

Fairisle News

AT FAIRISLE JUNIOR SCHOOL WE...

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Mr Hayes' Highlights

A warm welcome back to school and a Happy New Year to our whole community. Christmas is a distant memory now, but I hope all our families enjoyed the break. We held an excellent Inset day on the first day back on being the best version of ourselves and the very best practitioners we can be. The children have been fantastic back at school, engaging with their learning and working their very hardest. If you ever want to take a look around, just let me know!

Curriculum Spotlight: D&T

Using a range of skills, children across the school have created impressive products in Design and Technology this year. Firstly, Year 3 explored seasonality to prepare and bake fruit and vegetable pastry parcels, while Year 4 followed recipes to create flavored breads using seasonal ingredients.



By applying the knowledge they have learnt in Computing, Year 5 have been able to program a Mars rover and construct a vehicle body prototype to protect their rovers from the dangerous environment of the red planet. Using similar skills, Year 6 constructed cranes and used trusses to support the structure of their cranes, while incorporating pulley systems as well.



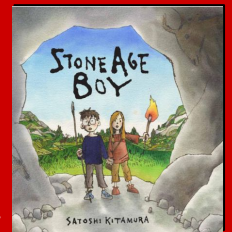
Year Group Focus

Year 3



We've been learning...

We have started our learning on the Stone Age and have been reading an exciting tale called 'Stone Age Boy'! We have been using this story to support our own writing of a portal story in English. In History, we have begun learning all about the prehistoric ages and how they lived their lives.



We've been celebrating...



The beautiful hand prints we have made in our Stone Age art unit this week! Also we have reflected and self-evaluated our work.

We're looking forward to...

Our trip to Butser Farm where we will be learning more about the Stone Age and understanding how their legacies have impacted the lives we have today. We will also get to tour Stone Age houses and make some of our own Bronze Age jewellery!

Please remember to park considerably around our school site.

All parents are welcome to park across the road in Sainsburys.

Attendance



Please remember our school doors open at 8.40am and learning starts at this time.



And equally, school finishes at 3.15pm. Children must be collected from their classroom at this time and no later, unless of course they walk home alone. Please support us with this, as indeed the vast majority of you do.






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Keeping Safe

Save the date: Tuesday 10th February @ 9am - Online Safety Talk for Parents and Carers on Internet Safety Day.

Take a look at this guide from the Children's Commissioner: ['What I wish my parents or carers knew...': A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives](#). There is a really helpful checklist to work through around improving your child's online safety and digital life.

Inclusion Update



interventions

We have kick started the new year with updated intervention groups. At the end of last half term, our support staff worked hard to assess all children and identify children who would benefit from a little more support. New groups were set up and as a result, interventions were able to begin as soon as the children returned after the Christmas holidays. Have a look below at some of our children working incredibly hard.



If your child has been placed on one of the interventions, you will have received a letter last week. If you would like to know more or additionally you believe your child is struggling with their learning, please do get in touch.



26th Jan
MHST Parental
Wellbeing Workshop
1.30pm - 3.00pm
@FJS

★ *Well done to all our Headteacher's Award winners last term. It really is the highlight of the role seeing the amazing work that our children produce.* ★

Sport @ FJS

In P.E. this half term, all children are focusing on Gymnastics and OAA (Outdoor and Adventurous Activities).

In gymnastics we have been exploring a range of apparatus and equipment, learning different jumps and how to land safely.



Important Messages



- If you have not already done so, please read this week's letter on jewellery in P.E.
- As you can see from the scale of scaffolding, our roof project is continuing. The disruption will be worthwhile when the roof is eventually leak free!
- The school is in the process of designing a new website. If there is anything you feel would be beneficial for you as parents/carers just let us know - email the school office (info@fjsslive.net) or catch one of our Senior Leaders around the school.
- The children were all fantastic in the Christmas performances. Despite the harsh judges, thanks to all those parents who joined in the Christmas spirit!
- A reminder that, if you are going on a term-time holiday, to let us know by completing the leave of absence form available from the school office. The school will request a penalty notice in line with government policy but being upfront about this really does help us focus on our core educational goals and supporting children in school rather than establishing reasons for absence.



Maths @ FJS

One of the most regular comments teachers hear from parents is how different children's mathematical methods are when compared to their time in school. This is absolutely true, indeed maths teaching methods and strategies have changed considerably within the last ten years. The children learn new methods in small steps and use a [concrete, pictorial, abstract approach](#). You can access free workbooks for your children using [this link from White Rose](#), aligned with our maths curriculum at Fairisle. Your child's teacher will always happily talk you through which strategies we use if you want to work through this together.



Dates For Your Diary



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
13.2.26	Inset Day	11.6.26	Musicfest - performance to parents and families
w/c 16.2.26	Half Term Week	12.6.26	Annual reports to go home
26.3.26	Year 5 Anglo Saxon Workshop	15.6.26	4CT trip to Beaulieu
27.3.26	Non School Uniform	16.6.26	Year 3 visit to church
27.3.26	Last Day of Term	17.6.26	4RW trip to Beaulieu
13.4.26	First Day Back to School	17.6.26	4AH trip to Beaulieu
22.4.26	Year 4 to Marwell	1.7.26	FJS Transition Day
4.5.26	School Closed - Bank Holiday	3.7.26	Inset Day
w/c 11.5.26	Year 6 SATs Week All Year 6 children must be in school.	w/c 6.7.26 and 13.7.26	Year 3 Swimming
18.5.26	Sports Day	13.7.26 or 14.7.26 (dependent on class)	Year 6 to Calshot