

Fairisle News

AT FAIRISLE JUNIOR SCHOOL WE...
EXPECT SUCCESS

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Mr Hayes' Highlights

It is lovely to see the sun finally shining - let's hope it continues into the Easter holiday and we can enjoy the outside world once again! Thank you for all who attended the 'Book Look' yesterday after school. I hope you are as proud of your children's outcomes as we are. The pride, presentation, productivity and high quality outcomes are always positively commented on by those who visit our school. Enjoy the Easter break when we get there, and of course the chocolate!

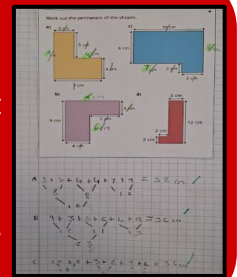
Year Group Focus

Year 5



We've been learning...

In History, we have been learning about the brutal Viking raid on the holy island of Lindisfarne in 793 AD, and writing a newspaper report about this in English. In Maths, we have been learning how to calculate the perimeter of shapes, including rectilinear shapes and regular polygons.



We've been celebrating...



The children loved creating their clay Viking heads in Art. They learned how to create texture and relief for a 3D effect.

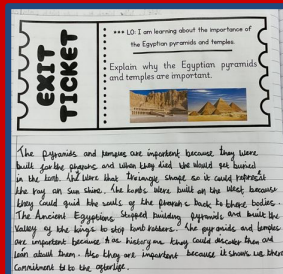
We're looking forward to...

We cannot wait to start reading our new class text next half term, The Explorer by Katherine Rundell. From this, we will explore The Amazon rainforest (which is linked to our Geography learning about biomes) and write poetry using figurative language.

Curriculum Spotlight: History

At Fairisle Junior School we want History to fire children's curiosity about the past in Britain and the wider world, and help them to understand the diversity of human experience. History provides children with the opportunities to empathise with others, argue a point of view and reach their own conclusions - essential skills that are valued in adult life.

This half-term, Year 4 have been learning all about the Ancient Egyptians. They have particularly enjoyed learning about gruesome burial rituals!



In Year 5, children have been looking at the battle for power in Britain between the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings. They have learned how the Vikings changed from raiders to settlers, and how there are legacies from the time that still have an impact today.

Please remember to park considerably around our school site.

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

Attendance



To help you decide whether your child can attend school consult the [NHS website](#). There are some children at school who are immunosuppressed or who live with those that are so please report reasons for absence so that we can share the relevant information with parents. Remember children can still attend with coughs and colds or you can come in during the day to give your child Calpol.



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Keeping Safe



Remember 'stranger danger' as a child? This has now been replaced with 'Clever Never Goes'. Clever Never Goes helps children to recognise specific situations that are unsafe and gives them the tools to respond. There is a video and heaps of resources that you can share with your child, including activities and what to teach your child at home. [Click here for more information.](#)



Inclusion Update



YEAR 6 BOOSTERS

Our Year 6 Reading booster sessions are now in full swing before school, giving some of our children that final push of support ahead of their KS2 SATs in May.

These focused sessions are designed to build confidence and strengthen comprehension skills in the run-up to the assessments. A huge well done to all the children attending for their fantastic enthusiasm and commitment – arriving early to work on their reading shows real dedication, and we're incredibly proud of their positive attitude and hard work.

Keep it up, Year 6

Well done to Year 6 who have now

completed their final round of mock SATs.

★ Next up is the real thing during the week of 11th May. Keep up the hard work! ★

What are we working on at Fairisle Junior School?

As a school we are always seeking to improve and be the very best we can be. We have three key targets that we are working on over the next eighteen months. The first of these is around teacher instruction, making sure that new learning is delivered to children in the clearest and most effective way possible. Secondly, we are making sure our most able children are stretched and challenged in their learning, as well as those children with SEND receiving the adaptations they need to make progress. Finally, we are supporting our Year Leaders to drive improvement. The school has a rigorous programme of support, training and monitoring to make sure we make progress in all these areas.



Important Messages



- The roof works now move to above the classrooms. Unfortunately there will be some noise for the children for a short period of time - our children are brilliant in these circumstances and I have to say we can't wait for the scaffolding to come down and get back to normal!
- The non-school uniform day due to take place next Friday (27th March) will be re-arranged.
- Thank you to all who completed the parent/carer questionnaire last night. If you were unable to attend and would like to provide your feedback please pop into the school office who will have copies ready for you.
- I have some sad news to share, Mr Rankin will be leaving the school next Friday. He is moving away from Southampton and he will be greatly missed by our children and families. Sam has been with us since 2020 and attended Fairisle as a child! The school will be recruiting a replacement for Mr Rankin and transition arrangements will be in place.
- I have been approached by the producers of a new show for Channel 5's Milkshake, looking for Year 3 children for a new show, 'Monkey's Morning at the Museum!' [If you would like your child to apply please click this link.](#)



Dates For Your Diary



Note all dates are subject to change.

26.3.26	Year 5 Anglo Saxon Workshop	12.6.26	Annual reports to go home
27.3.26	Last Day of Term	15.6.26	4CT trip to Beaulieu
13.4.26	First Day Back to School	16.6.26	Year 3 visit to church
22.4.26	Year 4 to Marwell	17.6.26	4RW trip to Beaulieu
4.5.26	School Closed - Bank Holiday	17.6.26	4AH trip to Beaulieu
w/c 11.5.26	Year 6 SATs Week All Year 6 children must be in school.	1.7.26	FJS Transition Day
18.5.26	Sports Day	3.7.26	Inset Day
19.5.26	Year 4 Fish & Chips Supper	w/c 6.7.26 and 13.7.26	Year 3 Swimming
21.5.26	Class Photographs	13.7.26 or 14.7.26 (dependent on class)	Year 6 to Calshot
22.5.26	Reserve Sports Day	20.7.26	Year 6 Leavers Assembly (2pm to 3pm)
w/c 25.5.26	Half Term Week	21.7.26	Year 6 to Paultons Park
2.6.26	Year 3 - Trip to Southampton Art Gallery	22.7.26	Year 6 Party Day Last Day of the School Year
11.6.26	Musicfest - performance to parents and families	23.7.26	First Day of the Summer Holiday

