

Preschool—P7
Parent Evenings

Wednesday 19th
and
Thursday 20th March

End of Term 3
Friday 28 March
Term 4 begins
Monday 14 April

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Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday 18th —
Friday 21st March
8.30am—9am
3pm—4pm

Also open on
Parents Evening
6—8pm

Well Spring is nearly upon us, the days are getting longer and the sun is even beginning to pop its head out from behind the clouds which is helping to raise our spirits. Hopefully this latest edition of our Newsletter will have the same effect on you as you read!

This edition includes news from activities and clubs going on in school, including an excellent fundraising event by our P4s. There is also news and pictures from some extra-curricular activities including photos of our football and netball teams who have been competing in the primary schools competitions. Could I take this opportunity to thank all of the parents who give so much time and effort to coach and supervise these activities. Without this support they simply could not continue.

Finally can I draw your attention to the Car Park Safety item on page 7 which highlights some safety concerns and procedures. I'm sure we all share the desire to keep our children as safe as possible.

As always please get in touch if you have any comments, suggestions or concerns at anytime.

Jane Bruce - Head Teacher



TOP SHOP Opens at Papdale

The idea of having a school based point where second hand school tops could be recycled was highlighted at the last Parent Council meeting and so Papdale's very own "Topshop" was born in the foyer of our school!

Whether you are looking for a school top for your child or you would like to donate one that they have grown out of please call past the school reception at the main entrance for more information.

Tops of all sizes and styles are available free, or if you prefer, for a small donation to school funds.

Primary 4E and 4M held a highly successful "Fun with the Fours" fundraising event in February. The children learned a great deal through this enterprise project including the necessary planning and preparation associated with hosting this type of event. In addition to deepening their understanding of enterprise, the children also developed their money skills and their knowledge of global citizenship in relation to the work of one of their chosen charities, Save the Children. This charity along with J.D.R.F. (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) was chosen by the children and shared the £286.17 raised. Well done to the P4's!



Fun with Fours Event

At first all the fours had to prepare everything so it was really perfect the P4s all decided to have a vote so they had something to raise money for. They all voted until it turned out that they were raising money for Save the Children and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation secondly we all made beautiful, colourful posters so we could show the P1 to threes.

We all felt nervous but were having a whale of a time at the same time. Next we had to make the roles. The roles all were press, welcomers, charity

workers and stalls people. We got them all sorted out. It was on a couple of days to go!

Today was the bid day. SOOO nervous! Ok the first class came in, I talked to the first person. Hello! I said gracefully, Are you having fun? I asked, Yes said the boy. What's your name? I said, Oh my name's Max. That's nice, what are yu building with the lego?

Mayge being the press isn't so hard after all. Phyeew It was all over.

Grace Flett 4M



Our Fundraisers

First I got prepared for the fundraiser. And then practised for the fundraiser with the lego Job. The lego Job is that you teach P1—3 to build lego. And then we planned for the charity we were going to raise money for. We raised money for

JDRF and Save the Children. Next we set up the classroom for the fundraiser. Finally the day came for the fundraiser to take place. It went well.

Alex Campbell 4M

Primary 4 Fundraiser

Final Total
£286.17

Fun with the Fours

When we did Fun with the fours, we didn't do it all at the same time. Instead we did it in stages. In the beginning, we advertised our event by creating presentations. Next we decided our roles and started to create examples of what you could make. Then we arranged our stalls. Finally, it was the big day! We all hoped that all of our hard work would eventually pay off.

On the 11th of February 2014, Fun with the Fours took place. We had a great time! 'Although we were tired by the end of the day!' It was all for J.D.R.F and Save the Children. J.D.R.F stands for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Emily Hayes 4M



Fun with Fours!!!!

At first we voted for a charity. Then we made posters and gave them to P1 to P3. After that we made Fun with the Fours. There was lego, cupcakes, cards, stalls. We raised about £286.17 for Jdrf and Save the Children. Finally we talked about what went well. It was very fun.

Rhys Flett 4M



Every Friday during Golden Time a group of Primary 4 girls and boys meet in GP Room 2 for the Knitting Club. We are very lucky to have our group of excellent helpers, Grannies and Mums of children in the school, who come every week to help the children learn to knit. Now into a second term all the children can now knit and only need a bit of help and guidance if they make any mistakes (easy to do!). Practise makes perfect and it is great to see how much better the children are becoming and how much longer their knitting is growing! Many thanks to all our helpers and to Mrs Walls and Ms Tait who have been there to help too.



Thank you to everyone who purchased items through the Yellow Moon catalogue. This has raised a total of **£16.50** to go towards our school fund.

Our Surprise Visitor



Clyde



Clyde's Visit

On Monday 24th February a special visitor came to Papdale Primary School. His name was Clyde and he is the mascot for the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games. There are 4500 athletes from 70 countries taking part. Clyde's shoes are size 17, the same number of sports in the Commonwealth Games. At the end P3-5 danced with Clyde.

By Scott, Jamie, Maciej, Conrad, Morgan and Leon, 5E

Class News from 2s

This term we have been finding out about the past through the topic Grandparents. Some of our grandparents came to talk to our class. We found out some naughty things our grandparents did when they were peedie.



Bruce Swanson with his Grandad



Heddle Poke with his Grandad and Granny

7E enjoyed reading the poems from the musical "Cats" this term and also helped Miss MacDonald by making props for the KAOS production that took place during February. P6 & 7 was also given the opportunity of attending the Dress Rehearsal which was fantastic!

"Cats was really good and I enjoyed it. Well done everyone" Casey

"I liked making the props as it was messy. I enjoyed making Pom Poms and using Paper Mache." Baillie

"It was brilliant, the best show ever! The 3 girls from 7E were great!" Libby

7E News



Primary 7 have been learning how to play a Robert Burns song called "You're Welcome Willie Stewart" with Mrs Keldie in Music. You can watch the videos on the P7 Blog.

"It was really interesting as we got to play our own choice of instrument. I played the keyboard and it was fun to play it using both hands." Reece T



Here are 7E's thoughts on the writing workshop from author, Victoria Campbell.

"I thought it was fun as we got lots of tasks to do." Emily

"It was exciting making up our own character and object with a secret or magical power."

Charlotte

"It was cool to get a signed copy of her book, (Viking Gold)."

Baillie

Car Park Safety

Thank you to the overwhelming majority of parents who drive responsibly when picking up and dropping off children at school. However, we have had several parents as well as members of the public contacting us regarding a small number of driver's whose actions are causing concern for the safety of the children and other road users. We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to make the right choices for the safety of all concerned.

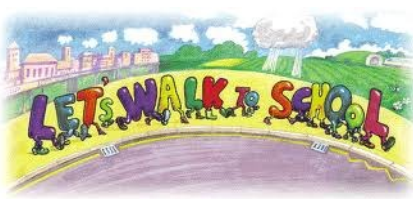
In the Streets around the school

- Please park responsibly and not where there are double yellow lines
- Make sure children exit the car onto the pavement at the side of the road and not into the middle of the road
- Please use the pavements, walkways/cycleways and lollipop crossings



School Car Parks

- The car park behind the Infant Hall is for Kitchen Staff parking and Delivery vehicles only and should not be used by parents to pick up and drop off children.
- At peak times car parks can be very congested but please park in designated car park spaces only. Don't use the Disabled or Taxi parking spaces unless you are entitled to do so
- Do not reverse in the car parks unless you are absolutely sure it is safe to do so
- If you have to stop in the car park but are not in a parking space please do not leave your vehicle unattended as it may need to move at very short notice.



To avoid the congestion we would always encourage children to walk to school as the healthy, environmentally friendly option. If you have to deliver your children to school by car an alternative would be to park farther away from the school where it is less congested and let the children walk the last part of the journey.

FACTfinders- still going strong!

FACTfinders started in 2008 as a joint initiative between Papdale Primary School and Christian Growth Centre Orkney to provide an opportunity for Dads and children to have some fun together. Meetings are held monthly during term time, usually on the first Sunday of each month at the Life Centre on East Road where there is a crèche/ play area, games room with air hockey, pool, table tennis and table football and a lounge with Wii games and snacks.

Usually there are some activities and games organised as well for everyone to enjoy. Last Sunday the activity was balloon modelling which resulted in the children going home with some unusual looking creations!

FACTfinders is free to all Papdale Primary School and Glaitness School children and their Dads/male carers thanks to the support of volunteers from CGC Orkney and funding from the Orkney Childcare Partnership.





Fencing and Karate

We are doing a Go For It project at School and we invited Roy in to teach us karate. We got to learn some simple moves in karate, such as guarding ourselves and punches. It was a cool lesson. We also did fencing with Maggie and John. We were using a kind of weapon called a foil, which had a small rubbery thing on it so we didn't get stabbed. The gear for protection was very heavy. It included a helmet, a special jumper and a right or left glove. It was an excellent lesson. A lot of us enjoyed it but the equipment was heavy. There were some confusing bits here and there. There was a small wait when half the class were watching from the bench. It was some good fun. Excellent.....

Scott McCartney 5M

Karate

Roy came and taught us some Karate for Go For It. We learned some basic punches and blocks. After we learned some basics Roy told us to punch him to see how strong he was. I really enjoyed Karate it is really fun. I think I might join Karate, because it is a good way to keep fit. Also Roy told us an interesting fact. The fact was that Karate in Japanese means empty-hand. I thought that Karate was fun before but I was wrong it was more fun. I really liked Karate.

Fencing

Maggie and John came in and taught us fencing. Our class was split in half and we both took turns to wear a suit and fight against someone. The fencing suit didn't fit me very well, but I still had fun using the foil. The foil was long and thin with a rubber dot on the end. The suit was white and it had a zip. I liked fencing but it is for ten years plus and I am only nine so I cant join yet. When I am ten I might join because I had so much fun. I thought it was super-duper fun. I had one of the best days ever.

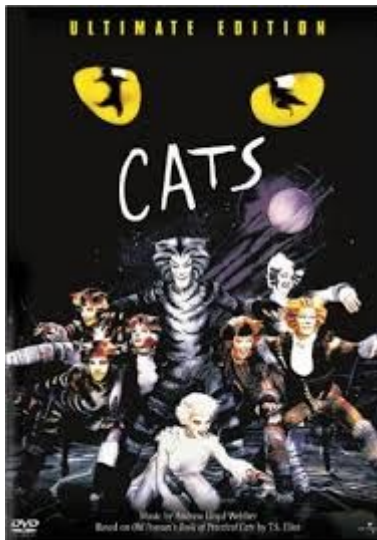
Samantha McDermot 5M

A few weeks ago Roy from Orkney Karate Club came in to teach us karate. It was for Go For It. It was really fun especially when we got to punch and shout in Japanese. We had to take our shoes off at the side of the hall. I think I might join the karate club.

A few weeks ago Maggie and John from the Orkney Fencing Club came to teach us some fencing. It was for Go For It. It was really fun. We got to learn how to lunge, go forward, go back and use a foil. We also got to dress up in the clothes.

Charlotte Hume 5M

CATS



This term 6S has been doing work related to Old Possums Book of Practical Cats. The reason we are doing this work is because our local theatre group created a musical show based on the poems in the book. This fantastic show was directed by Papdale's very own Miss MacDon-ald. We enjoyed all the amazing activities that we got to do.

P6 looked at some poems and tried to find out the cats personalities. My favourite cat was Mr Mistoffellees, the magic cat. We also read the poems Macavity, The Naming of Cats, Gus the Theatre Cat, Mr Mistoffelees and Growltiger.

Paper mache wig holders were needed for backstage purposes so Papdales P6 classes lended a hand. They covered a head sized balloon in old newspapers and lots of sticky runny glue. Once the balloons were dry they painted each balloon with a cat face. When the paper mache cats were complete the P6s walked to the KGS Theatre to hand them over in person. The cast was very pleased.

Miss MacDonald (the director) invited the P6s and 7s to see the Cats dress rehearsal to thank them for doing such brilliant things for the show. It was on a Sunday afternoon. I especially liked Mr Mistoffelees magic trick. Now I feel that I want to one day become part of a show like this.


6S were inspire to create their own cats by the dress rehearsal. They are going to write a little kids story about their cat for the children that are in Pre-school.

Jo Davis (the choreographer) came to teach us a dance from the show. Everyone loved the lessons because it was so energetic and lively. The boys didn't think they would like the dancing but they ended up enjoying the dancing a lot.

After all that work, now I might consider joining a dance group and I have new interest in poetry. I especially like rhyming poems. Overall I think this has been an excellent experience.



Kirsty Harrison 6S



Thank you to everyone who took part in our Pyjama Day
A total of **£188.04** was raised to go towards our
School Playground Fund

Papdale Primary League Football Teams



2013-14



Flyers

Liam King, Ross Campbell, Jamie Clouston and Mark Sclater
Ben Swannie, Cameron Aitken and Geoffrey Barber



Kings

Reece Worthington, Finlay Scott and Andrew Torbet
Sam Davidson, Connor Scott and Craig Harrison (Connor MacLeod)



Vikings

Calvin Slater, Jamie Hutchison and Archie Flett
Scott Rosie, Liam Smart and Jack Moonie (Lao Richard)



Mighty Marvels

Scott Taylor, Conrad Johnston, Maciej Meszka and Steven Spence
Robbie Kirkpatrick, Kieran Flett and Lachy Gauld



Dales

Craig Brough, Vinn Robertson, Cameron Foy and Aaron Cheer
Jack MacPherson, Harvey Wooldrage and Ewan Tait

Papdale Primary Knockout Football Teams 2013-14



Giants

Rebekka Firth, Luke Shearer, Emily Byers and Andrew Swanson
Frankie Baker, Scott Drever and Donald McAdie



Knights

Alexander Keenan, Jamie Adam and Max Baker
Morgan Leslie, Leon Flaws and Cameron Walker



Papdale Primary League Netball Teams 2013-14



Cyclones

Adele Flett, Mo Donaldson, Rachel Mills and Jodie Brown
Yasmin Linton, Izzy Nicolson, Bethan Dowell and Robin Gordon



Stormers

Charlotte Smith, Jessica Aim, Rhea Laughton and Millie Stout
Libby Harrison, Charis Reid and Casey Spence (Alannah Louttit)

Papdale Primary League Netball Teams 2013-14



Tornados

Leah Williamson, Chloe Diffin, Paula Graham and Lea Want
Katie Rendall, Jennifer Clouston and Rebekah Johnstone



Whirlwinds

Jean Blance, Zara Flett, Kristi Rendall and Isla Aiken
Ella Burns, Keira Shirreffs, Charys Millar and Emma Henderson



Twisters

Evie Allison, Freya Greaves, Emma Belford and Abigail Smith
Alana Campbell, Louise Scott, Ruth Peace and Jana Robertson

P1 have been busy!

This term we have been busy with our topic on Fun with Bruck! Instead of throwing away our bruck, we have been finding ways of re-using and recycling. We held a Toy Swap of toys we no longer play with. It was good fun taking home a 'new' toy! Then we took the left over toys to the Red Cross shop. We priced them and put them on the shelf to raise money for people who need help in Orkney, the rest of Britain and all over the World.



Fay from Orkney Zerowaste came and told us the story of our rubbish in Orkney. Did you know that our glass bottles are crushed to make blocks for the Barriers or put into our roads? Or that your fleece may be made from plastic bottles, like this one Fay is holding?



We found out from Mr McKinnon all about the recycling at Papdale.