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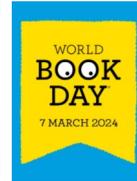
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World Book Day 2024



We had a fantastic day last Thursday when some of our team dressed up to take part in the *Masked Reader* for World Book Day. We introduced the characters to the children in assembly first thing in the morning and then there were some videos of them reading their favourite books. The children had to spot the clues and decide who they thought were in role!



We then held a second assembly during the afternoon when, of course, everybody had to tell the characters to TAKE IT OFF, and each mask was ceremoniously removed! It was quite raucous but everyone loved it and I think the staff who dressed up really enjoyed themselves as well!

School Improvement Officer Visit

Last Tuesday, 5th March, Mark Lindfield, our School Improvement Officer from Southampton City Council visited us for the day. During his time in our school he looked closely at science, looked at safeguarding, spoke to lots of children, staff and governors and I showed him the outcomes from parent & pupil questionnaires. He was VERY impressed and I just picked out a few quotes from his report, which we received this week:

Pupils show impressive levels of personal development.

Staff know pupils well. Relationships between staff and pupils are caring, thoughtful and respectful so that learning environments are calm, engaging environments with pupils showing positive attitudes to their work.

Pupils clearly enjoy learning about science. They speak enthusiastically about the subject and clearly enjoy the engaging activities on offer that develop a sense of excitement and curiosity.

Pupils behave very well in the school. Expectations are high, a clear and effective behaviour management system with clearly defined consequences is applied consistently and fairly by staff. Pupils describe how the school's behaviour system is 'really good here'.

The school's values of 'respect, ready, safe' are an integral part of daily school life and are reflected in the way staff know and care about pupils. Positive relationships between staff and pupils are a particular strength of the school.

Well done everybody and thank you to our brilliant staff team and our wonderful children.

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SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

On the front page of our new website www.fjslive.net is our school calendar. We will keep this up to date so you can see it at anytime.

Saturday 16 March	FJS Girls' Football Team at Bristol — South West Regional Championships
Tuesday 26 March	Year 4 to Marwell Zoo
Thursday 28 March	Crazy Hair Day for Brain Tumour Research School Closes for Easter Holiday
Monday 15 April	Children return to School
Tuesday 30 April	Photographer in School — Class Photographs
Monday 13 — Thursday 16 May	Year 6 Statutory Assessment Tasks (SATs)
Friday 24 May	Non-Uniform Day for Wessex Heartbeat (Cardiac Unit) School Closes for Half Term
Monday 3 June	Children return to School
Tuesday 4 June	Year 3 visit to Southampton Art Gallery
Friday 28 June	Staff Training Day (The Fairisle Schools closed)



Thank you from Dylan's Quest

Following our non-uniform day on the last day before half term, we received a visit from Michelle, Dylan's mother, who came into school to thank us for helping their charity. We raised a final total of £358.28 and it was an absolute pleasure to host Michelle on Tuesday.

Thank you very much to everyone for your support.



Girls' Football Team to Represent Hampshire

Many parents will already know that our girls will be travelling to Bristol this Saturday as County Champions to represent Hampshire at the South West England Regional Championships. It will be a day to remember for everyone (including their very proud Headteacher) and the girls truly deserve their success as well as their moment in the spotlight.

Whatever the final outcome on Saturday, we will be having a treat afterwards as we have a table booked at a restaurant on our way back to Southampton, where we think we will be joined by the boys' team from St Patrick's Catholic Primary School in Woolston, as they are also county champions.

We have some new team clothing to wear for the day, which our teams will use whenever we represent our school going forwards.

Very best wishes to our team for this weekend. Come on Fairisle!



Crazy Hair Day on Thursday 28th March

On the day we break up for the Easter holiday, we will be holding a Crazy Hair Day, to raise money for Brain Tumour Research, our Learning Leaders' chosen charity for this half term.

This morning I have Googled 'Crazy Hair Day for Kids' and there are loads of ideas, some very easy, which require less imagination (that Miss Bessey will be modelling) as well as hair clips, bands, wigs, coloured spray etc.

We're really looking forward to the day!



Just to remind you that the cost of a school lunch will rise after the Easter holiday to £2.95 each day. Please ensure that children's meals are paid for in advance. Thank you