

Orphir Community School Friday 21 February 2025

Certificated Congratulations!

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| Jamie | Good role model, getting down to work well Being encouraging and inclusive in pair and group work |
| Imogen | Settling down to class routines so well |
| Virtue | Fantastic focus in reading lessons |
| Erland | Positive attitude towards setting goals |
| Olivia | Delightful reading, persevering with tricky bits |
| Danny | Superb work in mental maths and sharing his strategies |
| Aria | Good progress in Sounds-Write and Reading |
| Videl | Designing wonderful machines and models |
| Donald | Creating so many wonderful story books |
| Liam | Adapting very well to being in a different school |
| Layla | Showing others kindness, being helpful in a quiet calm way |
| Sophie | Enthusiasm and focus in Maths over the last few weeks |
| Hope | Being such a positive and helpful member of our team |

Peedie Pier Art Exhibition – everyone invited!

There is a lot of art work from our children displayed at the Pier Arts Centre - details below about the exhibition. Some of the staff here have been already and say it is amazing to see the work produced by all the schools.

the pier
arts centre

Peedie Pier

Celebrating artwork made in Orkney's
Primary & Junior Secondary Schools

Saturday 15 February-8 March 2025

Join us for a special exhibition event on
Saturday 8 March at 2:30pm

**Pupils, teachers, friends and family all
welcome!**

The Pier Arts Centre, Stromness, Orkney
www.pierartscentre.com | Tel: 01856 850209
Tuesday-Saturday 10.30am-5pm | FREE





Goodbyes

We say farewell to Liam and Hope who joined us briefly recently and we say goodbye to Mary-Ann and Alexander too. We wish the children and their families all the best in their new schools and we will miss them all.

Car Park Safety

At the recent Parent Forum meeting we discussed the school car park at the start and end of the day. It can be quite busy and congested and we tried to see if there was a way to make more space for cars. The bus position blocks some spaces, and so the staff have kindly agreed to trial parking there to open up more spaces in the staff parking area for drop off and pick up times. We would ask that you park only in dedicated parking spaces to ensure there is enough turning space for all vehicles; it also makes the car park safer for all users, big and peedie.

There are also plans being discussed with the council to make the walking route/road crossings more accessible and safe.

Alternatively, there is also the option to park in the Kirk car park and walk from there; we know that won't be suitable for all parents but we would appreciate people considering that to save spaces in the car park for parents of younger children.

Any feedback on this is welcome for the next meeting in May. Thank you for your help with this and for driving safely.

Hi-Vis Waistcoats

We will collect in the hi-vis waistcoats at the end of next week (Friday 28 February). We found this year has been the least stressful of all years we think it is because we have loads spare and there is no stress on anyone getting extra waistcoats. This has been helped by folk returning extras that have ended up at home and for that we cannot thank you enough!

If you do find any extra at home, please pop them in and we will look after them here for our trips and for future use from Term 2 next year.

Reminders - Dates for the Diary

National Dental Inspection

This will take place for Nursery through to P7 on Tuesday 4th March.

World Book Day – Dressing up

Thursday 6th March 2025

Children will be doing some work in school making characters and scenes from their favourite books and these will be saved and displayed on our Class Assembly day on 24 March.

On World Book Day, Thursday 6th March, children are welcome to dress up as a character from a book if they wish - this is purely optional. For anyone unsure about this, please be assured that not all children dress up so if your child isn't wanting to dress up, it is unlikely they are the only one that won't be.

Reporting Progress Evenings

Tuesday 11th March and Wednesday 12th March.

Appointments will come home on Monday 24th February - please check with your child that they have the appointment slip. If you have a preference for either night, do email the school over the weekend for Shona to make sure you are allocated your preferred evening.

Comic Relief

Friday 21st March 2025 - more details to follow.

Class Assemblies

Both classes - Monday 24th March at 2:30 PM. Parents and extended family members are welcome (and encouraged!) to join us at these.

Intergenerational Event

Friday 28th March 2025. More details will follow nearer the time but please do let Grannies, Grandads, friends and neighbours know to mark the date in their diaries.

Advance notice for Next Term:

Fluoride Varnish Application

Tuesday 29 April - this will be for Nursery to P7 children.

Free Family Play Sessions and Parent Workshops for Nursery and P1 Parents

(Information on the workshop below)

Friday 2 May

All nursery children AND parents

10:00-11:00- Session 1 (Nursery)

All Primary 1 Children AND Parents

11:30-12:30- Session 2 (Primary 1)

PlayTalkRead is delivered by Smart Play Network as part of the Scottish Government's Parent Club initiative. Our aim is to promote the importance of the home learning environment for early language development and deliver key messages to parents and carers about playing, talking, and reading with their child from birth.

Our family play sessions will be very relaxed, informal and play based, and we will provide all resources, materials, and activity ideas that are creative and interesting that make language learning fun.