

# Fairisle News

AT FAIRISLE JUNIOR SCHOOL WE...

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## Mr Hayes' Highlights

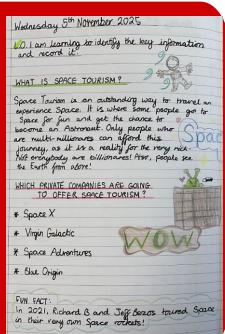
Welcome back and we are truly in the run up to Christmas. The children are already learning their performance songs! Full details on tickets and times will be available in due course. Last week we were visited by our School Improvement Officer - it was a joy to tour the school with him and look at the amazing learning and attitudes of our children around the school. We also have a fantastic new school video. This will be uploaded to our website shortly so keep an eye out!

## Year Group Focus

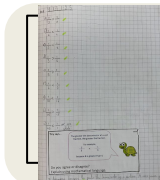
# Year 5

We've been learning...

We are continuing our space topic this half term, and we have been learning about Space Tourism. We have found out about some of the pros and cons to discuss whether space tourism should be allowed. In science, we are learning about the movement of the Earth and Moon around the Sun.



We've been celebrating...



Whilst learning more about fractions, Behkruz, Luna, Rund and Harper have really impressed their teachers and have challenged themselves to move their learning on!

We're looking forward to...






In December, we will be heading off on our residential to Stubbington Study Centre. This is a fantastic week and the children will enjoy exploring the conservation area, working together as a team and eating lots of Stubby biscuits!

## Curriculum Spotlight: Science

At Fairisle, our Science lessons certainly go off with a whizz and a bang as our children learn not only the subject knowledge in the curriculum, but also how to work scientifically.



There are five different scientific enquiry types that we explore through practical investigations across the school every half-term. By developing a better understanding of the various ways that enquiry questions can be answered, we provide our children with a wider set of scientific skills that can be used throughout their lives. The five different enquiry types are:

-  **Comparative/fair testing**  
Changing one variable to see its effect on another whilst keeping all others the same.
-  **Research**  
Using secondary sources of information to answer scientific questions
-  **Observation over time**  
Observing changes that occur over a period of time ranging from minutes to months.
-  **Pattern-seeking**  
Identifying patterns and looking for relationships in enquiries where variables are difficult to control.
-  **Identifying, grouping and classifying**  
Making observations to name, sort and organise items.

Please remember to park considerably around our school site. All parents are welcome to park across the road in Sainsburys.

## Attendance

Is my child too ill for school? There is an excellent page on the NHS website that will answer this question for you. [Click here](#). Importantly, children with coughs and colds can still attend school.

Please remember penalty notices can be issued for any unauthorised absences, not just holidays.

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## Keeping Safe



We are proud to be a mobile phone free school. Far from keeping children safe, we know that phones actually present a greater risk to children. This is not just in terms of online safety but the wider development of children.



We would highly recommend watching [Swiped: The School that Banned Smartphones.](#)



## Inclusion Update



This term our school has focused heavily on the effective use of support staff to maximise the impact on teaching and learning across all year groups. As part of this, all staff took part in whole-school training on how to use support staff most effectively to make sure all children are getting the support that they need.

As you know, our dedicated support staff team deliver a variety of targeted interventions helping children to consolidate key skills and make rapid progress. To supplement this, our support staff play a vital role in our "keep up" sets, ensuring every child receives the help they need to thrive. They also work alongside teachers in maths lessons to stretch and challenge our most able mathematicians where children are being given the opportunity to practise answering those really tricky maths problems!



Special mention for Hugo in Year 6 who was a player escort for the recent Southampton v Real Madrid fixture.



## Sport @ FJS

A huge well done to our Upper School Girls Football team who participated in their first schools football tournament on Friday.

There were excellent goals scored from Julia and Frankie and a huge well done in particular to Ella for stepping up and playing in goal. They all did amazingly well in what was their first game together. Most importantly they really showed everyone what FJS is all about - great teamwork and sportsmanship.



## Important Messages



- Friday 28th November is a non-uniform day to raise money for Brain Tumour Research.
- You may have seen the scaffolding going up around the site. Over the next few months the school will have a new roof. We are not expecting any disruption in classrooms and it will be lovely to be free of leaks!
- Thank you all for supporting us during the electrical issues in the kitchen.
- We have recently reviewed our Chromebooks and are delighted to report we have one for every child in our school. They are hugely beneficial to the children's learning across the curriculum.
- Lordshill Community Centre have been in touch. They have asked that families do not use their car park and have informed us that enforcement measures are in place.
- Finally, in the run up to December, we ask families to save their money and not purchase Christmas presents for staff at school. A thanks and a smile goes a long way.

***We have vacancies for Lunchtime Supervisors. Please pop into the school office for an application form or a chat with Miss Bessey if you are interested***



### SFC Foundation @ Fairisle



Every Monday Miss Roberts from Saints Foundation joins us to work with our children. She provides an additional PE session for a class but also supports by working with our children in different curriculum areas. Some of her interventions include Active Times Tables, reading and mathematical problem solving. Finally, she supports children through 1:1 mentoring or groups to help children with areas such as self-esteem. This partnership also brings many benefits such as stadium and training ground trips, as well as lots of freebies!



## Dates For Your Diary



|             |  |             |  |
|-------------|--|-------------|--|
| 24.11.25    | Year 4 to Fishborne Palace                 | 13.2.26     | Inset Day  |
| w/c 1.12.25 | Year 5 to Stubbington                      | w/c 16.2.26 | Half Term Week   |
| 10.12.25    | Years 3&4 Christmas Performance (Time TBC) | 26.3.26     | Year 5 Anglo Saxon Workshop                                |
| 11.12.25    | Years 5&6 Christmas Performance (Time TBC) | 27.3.26     | Non School Uniform   |
| 12.12.25    | Christmas Craft Day                        | 27.3.26     | Last Day of Term   |
| 16.12.25    | Christmas Lunch                            | 13.4.26     | First Day Back to School                                   |
| 19.12.25    | Last day of Term before Christmas          | 22.4.26     | Year 4 to Marwell  |
| 5.1.26      | Inset Day                                  | 4.5.26      | School Closed - Bank Holiday                               |
| 6.1.26      | First day back for the Spring Term         | w/c 11.5.26 | Year 6 SATs Week<br>All Year 6 children must be in school. |
| 12.1.26     | Year 6 to Tudor House                      | 18.5.26     | Sports Day   |
| 22.1.26     | Year 4 to Hindu Temple                     | 19.5.26     | Year 4 Fish & Chips Supper                                 |
| 27.1.26     | Year 5 to Medina Mosque                    | 21.5.26     | Class Photographs  |
| 5.2.26      | Year 3 to Butser Farm                      | 22.5.26     | Reserve Sports Day   |
| 10.2.26     | Internet Safety Presentation to Parents    | w/c 25.5.26 | Half Term Week   |
| 12.2.26     | Non Uniform Day                            | 2.6.26      | Year 3 - Trip to Southampton Art Gallery                   |

**Note all dates are subject to change.**