



Fairlands Middle School

Friday 7th June 2024
Issue no 33.

Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
Monday 10th June	Year 5 Pupils (5.2 & 5.3)	Year 5 Residential - 09:30am drop off at Mendip Activity Centre, collection Wednesday at 5:30pm from the centre
Tuesday 11th June	All Parents/Carers	PTA Meeting, 7:30pm in the School Hall
Wednesday 12th June	Year 5 Pupils (5.1 & 5.4)	Year 5 Residential - 09:30am drop off at Mendip Activity Centre, collection Friday at 5:30pm from the centre
Tuesday 18th June	Year 7 Pupils (7EA, 7ED & 7EE)	Geography Trip - Lulworth Cove
Thursday 20th June	Year 7 Pupils (7EB & 7EC)	Geography Trip - Lulworth Cove
Friday 28th June	All Parents/Carers	Pupil Summer Fayre Challenge, 2:30 - 3:30pm

Welcome back

It was wonderful to welcome back all the Fairlands pupils this week after some glimmers of sunshine during the break. With only 32 days of the academic year left we are certainly trying to cram in as many positive experiences as we can for students to make lasting memories.

Year 8 have had an eventful week, packed with a wide range of experiences from watching the amazing Hamilton in Bristol Hippodrome, to visiting Bristol Zoo Project. Thank you to all colleagues who have supported these visits with the hundreds of hours of planning, late nights and early mornings. Thank you also to parents for supporting your children to be the best they can be when representing the school. A reminder that Transition Day is 03 July.

We look forward to Year 5 heading off on their residential next week, with trips planned for Year 7 in the next few weeks too. More details to follow. This term is a bit of a marathon so thank you in advance for what will be a busy few weeks ahead.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have checked your child has the correct equipment for the last half term, this has made a big difference in the first few days and we thank you for your support.

Next, a date for your diary! On June 28, our lovely pupils will be organising and running a Summer Fayre. We are using this as an opportunity for pupils to use their leadership and creativity skills whilst demonstrating their organisation working together to create stalls in their tutor groups. We are inviting parents and carers in to see their wonderful work between 2:30 - 3:30 on June 28 and it would be great to see you there! No money required (other than for the ice cream van!) as we will be providing tokens for all pupils and their families on the day.

Finally, we would like to use the bulletin to celebrate the whole Fairlands community. Therefore, if your child has achieved something outside of school you would like us to share, please do so - we want to hear all about it, hopefully with a photograph!

Enjoy the weekend, best wishes,
Jo Cowper

Useful Information

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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

Designated Safeguarding Lead:
Paul Stephens

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

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Masons Way, Cheddar
Somerset, BS27 3PG
Main Office: 01934 743186

Email:
office@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk



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Hatchlings



In May, Fairlands science department started incubating some eggs provided by Farmlink, a farming education charity. After three weeks of waiting, the eggs hatched overnight and over the following week the soggy hatchlings grew and developed into eight rare breed chicks. One hundred pupils signed up to come and see the chicks up close and many more saw them during lessons over the week. They have now headed off to their forever home at a farm in Devon to be breeding hens and we look forward to hatching some more eggs next year.



Rachel Dudman – Head of Science and DT

Author Visit – Matt Dickinson

Written by pupil, Dexter



Matt Dickinson (our Writer in Residence) came to assembly to talk about the famous female explorers he has worked with. This was because climbing and especially climbing Mount Everest can be seen as a male dominated industry. He also talked about famous female explorers and pioneers of the past. He talked about Junko Tabei, the first female to summit Everest and Malavath Poorna who was 13 years old when she climbed Everest.



In the writing workshop we got to write a letter from the perspective of a yeti! He also told us that he will be returning to Base Camp next year!



'Working with Fairlands Middle School as Writer in Residence has been a great experience this year. We have introduced the pupils to Everest, the Amazon and Antarctica!

I have been very impressed with the writing confidence of the pupils and their imagination is inspirational! They have progressed very well.



Thank you to Mrs Koutras and the hard-working staff for hosting me through the year and planning the sessions so well. I will look forward to coming back next year for more adventures!

Matt Dickinson – Author

Year 8 Alternative Programme



The Year 8 alternative group worked on a collaborative art project this week inspired by artist Chuck Close. Each child received a square to paint that had an outline to follow and when placed together created a pixelated portrait of surrealist painter Salvador Dali. The instructions were to paint light colours or tints where there were white on the sample image and dark colours or shades where there were darker areas. The final outcome, with all the pieces together, is quite striking and interesting to look at. They were very proud of their contribution and worked very hard on their part of the project.

Jess Richardson – Teacher of Computing / Art & Textiles

Year 8 Residential



On Wednesday 5th June, Year 8 pupils set off on a residential trip to the Kingswood Activity Centre. They have participated in a number of exciting activities during their visit. We cannot wait to update you on their stories, and share some more photographs when they return.

Young Rangers – Now Recruiting



If you know a young person who is interested in applying for a place in the Young ranger programme, please use the QR code to download an application form.

For further information please contact Andy via email mendip@mendiphillsaonb.org.uk

The information evening will be held on Tuesday 11th June, 6:30pm at Charterhouse Centre



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THE SPACE – Summer Activities

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES 2024

FOR CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING OR BEING EDUCATED IN THE CROSDALE VALLEY AREA

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THURSDAY 20TH AUGUST	AGE 8+	CAFÉ AND TALK WITH FRANKIE	CELEBRATE CHANCE FALL 10AM-12PM
THURSDAY 21ST AUGUST	AGE 0+	BOOKMARK	MEETUP ACTIVITY 10AM-12PM
TUESDAY 27th AUGUST	AGE 8+	WHEELBARROW RACE AND ARTS	CELEBRATE CHANCE FALL 10AM-12PM
THURSDAY 29th AUGUST	AGE 0+	ARTWORK AND MUSIC	CELEBRATE CHANCE FALL 10AM-12PM

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THURSDAY 15th AUGUST	AGE 8+	MEETUP PATRIOTIC MUSIC LISTS	CELEBRATE CHANCE FALL 10AM-12PM
THURSDAY 16th AUGUST	AGE 0+	CHAMPION WALK	MEETUP ACTIVITY 10AM-12PM
THURSDAY 22nd AUGUST	AGE 8+	SPORTS AND GAMES	CELEBRATE CHANCE FALL 10AM-12PM
THURSDAY 22nd AUGUST	AGE 0+	STAMP OF ANTI-SLAVES	MEETUP WATERLOO SITE 10AM-12PM

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THURSDAY 29th AUGUST	AGE 0+	WALKS	MEETUP ACTIVITY 10AM-12PM

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