

# Orphir and Flotta Community Schools' Newsletter

## Tuesday 25 October 2022

**Kindness Creativity Teamwork Respect**

### News and welcome from me...

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you have all had a relaxing break and managed to recharge the batteries for the busy term ahead. This term is one of the most fun (for me anyway) in the school year and I look forward to not only the Christmas decorations but the excitement that goes with it. Schools at Christmas time really are the most magical of places.

New faces - we now welcome Elara and Grace into the Nursery and look forward to seeing them settle into the Nursery routines.

The Primary 6 children all had a great time with their Outdoor Education 3-day activity session last term and coped marvellously with the challenging new experiences but also with Mother Nature who decided to grace us with her worst weather on their first day of the experience. The children were a credit to themselves and the school and our thanks go to the Outdoor Education team for providing them with such a rich and adrenaline pumping time.

### Staffing Update

I am delighted to announce that after a thorough recruitment process Mr Brian Darby has been appointed as our new part-time, permanent Support for Learning Assistant. Mr Darby has been working with us on a temporary basis for the past year and has had a positive impact on many of the children in our school. This was a newly created position and has not replaced any existing member of staff. We are all delighted that he is able to stay with us here at Orphir.



Sadly Pat is going to be leaving the Nursery over the next term (or at the end) as she prepares for a relocation south. Pat has been a much loved and valued member of the Nursery team since she started with us in December 2020 and will be missed by us all. The recruitment for Pat's replacement will begin shortly and I will keep you up to date with any news.

## Halloween Party, Thursday 27 October, 6.00-7.45pm

### Nursery-Primary 7

All children are welcome including the younger siblings of the Nursery-Primary 7 children.

Key reminders:

- All families need to bring a plate of food for supper.
- Fancy dress is encouraged for all (including the adults!) but not essential
- This is not a drop off and leave event. All children need to be accompanied by an adult for the duration. If that adult is not the normal parent/carer of the child, please make sure staff know who is accompanying the child.
- There will be prizes for neeepy lanterns or carved pumpkins, one each for Nursery, P1-3 and P4-7.
- HAVE FUN!



## Term 2 Timetable

My timetable for this term is as follows:

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

## Hi Viz Vests & Car Park Pick Up

A reminder that all children are required to wear their Hi Viz Vests from now onwards regardless of their mode of travel home. Another reminder that children being picked up need to be collected from the member of staff on drop off duty that day. We simply can't allow children to walk across the car park unaccompanied with moving traffic. Please make sure all adults collecting your children also know this.



## Orphir Community School's New Vision, Values & Aims

After a lot of hard work, voting, collaboration, and re-wording we are now in the position to share with you Orphir Community School's new Vision, Values & Aims. We feel that these perfectly reflect what we (and those of you who made comment) want the children to achieve during their time here with us. They are child friendly, memorable and meaningful and I look forward to seeing them in action.

Vision	Values	Aims
Flourish and grow into the person that you want to be.	Creativity Kindness Respect Teamwork	At Orphir Community School we want our learners:



- To learn in a supportive and creative environment.
- To discover a love of lifelong learning.
- To achieve their full potential.

## **New Certificate Launch**

Since we were busy creating a new Vision and sets of Values and Aims we felt it was the perfect opportunity to refresh our certificate system and make them more in line with what we value at our school. As a result of this Primary 4-7 have designed new certificates that will be given out weekly that are focussed on our four new core values and will hopefully catch these values in action in many different ways. Please see copies of the new certificates enclosed with this newsletter and look out for them coming home in due course!

## **Learning Improvement Plan which incorporates:**

### **School Improvement Plan & Standards & Quality Report**

A copy of our Standards & Quality Report for 2021-2022 is now uploaded onto our school website. This document gives you an idea of how we evaluated our progress last academic year and what success we felt we had. On the website you will also find a copy of our School Improvement Plan for 2022-2023. This is the detailed document which teases out our school priorities for the year and lets you know how we plan to tackle each area.

[https://www.orphircommunityschool.co.uk/\\_files/ugd/06eb82\\_a702190a7a80474fbeb1f1c84346c0f79.pdf](https://www.orphircommunityschool.co.uk/_files/ugd/06eb82_a702190a7a80474fbeb1f1c84346c0f79.pdf)

## **Term 2 Quality Assurance**

My Teaching and Learning Quality Assurance focus for Term 2 will be Reading and Maths. Like I did in Term 1 with Writing, I will be visiting both classes to see these subjects in action and speak to the children about what they are learning, why they think they are learning it and how well they think they are doing.

## **Term 2 Learning**

Please find below a summary of some of the planned curriculum learning for Term 2 across the classes. This gives you a small flavour of what is going to be coming up over the next 9 weeks. Please also reach out to us if you have any knowledge or skills that you feel you could offer us in any of the areas below. Remember that this is just a small snapshot of what is happening and could likely change as nothing is ever set in stone and there are many more things happening across the school. With many subjects not mentioned on here it gives you an idea of how busy our days are in school and acts as a reminder why getting to bed early on school nights to get the brains rested is so important.

P1-3				
Reading	Health & Wellbeing	Writing	Talking & Listening	Religious & Moral Education
Traditional Tales	Celebrating Difference	Scripts	Role Play & Voice Projection	Christmas (Christianity)
P4-7				
Disney Stories	Planning for Choices & Change	Newspaper Reports	Presenting (school show)	The Middle East (Islam, Judaism & Christianity)
The Flotta Class				
Christmasaurus	Celebrating Difference	Scripts & Persuasive Writing	Class Concert	Christmas (Christianity)

## Diary Dates

Orphir: Epilepsy Scotland Workshop for P1-3 and P4-7: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

Orphir: Halloween Party: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 6-7.45pm

Orphir: Parent Council & AGM: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - info will come out shortly.

Orphir: Parents Evening 1: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November & Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

Orphir: Flouride Varnishing: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Orphir: Dental inspections Nursery to P7: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Orphir: School Show: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December & Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

Orphir: Christmas Service @ Orphir Kirk - PM.

Orphir: Last Day of Term 1: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

Orphir: First Day of Term 3: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Orphir: Parents Evening 2: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March & Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

Orphir: School Bus Trip: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

Orphir: Sports Day: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Orphir: Reports Issued: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

Orphir: Curriculum Showcase Afternoon: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

We have started to include the calendar for school year 2023-24 as often people plan for holidays far in advance.

## Finally from me...

The first newsletter of the term is always a biggie so please keep it somewhere safe for reference in the months ahead. If you plan to go out trick or treating, stay safe. I can't quite remember what age I was when I decided I would rather stay inside all warm and cosy on a Halloween night. I now know for sure that in front of the fire is a much more delightful place to be!

Grant Thomson

Linked Head Teacher

Orphir, Stenness and Flotta Community Schools



## Education, Leisure and Housing

### School Term Dates 2022 to 2023

<b>Term 2.</b>	Monday 24 October to Wednesday 21 December (43 days).
Christmas holidays.	Thursday 22 December to Wednesday 4 January.
<b>Term 3.</b>	Thursday 5 January to Friday 31 March (59 days).
Schools closed.	Friday 10 February to Tuesday 14 February.
Spring holidays.	Monday 3 April to Friday 14 April. (Easter Monday 10 April).
<b>Term 4.</b>	Monday 17 April to Wednesday 28 June (51 days).
Schools closed.	Monday 1 May (May Day holiday).
Schools closed.	Monday 5 June.

#### Staff only, in-service days are:

- Monday 15 August 2022.
- Thursday 6 and Friday 7 October 2022.
- Tuesday 14 February 2023.
- Monday 5 June 2023.

## Education, Leisure and Housing

### School term dates - 2023 / 2024 (all dates are inclusive)

<b>Term 1</b>	Tuesday 22 August – Wednesday 11 October (37 days).
October holidays	Thursday 12 October – Friday 27 October.
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 30 October – Friday 22 December (40 days).
Christmas holidays	Monday 25 December – Friday 5 January.
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday 8 January – Friday 29 March (57 days).
Schools closed	Friday 16 February – Tuesday 20 February.
Spring holidays	Monday 1 April – Friday 12 April (Easter Monday 1 April)
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 15 April – Wednesday 3 July (56 days).
Schools closed	Monday 6 May (May Day holiday).
Schools closed	Monday 3 June.
<b>Staff Only, In-service days are:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monday 21 August.</li><li>• Thursday 12 – Friday 13 October.</li><li>• Tuesday 20 February.</li><li>• Monday 3 June.</li></ul>	



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24 October 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **SCHOOL DENTAL INSPECTIONS – ACADEMIC YEAR 2022 2023**

The NHS in Scotland runs a programme of dental inspections of children in Nursery and Primary school classes. This programme is managed and run by all the Health Boards in Scotland and Public Health Scotland (PHS). The inspections are carried out by a Dentist or Dental Therapist with support from another team member. All are employed by NHS Orkney. High standards of hygiene are followed and no X-rays are taken.

Dental inspection information that identifies your child will be used by NHS Orkney to tell you about your child's dental health and need for dental care. If your child is registered with an NHS dentist NHS Orkney may also tell the dentist about the findings. If your child is not registered with an NHS dentist, and they are identified as having an increased need for care, then NHS Orkney will help you to access dental care.

NHS Orkney will share the findings with PHS. This is in order that the dental inspection information can be used to help with the planning and delivery of NHS dental services across Scotland. Sometimes the information will be used to carry out research. The inspection information is anonymised for these purposes where at all possible.

Information from your child's dental inspection will be held by NHS Orkney and PHS. The NHS will make sure that your child's information is stored safely, stays private and is only accessed by authorised people. This is in compliance with the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the UK Data Protection Act 2018.

All NHS staff have a legal and contractual duty to keep personal health information secure and confidential. All staff have mandatory training in Data Protection and IT security. Further information can be found on the reverse of this letter.

If you have any queries in relation to the inspection programme, please call the number above.

**If you do not want your child to have this dental inspection, please write to us at the above address, or email address, within one week of receiving this letter. Please include your child's name, school and class in your communication.**

Yours faithfully

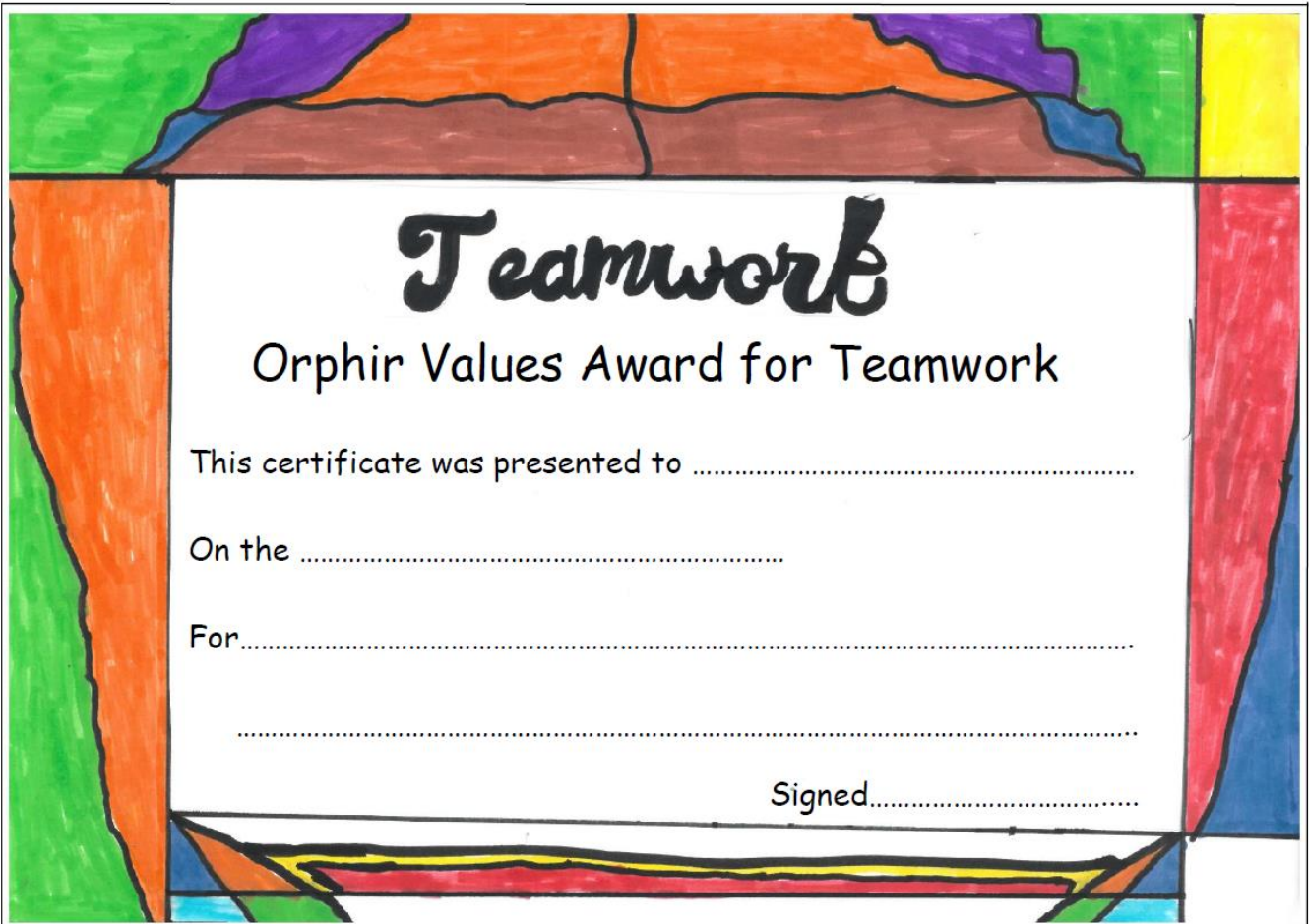


**NDIP DENTAL OFFICER**

The legal basis for NHS Orkney and PHS using this information is to promote and improve the health of your child and other patients and/or manage the NHS health care system and services in Scotland.

You have various rights in relation to your child's information. Please see the Data Protection pages of NHS Orkney at <https://www.ohb.scot.nhs.uk/your-information-and-how-we-use-it> and Public Health Scotland at [Personal data processing - Our privacy notice - Public Health Scotland](#) for further information and the period for which the information will be held.

Contact details for those organisations can also be found via these links. If you need help to access this information, please contact NHS Orkney.



# Teamwork

Orphir Values Award for Teamwork

This certificate was presented to .....

On the .....

For.....

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Signed.....



# CREATIVITY

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This certificate was presented to .....

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For.....

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Signed.....



# Kindness

## Orphir Values Award for Kindness

This certificate was presented to .....

On the .....

For.....

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Signed.....

Curiosity Judgement Love of learning Spirituality Humour

# RESPECT

## Orphir Values Award for Respect

This certificate was presented to .....

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For.....

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Signed.....

Honesty Bravery Perseverance Leadership Fairness

Curiosity  
Judgement  
Love of learning  
Spirituality  
Humour

Hope  
gratitude  
teamwork

