

# Fairview Children's Newsletter Term 3



## PRESS GANG

During term 3, 7 children in years 5 & 6 attended the Press Gang after school Club on Mondays. The purpose of the club was to write and produce this terms children's newsletter. The children have worked incredibly hard to write articles that they hope will be of interest. Along with writing the articles they have designed and edited this newsletter!

A huge thanks to the Press Gang!

Neve J, Eleanor M, Ella-Rae, Jasroop, Elia, Lucy H & Tami

Further down the newsletter you will see our regular features eg. message from Mrs Tillett etc.



### The Mystery of Mr. Squirrel by Jasroop

A mystery of a squirrel has happened at Fairview Community Primary School in Forest School! Mr. Squirrel is Missing! We would like to know if Mr. Squirrel has been taken home? If anyone has seen Mr. Squirrel or has Mr. Squirrel please return him to the office anonymously.

Thank you

## **Year 5 Ancient Greeks by Eleanor**

In year five we learnt about the ancient Greeks currently we have learnt that they have had a very different life style as there houses were very different then ours today because they invented the Olympics and did some different things that we don't have today like chariot racing and long jump.

## **Ancient Greeks by Ella-Rae**

When we learn about ancient Greeks in year 5 we learn about there fascinating lifestyle or how they invented the Olympics.



## **Outside playground by Eleanor & Ella-Rae**

Currently our year 3/4/5/6 top playground has lots of new things we used to have /blocks/skipping rope/ hula hoop/ and more but now our playground is much more exiting as we now have instruments like shakers and bells this is much more fun.



## YEAR 6 LEARNING BY ELIA

In year 6, our topic this term is rainforests, specifically the Amazon rainforests.

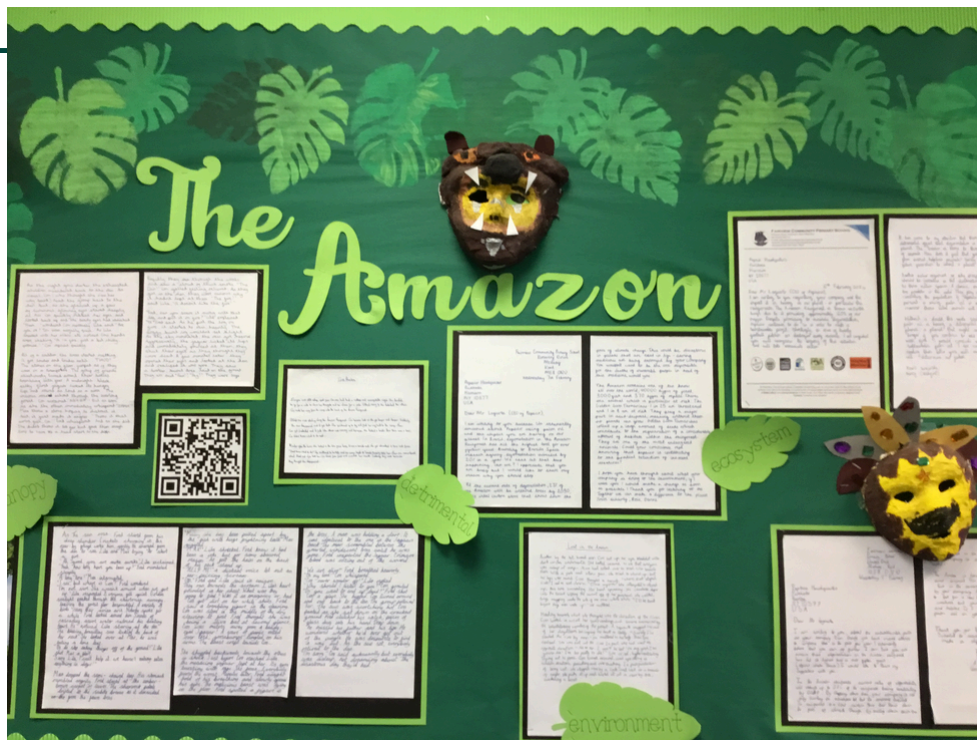
We are reading *The Explorer* and discovering all about the hazardous journey of

Fred, Con, Lila and Max, as they try to survive in the Amazon rainforests.

At the end of the term, we will be writing a narrative about the Amazon rainforests.

It will be abundant with life but will be savage with the dangers of animals.

It will be a thrilling adventure, inspired by the amazing story *The Explorer*.



# DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know...

There are 670 children currently  
at Fairview!

## Clubs within School by Tami

Does your child(ren) have any interests or activities that they are good at? This school has made the decision to support your child(ren)'s talents by starting up many clubs: MYG clubs to give them a chance to represent the school, Irish Dancing and Street Dance to enhance their dancing skills; Draw with Rob to show off their art skills; Dodgeball and there are still many more to come! Here are some children who go to these clubs and their review on them.

Name: Joelle Sanni  
Year Group: Year 6 Elephants  
Clubs: MYG netball

I really enjoy netball because it's very fun and it's a team sport so I meet loads of new people and it boosts my confidence.

Name: Valerie, Willow, Thea  
Year Group: Year 3, Wolves  
Clubs: Cookery, Brownies, Irish dancing  
We get to cook and try lots of new food – Valerie  
We make loads of fun stuff like bracelets – Willow  
We develop new skills at Irish dancing – Thea

Name: Betsy and Ella  
Year Group: Year 1, Doves  
Clubs: Film Club and Draw with Rob  
I love watching the films – Betsy  
We get to draw loads of stuff – Ella

If your child(ren) is interested in any of these clubs, club registration starts each month. Any questions should go to the school office or sent to them through email: [office@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk](mailto:office@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk)



## About our school dog Lenny by Lucy

We are very lucky to have an amazing school dog, Lenny! Lenny isn't just here for his looks! He is also our school therapy dog for children who might be a bit worried about coming into school.

I interviewed Joelle about her journey with Lenny which helped her overcome her fear of dogs.

Joelle's journey with Lenny!

"Overcoming my fear of dogs with Lenny felt like I could be more confident with things that I was too scared to do before. Seeing my whole class be able to play with Lenny whilst I had to sit outside really got my hopes up but when Mrs Nutley and Mrs Hind offered to help me overcome my fear I immediately started believing again. Every week I became more and more confident until now. I am now confident enough to stay in class when Lenny comes."

### INTRODUCING... **Our School Dog Lenny**

Here to help with:

- Anxiety reduction
- Attachment and relationship building
- Stress coping strategies
- Attention and behavioural difficulties
- Desensitisation and problem solving
- Social interaction and relationships

Communication and social anxieties

When I was a puppy

Studies have found that children with companion animals have higher self-esteem, greater empathy, more engagement with peers and other prosocial behaviour.

The Dog Mentor programme has built upon the benefits of the human-animal bond by providing children positive experiences with dogs that can help them educationally, developmentally, emotionally and socially.

My training day with The Dog Mentor

**THE DOG MENTOR**  
BUILDING CHARACTERS

## TEACHER FACTFILES BY NEVE

We have asked the year 5 teachers the following questions:

-How long have you worked at Fairview?

Mr Hunter - 2 years

Mrs Williams - 7 years

Miss Cassell - 11 years

-What's your favourite subject?

Mr Hunter - Maths

Mrs Williams - Maths

Miss Cassell - Maths

There is a familiar theme!

-Did you have any jobs before working at Fairview?

Mr Hunter - Teaching at other schools.

Mrs Williams - Tesco, a card shop & other schools

Miss Cassell - Gillingham Football Club



### Word of the week:

*Discombobulated*

Meaning: Confused & disconcerted



## Changes to Fairview's Values by Tami

At the start of this new term, the leaders of our school decided to introduce a new value in place of honesty: creativity! Honesty will be merged with responsibility, one of our main values.

Furthermore, children will have the opportunity to represent the school's values and become value representatives showcasing our values. If your child(ren) are interested, they should send a letter or video explaining why they believe they should become a value representative and give it to the school office or send it through email: [office@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk](mailto:office@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk)

## School Values by Ella-Rae

In our classrooms we have values such as honesty, kindness, collaboration, responsibility, respect and perseverance BUT recently honesty has now been changed to creativity meaning to try new things and new ways of learning.



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## COMMUNITY NEWS

We love celebrating the children's achievements outside of school. If you would like to include anything in the next newsletter, please send it into the office mailbox.



Believe  
and  
Achieve

### Karate!

Aamber in Reception successfully got her ninja orange stripe for karate. Brilliant achievement!



### Bouldering

Phoenix is Hawks class has so far competed in 2 out of 5 La Sportiva Blokfest competitions for bouldering. He has placed 3rd in both for his age category which is an amazing achievement as these competitions are national. The remaining 3 competition are at the end of February and March and we wish him the best of Luck! He will be amazing!



# **Adult stuff!**

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## **Message from Mrs Tillett**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through the academic year. Time certainly does fly when you're having fun! The children continue to impress us with their fantastic attitudes, their enthusiasm for learning, and their commitment to demonstrating our school values each day.

You may have heard from your child that our value of Honesty has now been incorporated into Responsibility. Following thoughtful discussions led by the Junior Leadership Team (JLT) and consultations with all classes, the children have collectively chosen Creativity as our sixth school value. The JLT's maturity, leadership, and genuine influence on school decision-making have been exceptional—they are truly shaping positive change at Fairview.

While the children have continued to flourish, this term has presented some challenges for our staff team. We have supported colleagues through personal tragedies, prolonged medical conditions, and recovery periods. This has affected staffing across the school in several areas. I remain incredibly proud of how staff have supported one another and stayed deeply committed to the children's education, even in the face of difficult personal circumstances.

The weather has also been less than kind to us, hasn't it? We have endured far too many necessary wet playtimes, together with leaking roofs and overflowing drains. Despite all of this, spirits have remained high, and we look forward to drier days and the exciting learning opportunities that Term 4 will bring.

I hope you all enjoy a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Tillett



## School fund

Thank you to the parents who have donate to our school fund, this term lots of books have been purchased for our younger children. If you would like to make a donation you can via Parentmail.

## Named property

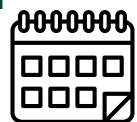
We are still finding lots of coats, water bottles, jumpers etc that have no names in. To reunite lost items with their owners naming items is so important. Please name everything.

## Time away from school

If your child is absent or you are aware they will be absent please let us know. If they have a medical appointment please provide school with an appointment letter, card etc to enable us to mark this correctly on the register.

## Key dates and events

An updated list has been sent to you shortly, please can we remind you that on occasion these dates may change. We will send this out each term with the newsletter



## Founders Day

Founders Day, which marks the birthday of Robert Paden-Powell (Scout & Guiding organisations) is on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. To celebrate children can wear their uniform to school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, if they would like to.



Happy Founders Day

## Reading record results

This terms Reading Raffle winners are:

Foundation Stage - Maisie (Ladybirds)

KS1 - Freya (Leopards)

LKS2 - Charlotte (Hedgehogs)

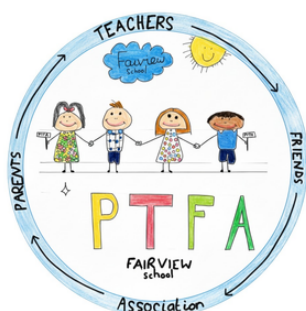
UKS2 - Eva (Ravens)



## PTFA

The amazing PTFA have lots of upcoming events organised, these have been shared with you on Parentmail.

The dedicated team give up their own time to run these events and are always looking for new members and helpers. If you can spare any time please contact the PTFA.





Caterpillars	Elliott & Lily S
Ladybirds	Jude M
Bumblebees	Daphne H
Dragonflies	Flora J
Kingfisher	Blakeley B
Doves	Elliot W
Robins	Maira H
Lions	Ivy M
Leopards	Freddie P
Tigers	Aliyah H
Wolves	Molly H
Hedgehogs	Maryam
Foxes	Jamie S
Dolphins	Esme
Otters	George H
Turtles	Isabella
Owls	Joel
Ravens	Hannah
Hawks	Alana
Crocodiles	Florence
Zebras	Lilly
Elephants	Bertie

