

Papdale Primary School  
Parent Council Meeting – HT's Report  
Monday 13 June 2016

### **Northern Alliance HTs Session**

- I have been asked to attend this meeting in Aberdeen along with 5 other HTs from across Orkney so apologies for not being at the PC Meeting!
- It has come at an unfortunate time as we are trying to finalise staffing, Reports to parents and the usual end of session arrangements however as the agenda for the session include the National Improvement Framework (NIF) key drivers it may well be useful to attend.

### **Staffing**

- Mrs Amy McCracken is moving to Glaitness temporarily for next session to take up the Acting DHT Post there. This appointment was made recently so has had an impact on our staffing here at PPS.
- Also two teachers have requested reductions on their fulltime teaching commitments which again have resulted in changes to our teaching team.
- It is likely that we will have 1 or 2 classes where we can't confirm the name of the teacher until the end of term or just prior to the new session. We will write to the parents of the classes affected to keep them informed.

### **Enterprise Projects**

- Both our P4 classes have undertaken Enterprise Projects this term and been very successful
- 4M have won the Highlands and Islands Business Gateway prize for primary schools beating over 70 other school with their Papdale Peedie Postcards. Two members of the class and Mrs Sinclair their teacher and Mrs Cairns their SfL Assistant went south to the Eden Court Theatre and picked up their prize!
- 4E have been making greetings cards and have raised over £500 of which a large percentage will go to charity.

### **Family Sports Day**

- This will be held on Friday 17 June on the AWP from 11.00 until 2.30 approx.

### **World War 1 Exhibition**

- A text message and item on the website will appear this week inviting parents and friends in to the school to see our WW1 exhibition.
- Although it is fairly small it is all contained in the foyer for people to have a look round
- It includes the 'Many Hands' exhibit which was on display at Picky during the Battle of Jutland commemorations.

### **Art Exhibition**

- Our P3 and 2/3S classes have put on an exhibition in The Orcadian Bookshop of art work and writing which they did following visits from local artists and authors – Laura Drever, Britt Harcus, Jocky Wood and Michelle Robertson.