

# Orphir Community School Newsletter

5 October 2021

## CERTIFICATES

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

Please note that these awards are over a few weeks which is why some children may be mentioned more than once.

Teagan Herridge	CI	Writing lots all by herself
Finlay Edmonds	EC	Being great in class discussion
Vaila Bruce	RC	Being a good friend
Helga Bruce	SL	Fantastic Maths work
James Johnston	SL	Writing an excellent adventure story all by himself
Ali Muir	SL	Outstanding extra spelling work

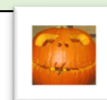
## Head Teacher's Headline

What an absolutely fantastic term it has been and the smiles that radiate from the children on a daily basis are helping warm up the colder days. I have many highlights from this term and have loved watching so many interesting and engaging learning experiences evolve across the whole school. I have thoroughly enjoyed exploring gloop in the Nursery, have been amazed by the carrots harvested by the P1-3 class and super impressed by the creativity of the P4-7 class as they work through their 'Our Island' topic. It has been joyous to have the Flotta class with us for two days a week and they have settled in just perfectly. The work that also goes on behind the scenes by all the staff at Orphir Community School is heart-warming and it really is wonderful to be part of such a positive, friendly and welcoming team.



## Event - Orphir Community School Parent Council

Orphir Community School Parent Council meets on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 6:30 PM (online). New recruits are always welcome at the parent council and it is the perfect opportunity to become more involved with the life of the school. Mark Edmonds is our chairperson and he can be contacted on 811425 should you wish to make any further enquiries. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.



## Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who keeps returning the completed forms and menus - we ask a lot of our families on form filling we appreciate when they are returned.

## Event - Flu Vaccines

Flu vaccines are scheduled to take place here in school on Friday 29 October in the morning.

## News - Fluorescent Waistcoats

With the darker weather looming we expect all our children to come to school each day wearing their fluorescent waistcoat. They are also expected to wear them at home time regardless of how they go home. We will get them sent out today or tomorrow.



## Event - Parental Consultations

We plan to hold our parental consultations on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November. This year you can choose to take part in a telephone consultation or a face-to-face consultation. More information on timings etc to follow.



## Event - Children In Need

This year Children in Need takes place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Orphir Community School will be fundraising for this on the day. P4-7 will be organising a fundraising event so watch this space for some exciting news!

## Event - Halloween

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October the children can come into school in their Halloween costumes if they wish and we will have some activities/games to play at some point during the day. Please remember that however they come to school they still need to be warm outside so their costumes should account for this. Remember to take a neepie/pumpkin lantern in on the Friday for the judging. These must be taken home again at the end of the day. Prizes will be awarded for the best lantern in the Nursey, P1-3 class and P4-7 class. This will be a truly spooktacular day!



## Finally from me...

I hope you all have a lovely holiday. I can't stress enough how important it is to relax and unwind and spend time charging the batteries for the next term. Term 2 is an exciting one in school as we get all glittery for Christmas and fully embrace the sparkle and excitement that comes with it. We have the spooks and ghouls of Halloween coming up and look forward to bending spoons and blistering fingers trying to carve out neeps for traditional neepie lanterns. Thank you for all your continued help and support and we look forward to seeing you all very soon.

The last day of term for pupils is Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October. School reopens for pupils and staff Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

Kind regards,

*Grant Thomson*

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Linked Head Teacher  
Orphir, Flotta & Stenness Community  
Schools

## Residential Trip

Unfortunately there will be no residential trip 'down south' next year due to unstable terms and conditions and non-refundable deposits caused by the pandemic. The authority are offering similar experiences that tick most of the boxes in terms of activities offered but with a lesser distance to travel and within our own islands. The initial proposal is for a 5 day residential trip to Hoy (P6-7) which still gives the children the experience of being away from home but is somewhat closer should there be any COVID related issue that needs attention.

More information on this will follow next term. We have made this decision following guidance from the authority whilst taking into account our own needs as a school.

## Term 2 Timetable

My timetable for term 2 shall be as follows:

	AM	PM	Orphir contact details
Monday	Orphir	Stenness	811 265
Tuesday	Stenness	Stenness	<a href="mailto:admin.orphir@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk">admin.orphir@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk</a>
Wednesday	Stenness	Orphir	Stenness contact details
Thursday	Orphir	Orphir	850 212
Friday	Orphir	Stenness	<a href="mailto:admin.stenness@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk">admin.stenness@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk</a>



# Term 2

Date	Event	Notes
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	First day of Term 2	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Council Meeting	All welcome
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Vaccines	AM session
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Halloween Fancy Dress Day	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Parent Consultations	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Parent Consultations	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultations	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need	Fundraising event
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch	Eat your brussels!
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Flouride Varnish	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last day of Term 2	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of Term 3	

School Term Dates 2021-2022. All dates are inclusive.	
<b>Term 1</b>	Tuesday 17 August to Wednesday 06 October
October holidays	Thursday 07 October to Friday 22 October
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 25 October to Tuesday 21 December
Christmas holidays	Wednesday 22 December to Tuesday 04 January
<b>Term 3</b>	Wednesday 05 January to Friday 01 April
Schools closed	Friday 11 February to Tuesday 15 February
Spring holidays	Monday 04 April to Monday 18 April (Easter Monday 18 April)
<b>Term 4</b>	Tuesday 19 April to Thursday 30 June
Schools closed	Monday 02 May (May Day Holiday)
Schools closed	Monday 06 June

***Print me out and put me on the fridge!***

