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The Newsletter of Fairisle Junior School



Our Trim Trail is Finally Open

On Monday, we opened our children's new Trim Trail amid much excitement! The installers moved out at the end of last week and handed it over and this week we have all managed to get on it for the first time.

On Monday afternoon we performed a short opening ceremony, with the cutting of a ribbon by our Head Girl and Boy and their deputies. Our aim is always that they should leave our school with a positive legacy and this year's incumbents can certainly be proud of what they have achieved.



Young Voices 2024

I can't believe that, after all the learning of the words and the practising over the past few months, that our trip to the O₂ in London has come and gone. We had a fabulous, but a VERY long day, leaving school just after 9.30am and getting back to Fairisle just after 1.15 the following morning.

We all loved every minute, with the highlight being our VIP boxes, that we were told would cost around £20,000 EACH if we had to buy them for an evening! Our children were great ambassadors for our school and I would like to thank our staff who accompanied the group as well as our parent group who supported us on the day.



Congratulations to all the children in Year 5 who completed an application form for the Southampton Children's Mayor. We had to choose four children to go forward to a final and Henryk, Finley, Louis and Freya presented their applications in assembly last Friday. Every child voted and I am pleased that Freya and Henryk will be put forward as Fairisle's entries for the city's Children's Mayor. Well done.

Parents' Evening - Spring Term 2024

By now, you will have received the letter letting you know how you can book appointments to meet your children's teachers. If you need any help with the booking process, please contact our school office and they will be happy to assist.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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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.

Friday 9 February

Monday 19 February

Wednesday 21 and 28 February

Tuesday 26 March

Thursday 28 March

Monday 15 April

Tuesday 30 April

Friday 24 May

The Fairisle Schools closed for Staff Training Day

Children return to school

Spring Term Parents' Evenings

Year 4 to Marwell Zoo

Crazy Hair Day for Brain Tumour Research

School Closes for Easter Holiday

Children return to School

Photographer in School — Class Photographs

Non-Uniform Day for Wessex Heartbeat (Cardiac Unit)

Individual Education Plans

Thank you to all the parents who attended their teacher meetings. Over fifty meetings took place and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. We hope you valued the opportunity to share your thoughts with the class teachers and work together on next steps for your child. If you have any feedback or suggestions please do let Mr Hayes know. In the summer terms meetings will take place again to review the plans and also to set future targets for your child.

Internet Safety Day 2024

On Tuesday morning, Mr Phillips, our computing lead, held an assembly on the theme of Inspiring Change? Making a Difference, Managing Change and Navigating Change online for Safer Internet Day. Then, throughout the day, children explored how technology and the internet have changed everyone's lives and how having positive conversations with trusted adults can help keep children safe.

**Safer
Internet
Day 2024** | **Tuesday
6 February**

Year 3 Visit to Butser Farm

Last Thursday, our Year 3 classes spent the day stepping back in time at Butser Ancient Farm. They had a wonderful, fun packed day where they handled a variety of different artefacts, made Bronze Age jewellery, had a go at chalk carving and they also had the opportunity to tour the ancient archaeological site. The children had a fantastic day learning all about life in the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age.



Non-Uniform Day — Dylan's Quest

Today we dressed up in our normal clothes to raise money for Dylan's Quest, a local charity set up by Dylan Vanhear's parents. Dylan was a fantastic young man who we had the pleasure of getting to know here at FJS, as he attended our school from 2011 until 2015, when he should have moved onto secondary school with his entire life ahead of him. During his time with us, Dylan was diagnosed with Ependymomas on his spinal chord and he lost his battle in September 2016, a week before his 13th birthday. It is always an honour to raise money in Dylan's name and today we raised a fantastic **£352.08**.

Thank you very much for all your support today



Have a fantastic & safe half term break and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 19 February.