

Newsletter

Summer 2023

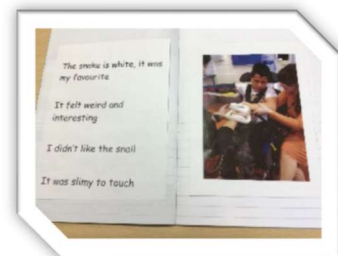


End of school year celebrations and achievements!

It has been an exciting term this Summer with the installation of the new sensory playground and its grand opening by world famous tenor, Russell Watson. Alongside this we have continued to adapt the learning environment to support the wide range of needs of our students. The sensory integration room will be completed over the summer and further whole staff training is planned for the INSET day in September to equip all staff with the knowledge and skills to support this area of provision. Another sensory breakout area has been adapted in the pre-formal corridor as well as the completed installation of the new library. The library now provides an accessible area for students to select and enjoy reading and related activities.

Theme Days!

Theme days this term have included a Writing Day, Sports Day, MOVE Festival and RSE Day- Launching into Kindness. These days continue to enhance the curriculum we provide at Fairfield and offer experiences that develop the awareness of the wider world and community. The communication team coordinated a brilliant week celebrating all aspects of writing across the school acknowledging the hard work of all staff and pupils. YAMSEN, the SEN Music organisation worked alongside school staff to make the MOVE Festival a great success combining movement and music experiences that were both engaging, purposeful and exciting.



Post-16 Leavers Farewell

Last week we bid a great farewell to our Year 14s and once again they were given a great send off to celebrate their time at Fairfield and an opportunity for all staff and other students to send best wishes for the next step in their journey beyond school. We wish Laila, Lucy, Saleema, Danyaal, Sian and Saba all the very best. We will miss you all and wish you all the very best for the future!

FUNDRAISING UPDATES

Great progress is being made on the fundraising for the Drive Deck with the target of £15,000 being close within reach. This has been tremendously supported by numerous agencies, parents and families, school staff which have all contributed. Special thanks to Lloyds Bank who contributed a whopping £5,000 to the target amount. We hope to achieve the target very shortly and see the new Drive Deck in use later in the Autumn Term supporting students in their independence training.

Stay updated by going to www.fairfieldschool.uk/fundraising

New Sensory Playground

After a year of fundraising the new sensory playground is now installed and being accessed by all students. The area now provides a range of equipment and zones that can be accessed by all students and provides an inclusive facility benefitting all. The students are now taking advantage of the different areas which include an outdoor gym equipment, wheelchair swing and roundabout, sensory path; sunken trampoline; physical circuits and many other opportunities to support physical activity and play.



KIDS DAY OUT TO BRIDLINGTON

On 27th June we enjoyed a trip to the East Coast for our annual Kids Day Out. A brilliant day was had by all thanks to the support of the Rotary Club of Birstall Luddites who funded the event and made it possible. A huge thanks for everyone who made this a wonderful experience for our pupils at Fairfield School. To many pupils this was their first experience of the seaside!



Dates for your diary!

- Monday 4th September – School closed for pupils – **STAFF INSET DAY**
 - School re-opens for pupils on Tuesday 5th September 2023
- School closes for half-term on Thursday 26th October and re-opens on Monday 6th November
 - School is closed for pupils on Friday 27th October 2023 – INSET DAY
 - School closes for the Christmas holiday on Friday 22nd December 2023
 - School re-opens on Monday 8th January 2024

We take this final opportunity to say farewell to Claire Palmer, Brett Scaife and Caroline Moxon who have worked for many years at Fairfield and have all played significant and impactful roles across the school. We wish them all the best with their retirement plans and good luck for the future.



Have a great summer!

