs and colds CAN and SHOULD come to school.
- If your child feels unwell in the morning and improves over the course of the day, bring them to school.
- Administer Calpol to your child before school and bring them in. You can also come in to top up the dose if required.
- If your child is too unwell to be in school we will always phone you and send your child home.

Remembrance Day at Fairisle Junior

This morning we held our Remembrance Day assembly. Our Year 6 children read their brilliant and thought-provoking poems to the school. During the assembly, our school fell completely silent for two minutes and we stopped to remember those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in wars and conflicts and there was an eerie silence throughout the building.

Thank you very much to our Head Girl and Boy and their deputies who have come in early this week to sell poppies out in the playground before school and at break, and to everyone who bought them throughout the week.

Well done to all our Year 6 children and staff. You were brilliant.



Well done Fairisle Junior Children

As you know, last Friday, some nurses from the immunisation team visited our school and they met lots of our children. Earlier this week I received the following feedback in an email from them:

"I just wanted to let you know that ALL of the children were perfectly behaved, no messing around or shouting (which we rarely see). They were all extremely polite towards us and considerate of each other as well."

I have read the full email to all the children in assembly today. #veryproud

