



Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	All Years	School Closes for half term
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	All Years	INSET Day
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 8	Deadline for Options Form. Please return by email <a href="mailto:data@kowessex.co.uk">data@kowessex.co.uk</a> , post or delivered to the Main Reception in person, during school hours.
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	All Years	School re-opens to pupils and staff

### Bulletin Round Up

- Donation request - empty cereal boxes for DT. Please bring to reception.

### Matt Dickinson Author Visit

Matt Dickinson, our Writer in Residence, came in to school on Tuesday and shared with Year 6 about his thrilling visit to Antarctica. He told us about killer whales, penguins, leopard seals and much more. He also told us about his amazing journey where he took 2 planes and a 60-foot-long boat – but the boat got stuck in ice for 48 hours! How scary! Some of the Year 6 pupils were given the opportunity to join him in a writing workshop, where we wrote letters. The letters included: our reasons for being in Antarctica, a dramatic scene, a rescue mission and a piece about global warming.

*Written by pupil, Sylvia*



### Mr Alan Gray Talk on the Mendip Caves and Caving

This week we have had the pleasure of welcoming the author, cave expert and retired engineer Alan Gray, to give a talk on the Mendip Caves to all year groups. This has been in support of The Great Fairlands Write Off competition; it has certainly left us *Inspired by Rocks!* and has enriched our understanding of the landscape we inhabit.

*Lucy Lee, English Teacher*

### Fairlands Vs Hugh Sexeys Year 7 Boys Football

This week, our Year 7 team visited Hugh Sexeys. Fairlands dominated the first 20 minutes of the game and went 1-0 up thanks to a chance taken by Owen. The game was an end to end battle with both teams playing some good football. Sexeys dominated the middle portion of the game and scored a few very good long-range goals to take a 3-1 lead. Fairlands fought back with Joseph scoring a great goal to make it 3-2. Final score was 4-2 to Sexeys. All the boys were a credit to the school. The Fairlands player of the match was Billy who had a great game at left back. Year 7 football club is on a Wednesday lunchtime for anyone who wants to come along.

*Paul Stephens, Deputy Headteacher*



**THE SPACE – Half Term Activities** The Space run a thriving youth club in Cheddar and have a fantastic out-of-term activity programme. The activities are £5 each (with The Space funding the rest of the costs) and are for anyone who is educated or lives within the Cheddar Valley area.

Archery Active - Tuesday 13 February, 9:30am – 11am at Mendip Activity Centre.

'God's Eye Mandalas' yarn craft workshop - Thursday 15 February, 10am – 12pm at Cheddar Catholic Church Hall. To book please email [rcarter@thespacesomerset.org.uk](mailto:rcarter@thespacesomerset.org.uk)

### Useful Information

Further information can be found on our website: [www.fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk](http://www.fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk)  
You can also keep informed via our Twitter feed @Fairlands482

## Our values

### 'Caring and Inspirational'

#### Safeguarding

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. If you are worried about a child, please email [safeguarding@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk)

[l.co.uk](http://l.co.uk)

Designated Safeguarding Lead:  
Sally Virgin

#### Wellbeing

If your child needs any help, advice or someone to talk to, please contact the school office. We have trained mental health first aiders that are here to help.

'You are human and it's ok to struggle.'

'It is important to look after yourself and mind.'

#### Reporting Absence

If your child is feeling unwell, please contact the school office on 01934 743186, or email using the school absence email address: -

[absence@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk](mailto:absence@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk)

#### Current Job Vacancies within WLT

Please visit the Wessex Learning Trust website for all current vacancies

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