

# Orphir Community School Newsletter

Tuesday 3 May 2022

## CERTIFICATES

Confident Individual (CI), Effective Contributor (EC),  
Responsible Citizen (RC) or Successful Learner (SL)

Vaila Bruce	SL	Starting Term 4 with a positive and hard working attitude
Rianne Flett	SL	Fantastic focus in Writing
Layla Nourse	SL	Listening for and hearing sounds when writing
Ali Muir	RC	Fantastic start to Term 4 with a positive attitude

## Head Teacher's Headline

Goodness me this sure is a busy term - we are already three weeks into it! There are lots planned in the coming weeks so hopefully this fortnight's newsletter (although hefty) will keep you up to speed. What an absolutely cracking day we got for 'Bag the Bruck' and what a great job everyone did. The children were an absolute credit to the school and the community and it felt good - a prime example of the 'Give' way to wellbeing. How lovely to also have been able to hold the parent appointments face to face after such a long period of having to do everything virtually.

In assembly last week, we were learning about the Islamic religious festival of Ramadan. Again, I have to commend the children for how respectful, curious and understanding they were of the celebrations of this religion. They all agreed that fasting in Orkney between dawn and dusk would be rather challenging!

# NEWS

## Clothes Recycling - WE ARE OPEN!

Our clothes bin at the bus stop is open again for the recycling of clothes which goes to the Salvation Army. The children all have a bag home with them if you are having a sort out at home - we have plenty more at school if you need more. A yes/no list is below and please make sure that all items are in a tied plastic bag to make sure they stay as dry as possible.

### Yes

- ✓ Clothing
- ✓ Shoes
- ✓ Towels
- ✓ Sheets
- ✓ Pillowcases
- ✓ Duvet covers

### No

- ✗ Duvets
- ✗ Pillows
- ✗ Cushions



## COVID Update

The new government guidelines mean there will be further changes to how schools manage positive COVID cases and those displaying symptoms. Once the guidelines for schools are released we will communicate this to you as quickly as we can but it is unlikely to differ too much from the national guidance.

## Values

Thank you to all the staff, pupils and families who contributed to our values poll. The results displayed 6 clear most popular values and between now and the release of the next newsletter we will be working with the staff and pupils to see if we want to whittle those 6 down more or if those 6 represent everything we aim to value at Orphir Community School. Watch this space!

# EVENTS

## Parent Council

Please feel free to join us at our next Parent Council meeting on the Thursday 12 May at the School. We would love to see as many of you there as possible now that restrictions have lifted and we can go back to things feeling and looking like they used to be. Being part of the Parent Council is a lovely way to have your say about what happens in school and we welcome new members and ideas. It is also a lovely way to meet new folk and connect with others in the school community. We plan to meet in the Tardis with access through the Tardis fire exit door. Detail will come out next week.

See you there!

## Puppet Show Workshop

Orphir & Stenness will be combining forces on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May (AM) at Orphir Community School to take part in an exciting puppet show workshop. There will be an introductory performance of Little Red Riding Hood followed by workshops for P1-3 & P4-7. P1-3 will be exploring the tales of The Three Little Pigs and Grandpa's Bad Day whilst P4-7 will be exploring the Orkney folk tale The Hogboon and an African story Omumbo Rombonga.

All children will come together again for showings of Super Den and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. It all sounds amazing and promises to be a lot of fun. How lovely it will be to be able to mix with others again.

## Gaspard's Foxtrot

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June (AM) we will visit the Picky Centre to attend a showing of Gaspard's Foxtrot. This is a performance that tells the story of Gaspard the Fox as he finds himself lost in London. The musical score is brought to life by a wonderfully animated film and our children have already been learning about this in Music with Miss Macleod so is the perfect opportunity to bring this learning to life. We thank the Royal Scottish National Orchestra for the tickets and Creative Scotland for the cost of the bus hire. It will be a busy morning but we will be back in time for lunch (and perhaps slightly tired too!).

## Sports Day

Provisional date for this year's sports day is...

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. This year we are planning our traditional participation races and fairground stall type activities to get everyone involved - even the big people. Watch this space for more information.



## KGS Transition Parents Evening

An evening will be held at KGS on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June from 6 to 7:30 PM for parents and carers of all current P7 pupils in preparation for their transition into S1. This evening will be an opportunity to hear about the two-day experience the children will already have had (this was mentioned in a previous newsletter - dates on calendar below), meet some staff, have a tour and meet some of the partners that work closely with KGS. A super night out!

## Leavers Events

Keep an eye out for communication from Mr Dearness regarding the leavers events we have planned to mark the end of an era for our P7 pupils. We look forward to giving them the send off that they truly deserve after a jumbled up couple of years. The leavers assembly will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June (PM) and we hope to see as many of you there as possible. Further details nearer the time.



## Finally, from me...

Enjoy the last term. Before we know it I will be writing to wish you a super summer holiday. As always please get in touch if you have any comments, concerns or things you think we could try and do better.

Make sure and write all these important dates in your diaries!

Kind regards,

*Grant Thomson*

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Linked Head Teacher

Orphir, Flotta & Stenness Community Schools

## Term 4 Timetable

Please see my planned timetable for Term 4 below. This is subject to change at short notice but you are always welcome to contact me at either school.

Orphir Community School

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Stenness Community School

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	AM	PM
Monday	Orphir	Stenness
Tuesday	Stenness	Orphir
Wednesday	Stenness	Orphir
Thursday	Orphir	Stenness
Friday	Stenness	Orphir

  
 FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Notes
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Orphir Parent Council	6:00 PM start
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Puppet Show Visit	Orphir & Stenness combined at Orphir
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Queen's Platinum Jubilee	Schools Closed
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Queen's Platinum Jubilee	Schools Closed
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	In-Service Day	Schools Closed to Pupils
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	KGS Transition	P7 pupils only
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	KGS Transition	P7 Pupils only
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	P6/7 Wellbeing Festival	More info from Mr Dearness
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	P6/7 Wellbeing Festival	More info from Mr Dearness
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Orphir Sports Day	Provisional date
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Last day of Term 4	Happy holidays!

School Term Dates 2021-2022. All dates are inclusive.	
<b>Term four</b>	Tuesday 19 April to Thursday 30 June
Schools closed	Thursday 02 June & Friday 03 June
Schools closed	Monday 06 June
Last day of term 4	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June



## Bag The Bruck 2022

Primary 1-7 carried out Bag the Bruck in the Orphir Village on Thursday 21 April - what a glorious day to do it! 🌞 We cleaned up all the school grounds, around the Orphir Kirk and all the verges between all the 30mph signs in the village. We collected in the region of 6 full bags of rubbish which would just have blown around the village or buried itself in the ground - neither of which we wanted! The children were all excited to find and collect the rubbish ensuring they continue to learn and live in a cleaner and tidier area. A few local folk stopped by the groups out in the village to commend them on what they were doing which was lovely. Thanks to Bag the Bruck 2022 for the gloves and bags to keep the children clean and safe during the event. 😊

