



PAPDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**May Day
Holiday**

Monday 4 May

School Closed

**End of Term
Friday 27
March
Term 4 begins
Monday 13
April**

Dear Parents

The end of term 3 is fast approaching and everyone is looking forward to their Easter holidays after a very busy term.

Our Easter Assembly on Friday this week will have a silver collection for Diabetes Scotland if you wish to donate. Diabetes effects a number of our children and staff. We felt it was very fitting that we support Diabetes Scotland which works to raise awareness, improve care and provide help, support and information for people with diabetes across Scotland.

Next term sees our P6 and 7 residential trips get underway to Hoy for P6 and Lagganlia near Aviemore for P7. It is another busy term with an outdoor learning focus including Bag the Bruck, various sporting activities including our own Family Sports Day and class visits and trips. We also hope to make even more use of our garden areas and recycled bottles greenhouse!

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

Jane Bruce

**Norwegian Constitution Day
Sunday 17 May**



Orkney Norway Friendship Society are looking for children across Orkney's schools to take part in the Norwegian Constitution Day Tog (Parade) on Sunday 17 May. Children should gather outside the Orkney Ferries Building in Kirkwall for a 3.30pm start following Kirkwall City Pipeband through the street to the Cathedral.



Scholastic Book Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who bought books from our fair. The school has received over **£700 of rewards** from this fair which will go towards new books for our library.

Collecting Children from Papdale

Could we remind all parents/ guardians collecting children at the end of the day that they should go to the designated pick up points to pick up their child and not use the main entrance/ foyer as an access/collection point.

The designated places are:

- Pre School; Direct entrance from the rear playground (same as drop off point)
- P1-2: Infant Dept Patio Area
- P3,4 & 7: Rear Playground
- P5 & 6: Front of school (near to upper car park)

The main entrance should only be used if there are medical conditions or mobility issues that the school is notified of in advance.

On Tuesday the 10th of February I took part in a fundraiser for Cancer Research and Water Aid. I felt very nervous saying my poem in front of 40 people but after it I wasn't nervous any more and had fun. Next we all went to our stalls and sold a lot of loom bands and baking and me and my friend Callie were selling raffle tickets. Me and Callie's poem was—

Lianna and Callie are our names,
We are a special pair of dames,
Would you like to win a raffle prize,
If your lucky you'll get a surprise!



After our poem we sold more raffle tickets to the grown-ups and we raised £450 for Cancer Research and Water Aid.

Lianna Rosie 4S



We started planning in January it was fun preparing for it. We got a lot of donations. Thank you to all the people who gave us a donation.

There were a lot of families. They all gave us a lot of money which will help Cancer Research and Water Aid and will hopefully stop cancer and help people in the foreign countries get clean water. We raised £434.82 we think.

It was Tuesday the 10th of February the day of the fundraiser. First of all we went through the corridor and held the doors for the adults. When all the adults were in the classroom we started our 4S show. First was the loom bands then it was gymnastics, next lollipop bookmarks, after that was next boys, next was science after that was break free, then it was baking, next was football skills, then was a raffle and after that was the jokes and finally we sang HAPPY!



When the adults come to our stalls it was slap!! bang!! wallop!! over to the baking stall but in the end I got sold out (the baking didn't ha ha). It was a busy day we have been planning since January and it was worth it and boy, Cancer Research and Water Aid will be happy.

Euan Marcus 4S



4E Fundraiser



This is us shopping at Tesco's for all our ingredients for the baking which we sold for our fundraiser.

4M Fundraiser

4M have created a business by knitting hats and head bands to sell to raise money for Ebola Aid and CLAN. We decided to create a business called the 'Fluffy Fours'. We put on a fashion show where we all had different jobs to do. We made order forms for people to place orders for hats or head bands. We made the hats ourselves and it was very complicated. We got a loan of £25.00 to start our business so we had to be careful about what we spent. It was a lot of fun making them and we really enjoyed it. We have raised a total of **£291.89!**



4E's Mini-Fair

4E had an Enterprise day to raise money for Ebola and WWF on the 10th of February. We talked about what stalls to have. On the day everyone had a chance to vote for a stall. 4E eventually decided ^{which} stalls to use. ^{They were} the baking, Total act, fashion football, Geus the bears birthday, paper face making, treasure hunt and toys and books.

Then we started to get ready for the mini-fair. The class went to Tesco to get ingredients for the baking. Everyone collected toys and books too. On the day the class room looked spectacular. I felt nervous and excited at the same time. When the first class came in we were all ready. It got easier to give change as more classes came to the stalls. The total amount of money was about £444.32. But at the end of the day we were all tired.

Kerry Manson 4E

Parent Council News

Parents Evening Sales Table and Raffle

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Parent Council Fund raising table at our Parents Evenings. We'd like to thank everyone who donated baking and raffle prizes. They raised the fantastic sum of

£790

Movie Themed Discos

On Friday last week our very active Parent Council ran discos with a movie theme for the children in Pre-school, P1—3 and P4—7.

Again a huge thank you to everyone who supported in anyway with this, the children had a great time by all accounts! The Discos raised around **£900**.

Parent Council Suggestion Box

The Parent Council have a Suggestion Box in the foyer of the school for parents to put in any comments or suggestions they would like to make. Please remember to add your name if you would like a reply to anything in particular. Thanks.

Playground Update

After the big playground development last year courtesy of the amazing fundraising efforts of the Parent Council the hope is that the choices for children in the playground at Papdale will continue to improve and increase in the coming months.

In the Easter break the bark chips are due to be topped up at the Ring of Papdale and Free Running Course as well as repairs to some of the rubber matting. Improvements to widen the path at the entrance to the Adventure Playground are also planned. We are also trying a new approach which would allow the Adventure to be open when conditions are dry overhead but wet underfoot where children would be allowed on the equipment but not on the grassy areas. If successful this should help the Adventure Playground and Ring of Papdale to be open more frequently, even during very wet winters like this year, without compromising the safety of the children.

Some of the excellent suggestions put forward by the children during the playground survey carried out in November 2014 are also due to be incorporated during the Easter and Summer Breaks. Plans are in place to add two additional circles to the maze in the back playground which should end up looking a bit like Mickey Mouse! Also an outdoor blackboard will be erected close to the outdoor stage at the front of the school in the area which used to be called the "Quiet Area". However, there are so many new attractions now in this area (including the stage, dressing up, chimes, drums and tree climbing) that Games Parliament decided it needed a new name! All suggestions by children and staff were considered and a short list of 6 put forward for a vote with the result due to be announced after the Easter break.

Scrapstore Hit list

Our Scrapstore continues to be popular, particularly with the younger children so there is a constant need to get new "scrap" to add to the store. The key requirement is that scrap items are not easily broken exposing sharp edges and don't have any small bits that could be removed easily. If you can help by providing any of the following items that would be much appreciated.

Plastic Barrels or Bins - soft plastic that doesn't break easily

Cable reels - large wooden ones

Cardboard boxes: Medium to large and strong

Cardboard tubes - Like those used for rolls of carpet

Chipboard wheels

Crates (sturdy)

Elastic - 2m lengths

Pushchairs, Suitcases, hoovers

Keyboards (no wires attached)

Rope, webbing or banding (not too thin) 5-20ft lengths

Telephones/ Intercoms (wires cut off but handset connected or cordless with battery removed)

Tube plastic (lightweight) - no wire 2-4m lengths

Tubing - water or gas between 5=7ft long

Tyres (no wire showing)

Netting - small mesh so a child's head/foot won't fit through

Drainpipe - not brittle plastic

Dustbins with lids - soft plastic that doesn't break easily

Plastic canvas and tarpaulin sheets (variety of sizes, bigger = better)

Traffic furniture (road cones, barriers etc - variety)

Steering wheels

Brooms

Milk crates

Calculators (no smaller than your hand)

Water cooler bottles

Long wooden or plastic poles for making shelters

Sledges

Gym Mats

Creels

Wheelie bins

Buckets

Small chairs (no legs)

Kettles (not made of plastic)



If you do have scrap you would like to donate please contact Mr Balfour at the school beforehand. Also we would like to thank all those who have kindly contributed already.