

# FAIRISLE TIMES

The Newsletter of Fairisle Junior School

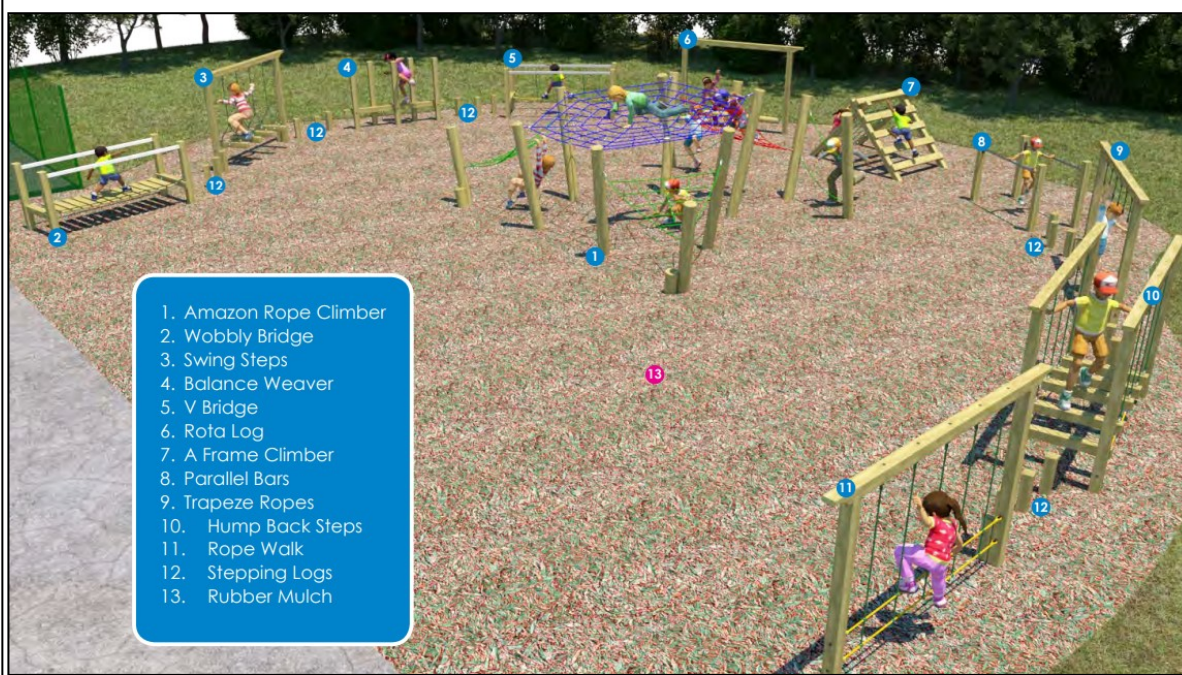
November 2023

Issue No. 6



## New Trim Trail for FJS

Over the past few weeks, we have been working with Hand Made Places to upgrade the Trim Trail on the bottom field. Our Head Girl and Boy and their Deputies have met with the company and decided what they would like to replace the equipment that has stood in the space for the past 20 years and this week, our Governing Body voted unanimously to spend the money and put the plans into Action. We hope that the new Trim Trail, which will sit on its own rubber safety surface and be fenced in, will be installed during the spring term. We are excited!



## Year 4 Trip to Fishbourne Palace

Last Tuesday, our Year 4 children spent the day at Fishbourne Roman Palace, the largest Roman home in Britain. It was quite wet, but that didn't stop the children (and staff) having a great day!

After the group returned to school, we received the following lovely message from the staff at Fishbourne Palace:

*"Earlier today we were visited by 119 pupils from your school. We just wanted to send you an email to let you know how impressed we were when they were on site. It is rare to see consistent behaviour, enthusiasm, and willingness to learn from such a large number of children in one school."*



*They were a pleasure to teach in their workshops and showed no hesitation in getting involved with all the activities. The staff also said how they were exceptionally well behaved while looking around the site in their classes. We must also congratulate and thank the adults with each class, as they kept the whole day very well organised."*

*Please pass on my thanks to the children and their teachers, they were a great representation of your school."* Very well done everyone!

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Please  
Park



Considerately

## Parents' Evening Work Share — Wednesday 15 November

Thank you very much to everyone who participated in our Work Share this week. The children always really enjoy sharing their outcomes with families. I would also like to say a huge thanks to the 180 parents who completed our questionnaire during the evening. We are very pleased with the results:

Statement (Please tick the appropriate column)	Agree	Partly Agree	Disagree	Don't Know
I think that Fairisle Junior School is well led	95.0%	5.0%	0.0%	0.0%
School leaders are easy to access and talk to	82.2%	15.0%	0.0%	2.8%
Fairisle Junior School deals well with any concerns I have	85.0%	11.7%	0.0%	3.3%
Communication (newsletters, letters, tweets, texts and the school website) is appropriate	93.3%	6.1%	0.0%	0.6%
Our school has a positive and respectful culture in which my child(ren) are well cared for	94.4%	5.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Our office is a welcoming environment	93.3%	4.4%	1.1%	1.1%
The majority of children at Fairisle Junior behave well	86.1%	12.8%	0.0%	1.1%
I am confident that my child(ren) trust members of school staff well enough to share an issue	86.7%	11.7%	1.6%	0.0%
Fairisle Junior deals effectively with bullying (repetitively and intentionally hurt/called names etc.)	82.8%	6.1%	0.0%	11.1%
My child(ren) can talk about online safety	93.9%	6.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Our school teaches my child(ren) how to lead a healthy & active life and how to keep physically/mentally healthy	92.8%	7.2%	0.0%	0.0%
My child(ren) enjoy coming to school most of the time	86.1%	12.8%	1.1%	0.0%
My child(ren) have a positive attitude to achieving and learning	92.8%	6.7%	0.6%	0.0%
My child is well taught and teachers at our school have high expectations	97.2%	2.8%	0.0%	0.0%
I am pleased with my child's progress since they joined Fairisle Junior School	92.2%	7.8%	0.0%	0.0%
The school meets my child(ren)'s needs	88.3%	11.1%	0.6%	0.0%
The school supports my child(ren) to develop resilience, confidence and independence	90.0%	10.0%	0.0%	0.0%
My child(ren) are encouraged to have good attendance and punctuality	97.8%	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Our school encourages my child(ren) to be active, exercise and participate in sport	93.9%	6.1%	0.0%	0.0%
I would recommend sending a child to Fairisle Junior	92.8%	5.6%	0.0%	1.7%

A number of parents told me that they had ticked 'Don't Know' against the statement about how we deal with bullying as their child had never been bullied.

There were also quite a large number of positive comments about the hard work and commitment of members of our staff and I have passed those to the individuals concerned. I can assure you that my team love to receive compliments!

Whenever I ask parents or children to complete a questionnaire about our school, I do this for two reasons: firstly to get some meaningful feedback and secondly to improve what we do at Fairisle Junior. Thank you.

### 400 and Counting!

Earlier this week, we had major cause to celebrate as, for the very first time in our school's history, we have 400 children in our 14 classes here at Fairisle Junior.

To give you some context around this magic number and what it means to us, when I joined Fairisle Junior in July 2007, we had 267 children in 10 classes in our school (54 in Year 3, 67 in Year 4, 86 in Year 5 and 60 in Year 6). Now we have 88 children in Year 3, 120 in Year 4, 86 in Year 5 and 105 in Year 6.

