

Family Sports Day

Bignold Park
From
10.00

Come along and
join us at any
time!

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End of Term
Tuesday 1 July
3pm
New Session Starts
Tuesday 19 August
2014

We hope everyone
has a great
summer!

Our Playground

We are delighted to announce that the official opening of all our new playground equipment and resources will be on Monday 23 June at 2pm at the Ring of Papdale in the back playground.

Our Parent Council, very ably led by Charlotte Harrison over several years, have worked extremely hard to raise the funds to source equipment for our children to play and have fun on! We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to it and helped provide the fantastic facilities for our children, school and community.

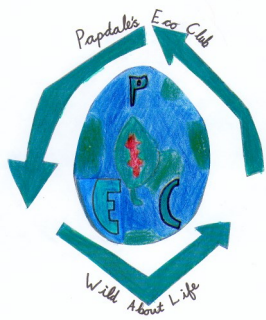
If you are able to join us on Monday at 2pm you will be most welcome. Our Steel Pan Groups and P6 Pipers will entertain the children, parents and guests from 1.40, weather permitting, before the 'cutting of the ribbon' to officially hand it over!



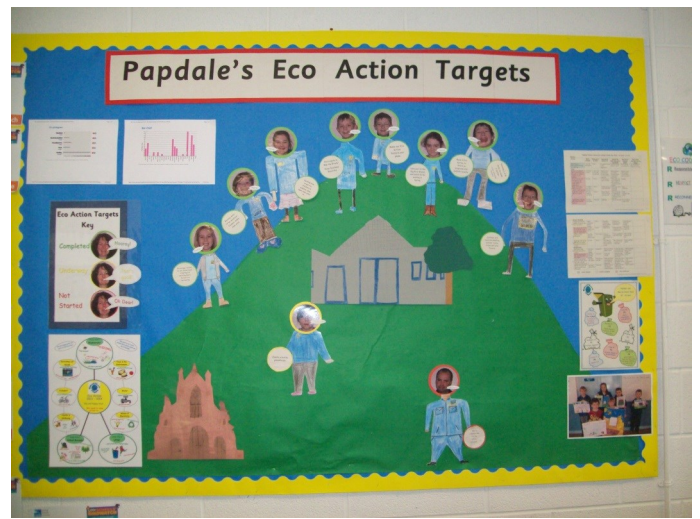
Funday & Variety Concert

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our Funday and Variety Concert such a success. We raised the magnificent sum of **£5800!** We are very grateful to everyone for their contributions of bric-a-brac, books, baking, silent auction items, raffle prizes and above all their time on the Funday! Our Variety Concert provided a wonderful showcase of talents and gifts from everyone who took part - children, staff, former pupils and friends!

Thank you again from everyone at Papdale Primary School!



Eco Club



The Eco Club can be very proud of their work and achievements as we approach the end of another school year. This is the second year of our Green Flag and the Eco Club has continued to work on the targets set last year for the three key areas of Litter, Biodiversity and School Grounds. As you can see on our Eco Club Display Board almost all of the targets we set have been achieved!



Litter

The classes all took part again in "Bag the Bruck" making a great job of cleaning up our community as far as Bignold Park and Weyland Shore. We revisited the guidelines for the LAW Duty (Litter Awareness Workers) at breaktimes and encouraged classes to design new litter posters which will go up around our school and the community.

School Grounds

Thanks to the Parent Council we now have exciting new areas in the playground and to add to this, the Eco Club organised and helped build our "Wigloo" (willow igloo) amongst the trees which is now growing fresh new leaves. We also planted daffodils and sowed wildflower seeds around the school grounds. This week should finally see the completion of our bottle greenhouse! Thanks to everyone for helping to collect the bottles and to children from all classes who have helped construct it with our janitors.



Biodiversity

Lots more classes took part this year in the RSPB Big Bird Watch in January and counted the different species of birds around the school. The nest boxes were occupied again with sparrows and their chicks and the bug boxes are full of life too. There's lots more to do to encourage a variety of wildlife to the school grounds but we have set a challenge to the classes to see if they can find an A-Z of wildlife around the school before the end of term.



On top of all this, the school has continued to recycle waste and the Eco Club have worked hard to encourage everyone to switch off their lights and whiteboards when they're out of class. The whole school took part in 'World Earth Hour' again switching off the electricity and making wishes



on stars for the future of our Planet.

Well done to everyone in the Eco Club and all the children and staff in the school for making these achievements possible and good luck to next year's Eco Club with their new targets for making our school even more Green!

Primary 3

Trip to Skara Brae and Ring of Brodgar

On Monday 2nd June, 3M and 3E visited Skara Brae and the Ring of Brodgar. At Skara Brae we had a look around the visitor centre, the replica house and Skara Brae itself. Rangers met us at the Ring of Brodgar and told us some interesting stories about the standing stones. What a great day!

Here is a picture of some of 3M outside the replica house at Skara Brae and the other picture shows us listening to the Ranger at the Ring of Brodgar.



Shopping Songs' P5

The P5s have been invited to take part in a St Magnus Festival concert for Peter Maxwell Davis' 80th birthday. We are singing 'Kirkwall Shopping Songs', including 'Our Street', 'I Must Buy' and 'Oh Mr Spence'. Some of us are playing tuned and untuned percussion. The concert is on the 24th of June at the



Orkney Theatre. Five other schools will also be involved. We are looking forward to the performance. 5E

Paired Reading with Primary 1

6M have been working with 1S. We have been completing paired reading activities every Tuesday for a four week period. We all worked with one P1 to improve their reading and writing. They all enjoyed completing the activities and they got to read a different book each week.



P6 Hoy Trip



6E recently returned from a residential outdoor education experience in Hoy based around the life of the famous Orcadian explorer John Rae. Activities included a gorge walk, canoeing, bushcraft and archery.



Great fun had by all!

P4's Awesome Orphir Adventure

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ADVENTURE IN ORPHIR

An Awesome Orphir Adventure For P4's

Hello I'm Charlotte and I'm a pupil reporter and I'm going to tell you about P4's trip to Orphir. On Tuesday the 3rd of June 2014 the P4's went on a trip to Orphir. The round church and the shore are already planning their next adventure!

When I interviewed a pupil called Sadence she said "I rate this trip ten out of ten!" when I interviewed a pupil called Emily she

said "I would love to have another trip just like this as long as the trees have blankets on them!" One pupil went to deep in the burn and got COMPLETELY soaked! and the P4's



Has Charlotte gone over her depth?!

Reporter Charlotte Jane Drewer
Fantastic newspaper article.

Awesome Orphir!!!!

Oh Tuesday 3rd June 2014. Villager news reported P4 went to Gyre woods. There was a stream and one pupil called Rhys went too deep. P4 also went to the round church it's also a grave yard. They also went to the beach. Four pupils called Erland / Lewis / Malachi / Rhys,

went iron mining and they were successful. One pupil called Rhys found a pickaxe.

This is the bridge that leads to the beach.



Reported by villager number 4.

Great reporting Rhys 😊

P4's Perfect day

P4's went to Gyre woods on 3rd June 2014. They learned different sorts of flowers & plants & trees. They explored places. They took a bus to get there. The other P4 class went there as well. They also went to the round church. They saw a dog and had lunch near the grave yard and the round church and the museum. There was a beach near bus stop. They went to the

beach. They thought that the river was quite hard to get across without boots. Although it was fun.



The round church adventure

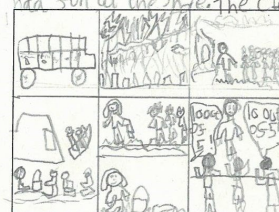
Super newspaper article Gracie!

Gracie Elliott

P4's latest Adventure: In Orphir!

Big news! on Tuesday 3rd June P4's latest trip was in Orphir! Their first stop was Gyre woods where some climbed trees. They had a nature walk. It was clear that the children were having great fun! The children were shocked to learn that bees fly up to the nectar of the birds! Next the pupils headed to the round church where historic Scotland ranger Sandra Miller told

the pupils a tale of what had happened at the round church once. Then the class sat down to have their lunch. Then the 2 classes went to the shore to have some sun! Some people at the shore even built a dam! Then they set off on the bus back to school. Pupil Zara said she had fun at the shore. The class rates it 10 out of 5



Top left photo: bus, top middle: Gyre woods, top right: Round church, bottom left: pupils having lunch, bottom middle: pupils at the shore, bottom right: pupils saying 10 out of 5 for the trip

Reported by Eleanor Dean.

Fantastic reporting Eleanor. 😊

Primary 2

Trip to Binscarth Woods



We went on a trip to Binscarth Woods. We looked for plants, built some castles and looked for living things in the burn. It was great fun and we would love to go back there. 2S

The Outing

On Thursday we went to Binscarth Woods. It took about an hour to get there. When we got there we had our snack. Next we went on a walk to see the wild flowers. Then we got a little shot on the tyre swing. After that we went in the burn to find living things. Later on we went to build a giant's castle out of stones and branches and a tree trunk. Finally we got free play. Last we went on the bus to go to Firth play park. There was a roundabout that was my favourite.

Rhiannon Firth 2E

Pre-school News



"The teachers rubbed the flints together and the fire lit."

Elsa

"It was very fun. I liked seeing the flames. I really loved it!"

Annie

This year in Pre-school, we have lit sparklers, used saws and drills, hammers and screwdrivers and cut vegetables with sharp knives. We know how to keep safe even in risky situations! Our adventures have continued to grow and this term we have built a fire pit in the Secret Garden. We spent time talking and learning about how to keep safe around the fire, and made our own risk benefit assessment. Once we were sure that we knew how to keep safe around the fire we invited mums and dads up to the Secret Garden with us to share in the experience of lighting the fire for the first time.

"We were thinking about how to keep safe, to not go too close to the fire - if you would, you would burn yourself and you would have a 'day kit' for if you burn yourself and you would need water." Eva M

"You need to watch your eyes for the smoke." Aiden W

Lagganlia Memories

During the Mountain Biking, I constantly asked questions like "Are we there yet?", "Can we go in the water?" and "Can we have our lunch now?" Martin kept telling me to keep going and Calum said stop asking so many questions. It was really hard but fun! **Casey 7E**

On Wednesday we did an all-day hill walk and it was tiring! When we got to the top, we had our lunch in a tent and it was really crowded. Most of us fell over when we walked down the hill. **Yasmin 7E**

I was in a canoe with Mrs Dufort. We had lunch on the beach. When we had free choice in the water, Katy and I tipped Andrew's canoe. Let's just say he was not very happy! Most of my group jumped into the water. **Baillie 7E**



I was the first to reach the top of the tree in my group. I wasn't nervous and showed everyone else what to do. After each person came down I untied their ropes for them. I started trying to encourage people. One of the things I said was "Hug the tree like you're married to it!" **Max 7E**



It came to my turn to climb the tree. I got clipped on but I bailed out and didn't want to do it. It came to my second shot: "You gonna have a go?" Kevin asked. "Yeah" I said with confidence. I got hooked on "Here I go". I got up 10 - 15 steps and I wanted down. Everybody clapped and cheered - I felt so proud. **Katy 7E**

On Tuesday, my morning activity was snowboarding. It was really fun except I kept falling over. My instructor said that my snowboarding skills were very impressive! **Emily 7E**



The first challenge in the Gorge was to slide down a rock. It was absolutely amazing! We stood under a waterfall which was lovely and cold. My hands felt like they were going to explode because they were so cold! Not knowing how deep it was, I volunteered to jump in the pool first. It was cold and deep but enjoyable but I felt like a snowman! **Adele 7E**

Zoe took us to do archery which was brilliant but extremely hard at first. We played two games. In the baking game, I managed to unexpectedly get all the colours except yellow. The second game was where are you going, who with and how are you getting there. I'm going to Rio with Zoe by helicopter! **Charis 7E**

On Tuesday, we walked up a mountain and when we got to the top, we lay on the ground and closed our eyes. Kaitlin and I then sprinted down the mountain. **Reece B 7E**



Lagganlia Memories



I was dreading the hill walk. We got ready and started walking. Surprisingly I was the only one enjoying it. We got to run down the mountain and Lucille and I kept falling. After Lucille fell on a stone, I had to help her to stay positive for the rest of the way back to the Centre. **Sorcha 7E**

On Monday night Raymie took us on a hike in the forest. We went through horrible, disgusting and smelling bogs. We reached a river and I fell in! I felt cold and it was hilarious when I slipped in!

Rhea 7E

I loved the skiing so much and I got the hang of it really quickly. Rafael said that if I liked it then I should carry on skiing. It was quite wet so that made the ski's go really fast. He told us we had to pizza down the slope. At the end of the session, Adele and I got to try going down backwards! **Allanah 7E**



When we first got into the water on the Gorge Walk, it was freezing cold and the water was flooding into our shoes!

After going down the slide and cannon balling into a pool of water, we went back to the Centre to dry off. **Aimee 7E**



On Thursday, we went abseiling which was my favourite activity. At the start I slipped but I got back up. I found it easy after the first step. **Mark 7E**

When he tied the rope to my harness, my tummy flipped over! When I started to climb the tree, my team were shouting encouraging things to me but what really helped me get to the top were the encouraging things written on the blocks, so I got to the top and rang the bell really loud. **Charlotte 7E**

When we got to the Gorge, we started climbing up and up. We got to the Jacuzzi pool and started cannon balling into the water. We got to go on our tummies and swim/crawl across a big rock. I got very wet!

Andrea 7E

We got helmets and harnesses on for tree climbing. When it was my turn, I got hooked up to the rope and I started to climb. I only got a third of the way up but I enjoyed it.

Lea 7E



The Mountain that we climbed was 742m high. It was very tiring and my legs were in agony but after 2 very long hours we made it! The wind was very strong at the summit. **Liam 7E**

HOY TRIP

Myself, the rest of 6s, Mr Spence, Mrs Poke and Mrs Norris all went to Hoy for two days on a school trip. On Wednesday 7th May I went to school, it seemed like the same daily school routine, oh but it wasn't, today 6s were going to Hoy. The class met in the cold corridor and then we all went on the bus and drove to Stromness. When we got there we walked down the pier to the boat, when we got on the boat we put our bags in the big container boxes and set sail to Hoy.

We had to do some map orienteering with our instructors Charlie and Aaron which lead us to the Hoy centre. Everybody met in the lounge Ron told us the rules and what we were going to be doing over the two days. We went and had dinner, after that some people had to do the dishes when they were done we were given a box with a number (I was number 22) we had to go and get waterproofs from this big containers then put them in our box. Next we got in the minibus and drove to the gorge it was called the Candle of the Sail. We did a gorge walk and had to wear special kit, rubber boots, waterproofs, helmet and use ropes it was really good fun. I didn't get wet but the others did and when we got to the end of the gorge the tide was too high so we couldn't go down onto the beach. Back at the Hoy centre we played a game of catch it was a good laugh. Then it was dinner time I had pizza, spaghetti hoops and a chocolate muffin and ice cream. After tea we went to our rooms and unpacked our stuff and then we did some games they were fun. Then we went to our bedrooms and had a shower and brushed our teeth went to bed and slept.

Thursday morning we got up got dressed and went through to have breakfast, we then had to make our own packed lunch. We were split into two groups, in my group I had Mrs Poke and Mrs Norris we had to carry paddles up to the Rackwick Burn. On the way there we saw some Highland cows and when we got there we had to carry the canoes to the water, they were very heavy. We got taught how to tie the clove hitch knot because we had to tie the two canoes together. When we had both tied together we went out in them and had a race my team won. After that we walked down to a forest and we learned how to light fires by using flint and steel. We had to gather different sizes of twigs for the fire, then we toasted bannock bread on sticks and we toasted marshmallows Yum Yum! When we had finished we had to put the fire out and we also had to clean all the sticks up and when we had done that we set off for the Hoy Centre. We played another game of catch and ran about outside. I went for the tea with Ron so we drove to the pier and met the boat. When we got back to the hoy centre with the tea Mrs Poke and Mrs Norris dished out the tea, I didn't feel very well but that night. We went a walk that night and did a bit of map reading and had to find pictures it was also beautiful night the sky was red and a very nice too. Whilst on the walk I saw a **John Deere** tractor ploughing a field. When we got back to the hoy centre we had some supper and after supper we all went to bed but I didn't feel very well so I went and sat in the lounge with Mrs Poke for a bit then I went back to bed and slept.

Friday was going home day, Mr Spence woke us up at 7.15am I felt very tired. After breakfast we made our packed lunches and got ready to go geo caching up the hill. I was put in a group with Aaron we had to use maps, a compass and a gps device to find green boxes dotted over the hill. After the activity we headed back to the hoy centre to get packed up and ready for home. We walked down to the pier and waited for the boat, we got to have a play on the beach I found crabs under rocks. The boat took us back to Stromness then a bus took us back to Kirkwall and we met our parents at the school.

I really enjoyed my time in Hoy I have learned new skills and coped well with being away from home, and would go back to hoy again.

Scott Rendall

Hoy Trip Photos



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SCHOOL TERM DATES 2014/2015 (all dates are inclusive)

TERM 1	Tuesday 19 August - Friday 10 October	39 days
<i>October holidays</i>	<i>Monday 13 October – Friday 24 October</i>	
TERM 2	Monday 27 October - Friday 19 December	40
<i>Christmas holidays</i>	<i>Monday 22 December 2014 – Friday 2 January 2015</i>	
TERM 3	Monday 5 January - Friday 27 March	57
<i>Schools closed</i>	<i>Wednesday 11 - Friday 13 February (In-service)</i>	
<i>Spring holidays</i>	<i>Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April (includes Easter Monday 6 April)</i>	
TERM 4	Monday 13 April – Friday 26 June	54
<i>Schools closed</i>	<i>Monday 4 May (May Day holiday)</i>	
Staff Only: In-service days are:		190 days
	<i>Monday 18 August</i>	
	<i>Thursday 23 & Friday 24 October</i>	
	<i>Wednesday 11 & Thursday 12 February</i>	