



Pre-school—P7  
Parents Evening  
Wed 2 and Thurs 3  
October

Book Fair  
Tues 1—Fri 4  
Also open on Parents  
Evenings 6—8pm

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End of Term  
School closes for  
the  
October Break  
Friday 11 October  
3pm

New Term Starts  
Monday 28 October

Welcome to our first Newsletter of the new session and an especially warm welcome to our new Pre-school and P1 children and their families, to new children and their families elsewhere in the school and to the new members of our staff team who you will see below.

The first term got underway with our whole school focus on *Getting To Know You!* This theme provides everyone with opportunities to settle in to their new class with their new teacher and share information about themselves both in and out of school. The Orkney Science Festival followed in early September with workshops for our P4—7 classes on a wide range of Science related themes including how wool is made, atoms and molecules and, very relevantly given the 200th anniversary of his birth, a talk on John Rae the Orcadian born Arctic explorer.

In the Newsletter you will see other items of news from classes as well as some information and reminders which we hope you'll find useful.

As always please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Jane Bruce  
Head Teacher

## Welcome to Our New Staff



Alison Miller (Pre-school Teacher)



Jaanne Pottinger (4E's Teacher)



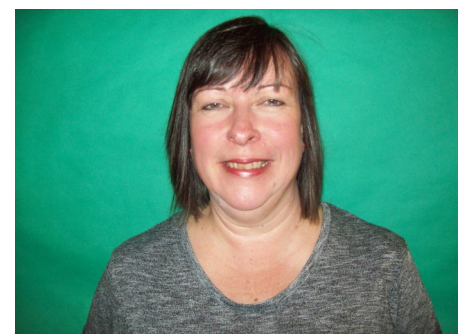
Michelle Dearness (3M's Teacher)



Alison Guthrie (2S's Teacher)



Rosemary Horton (Pre-school Teacher)



Evelyn Crawford (Auxiliary)

# Cycling to School

Whilst responsibility always rests with the parents to decide whether their child cycles to school we would recommend that children should only be considered ready if they have either completed the cycle training successfully or are currently being trained and you are satisfied that they understand and can safely execute the correct procedures highlighted in the guidance booklets issued to all children involved in cycle training. Children should not cycle on the school grounds during the school day, this includes the car park area where the cycle racks are now located.

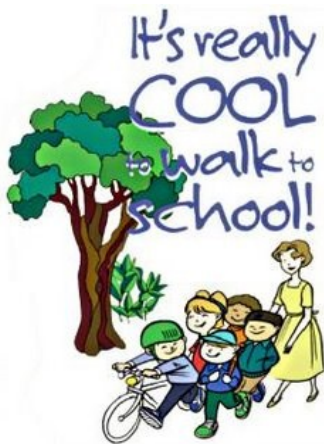


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Thank you to everyone who has ordered through the Yellow Moon catalogue. Last session you helped us raise a total of

£17.24

## Children Walking to School



We would strongly encourage children to walk to school using the Lollipop Crossing points wherever possible. The recommended routes to access the rear playground when arriving at school are through link doors beside the school main entrance or in front of the Primary wing off the old swimming pool access road. The cycle / walkway running from KGS to Willowburn Road can also be used but care should be taken (at the Infant Hall end) to stay on the walkway as service vehicles may also need to access the school kitchen. Please note that only service vehicles and catering staff are permitted to use this access.

## Parking and Dropping Children off at School

Inappropriate parking around the school can also compromise the safety of children. This includes stopping on the double yellow lines in Willowburn Road, using the service vehicle only access at the end of the Infant Hall as a drop off point and blocking access to car parks by parking inappropriately where there is no space or by using one of the taxi/disabled spaces.

We would ask for extreme care when manouvering, particularly reversing, in the car parks as children may be present.

Whilst we appreciate that parking spaces are always at a premium we would encourage all motorists to park responsibly to keep all the children as safe as possible.



## Morning Line Up

It would be really helpful if parents accompanying their children to school in the mornings would take the whistle for line up as their cue to leave the playground in the mornings.

Line-up is the official start of the school day and an opportunity, when required, to pass on any important information the children need to know for that day. Having parents present during this period can be distracting for all the children, particularly those children whose parents are present, making it difficult for them to settle.



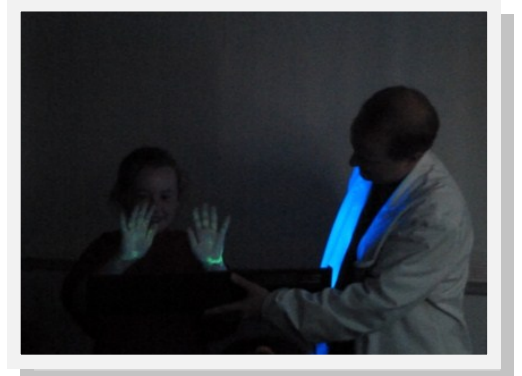
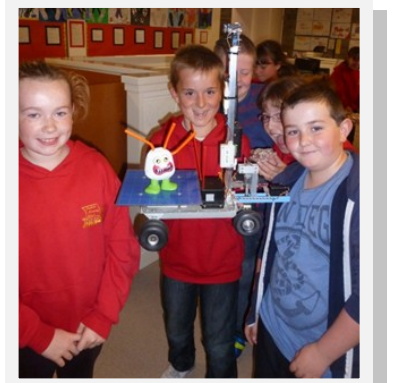
# Tag Rugby

P6M had a great day out at the Tag Rugby Festival on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of September at the Picky Centre. The P6's and P7's were mixed together into teams and we each got to play 4 games. There were 8 pitches in total. We enjoyed getting the chance to play teams from other schools and an opportunity to showcase our rugby skills. Hopefully next time it will be a sunny day!



# Science Festival

*Primary 7* took part in three Science Festival Workshops this term. The first Workshop was the weird and fascinating "Zombie Science: Worst Case Scenario" which looked at how viruses spread. Casey from 7E had a go at cleaning her hands and then inspecting them under an Ultraviolet light. The second Workshop was about space travel and P7 had the opportunity of controlling a rover around the P7 area from the comfort of the classroom! The final Workshop was an Astronomy Talk which was full of information about Black Holes and the death of stars.



# Class News

## New start in P1

We are all learning about what happens in school, by setting class rules, having helpers and working on our 'Coming to School' books. All the children have settled in really well, with the help of the P7 Buddies. Everyone is coping well in the busy dinner hall, and many are trying new foods from the school dinners.



We have had visits from Karyn Tait and 'Harry' to teach us how to brush our teeth and eat healthy food. Everyone brushes their teeth after dinner each day.



**3M** have been learning about the Eatwell Plate and food groups as a part of their 'Healthy Me' project. Here they are showing you the Eatwell plate that they arranged in class.



Mr Drever came to visit in his School Crossing Patrol uniform (lollipop!) to teach us about how to cross the road safely. Stop Look Listen and Think!

## *The Magnificent Mile*

Every Thursday and Wednesday (weather permitting) 6S go and run/walk a mile. We are doing this as part of our health and well being. It usually runs very smoothly but it has not always been that way.

Kirsty Harrison 6S



# Class News

This morning 4M went on a extremely amazing trip to the Bishop's and Earl's Palaces. It was amazing at the Palaces. The P7's from Glaitness School were taking us on a tour around the Palaces. They dressed up as people from the olden times. At the Earl's Palace we played a game and Leah won! We also went in the kitchen. In the kitchen we were told about the spit boy. I really enjoyed all the wonderful facts.

Charlotte Drever



We went to the Bishop's and Earl's Palaces this morning. Furst we whent to Bishop's Palace and it is 5 stores high. It has not one fire but tow. Then we went to the Earl's Palace. At the Earl's Palace we went to the door and knocked sonwone came to the door and shouted at us and go the gards so we had to say that we had to be frends with them. So then we got to go inside. Wen we whent inside we went to the kitchen and lernt about the man hoo turnt the spit fire and he had a red mark on his fece. There was a lady hoo had salt in a curerd they trusted her becas she is sensabl. Then we went up stairs to play a game. Leah wun. After that we whent in to the bed chamber, then we wont down stairs to leave.

Lewis Allan

## 4M Visit to Earls and Bishops Palaces

We went to the Earl's Palace. It was funny wen the boy was shouting. We saw P7 form Glaitness. They wher doing a play. They wher dresst up in old fashioned clothes. The told us King Hakon died in the Bishop's Palace. We played a game and Leah wone. Theyr wer tow fires in the Bishop's Palace. Theyr was loads of windows in the Earl's Palace. The spit boy got a red face because he did the fire everyday. The firl had a speshil cubert to keep her solt in. The boy shouted because he wanted his food. It was fun. We got to see the King's bedroom and his tiolit.

Cadence Ward

4M got to go the palaces, me and Alex and Jay thought it was haunted. Glatnes School made a little play it wasn't that bad. I pretended to shout at he gard. It was weird.

Rhys Flett



# Pre-school News

## Raised Bed

We helped to make a raised bed in the Pre-school garden. We worked together to move the soil and flatten it in the raised bed. We hope to use it later in the year to grow our own vegetables for snack.

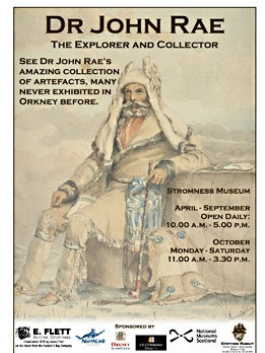


## A Building Project

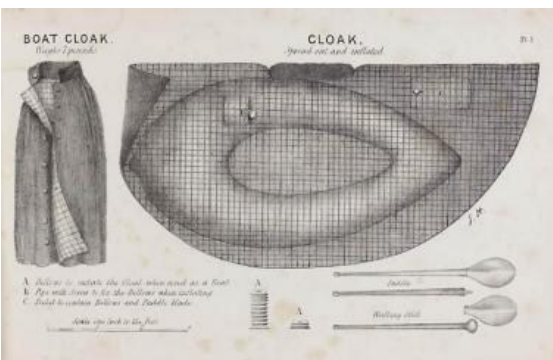
Poor Mr MacKinnon! He needed our help to build his house because his builder had gone on holiday! We spoke about all the things we would need to build his house, gathered them together and then got busy.



# Class News



On the 11th September all three P6's with some pupils from Dounby Primary went to a talk about John Rae. The talk was given by Dott. Maria Wadhams of the Istituto Geografico Polare "Silvio Zavatti" in Fermo, Italy.



# Great North Run

Congratulations to Mrs Bourne who took part in "The Great North Run" on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Around 55,000 people ran for charity on the day and completed the 13.1 mile run around Newcastle. Mrs Bourne finished the run in 2 hours 50 minutes. On the day, she was lucky to meet and get her picture taken with Colin Jackson. Mrs Bourne said "What an amazing, awesome experience. The atmosphere was electric and I would definitely take part again. I have raised £500 for Great Ormond Street Hospital."



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Text: **07807 048 070**

Office Tel: **01506 840 395**

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Or Join Online:  
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## Family welcome pack



Actual pack may vary.

Registered Charity SC04

## BRAM CLUB

Salvation Army  
Hall

Tuesdays

P1—3

6.15—7.15

P4, 5 & 6

7.15—8.15

P7 Upwards

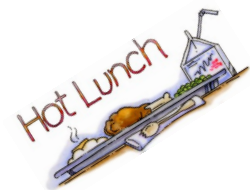
8.15—9.15

All welcome to  
come along and  
join in the fun.

# Farewell



Staff and pupils at Papdale would like to wish Marina Miller (our Head Cook) all the best in her new job and hopefully we will see her again soon.



## Party Invitation

Papdale Parent Council Invite you to our

**"XMAS SHOPPING PARTY NIGHT"**

Thursday 7th November in the Infant Hall - 7pm to 9pm

£2 entry fee payable at the door Includes Refreshments – Tea, Coffee, Wine and Nibbles!

Partylite  
Usborne Books  
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Pampered Chef  
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Margaret Brough Knitwear

[Suzanne Lee Photography](#)

Private photo-shoots - 15 minute slots available from 6pm – 9pm  
Phone 851 212 to book!

**\*Fantastic Raffle\***

All proceeds on the night will go towards the new Playground

**Please come along, bring a friend and have a relaxed evening while you browse the wonderful selection of goods on offer!**