

Orphir and Flotta Community Schools' Newsletter

Thursday 2 March 2023

Kindness Creativity Teamwork Respect Flourishing

Teamwork	Rianne	Boosting her confidence playing in new class games
	Jonah	Excellent teamwork helping others share their work on Seesaw on materials research
Flourishing	Skyla	High levels of effort in different aspects of Maths
	Chloe	Using excellent describing words in project work
	Henry	Using excellent describing words in project work
	Danny	Excellent writing of large piece of news
Respect	Jake	Respecting himself and others whilst staying calm when things didn't quite go to plan
	Ruben	Always showing respect to others

News from me...

What a busy few weeks it has been lately. It's actually hard to believe that we are in week 9 of a 13 week term. This now means that it is time to start collecting in the Hi Viz vests. Shona will start gathering in those that belong to school and tuck them safely into hibernation for the summer. The children can, of course, continue to wear their own ones for as long as they wish.

Early Learning and Childcare and Primary One Registration 2023/24

Thank you so much to all the families putting their registrations in for both early learning and childcare and Primary 1. I hope the process was as seamless for you as it seemed to be for us in the schools! As ever, any queries, please do see Shona in the School Office.

Rights Respecting Schools

Mrs Tulloch is leading Orphir & Flotta Community Schools towards the Rights Respecting Schools Bronze Award as part of her responsibilities as Acting Principal Teacher. This award recognises achievement in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child at the heart of school practice and compliments all that we stand for with our new and refreshed vision and focus on Wellbeing. Essentially the award is based on the principles of equality, dignity, respect, non-discrimination, participation and we look forward to working with Mrs Tulloch as she leads us on this journey. Keep your eyes peeled in future newsletters for more information.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 2 March this year. We are looking forward to seeing the children's creations themed around characters and scenes from books.

Nursery-P2	Wooden spoon character (spoons are ordered and will be home soon for each child of that age category)
Primary 3-4	Puppet - children's own choice
Primary 5-7	Shoebbox scene from a book

We have spare World Book Day vouchers if yours have been lost or eaten by the dog!

Parent Appointments

Our parents' evenings are scheduled for Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th March. Shona will email out the appointments towards the end of the week. We look forward to seeing you then.

P4-7 Swimming

Swimming for our P4-7 pupils begins on Friday this week. The bus will leave school at approximately 9.45 AM and will return after break. Swimming will run for the following dates:

03/03/2023
10/03/2023
17/03/2023
24/03/2023
31/03/2023
21/04/2023
28/04/2023
05/05/2023



P7 Residential Fundraiser Bingo

Eyes down for a full house! Our P7 parents have clubbed together to host a fundraising bingo event here at the school on Friday 21st April to help raise funds for this years P7 residential trip to Hoy. Doors open at 6:45 PM for a 7:30 PM start. The fundraising group would welcome any donations for raffles or prizes so if you have anything tucked away please hand it over to Shona in the office. It should be a great evening and any support would be most welcome.

Term 3 Diary Dates

Thursday 2 March. World Book Day

Friday 3rd March. Swimming till 5 May 2023

Wednesday 8th March & Thursday 9th March. Parents Evening.

Friday 31st March. Last day of term 3.

Monday 17th April. First day of term 4.

Finally from me...

Please remember to get in touch if there is anything you need us to know. We always welcome feedback (so long as it is done with politeness and courtesy) on things that you think could do with a review or refresh, or simply feel free to get in touch to tell us something uplifting.

Kind regards as always.

Grant Thomson

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Linked Head Teacher
Orphir, Stenness and Flotta Community Schools

PS I have shared the poster of the Stenness Community Association Spring Fayre - something for this weekend if you are up for it.

Expressive Arts

Monday	Fiddle Art
Tuesday	Guitar
Wednesday	Music
Thursday	PE
Friday	Swimming from 3 March 2023 - 5 May 2023

Education, Leisure and Housing

School Term Dates 2022 to 2023

All dates are inclusive.

Term 1.	Tuesday 16 August to Wednesday 5 October (37 days).
October holidays.	Thursday 6 October to Friday 21 October.
Term 2.	Monday 24 October to Wednesday 21 December (43 days).
Christmas holidays.	Thursday 22 December to Wednesday 4 January.
Term 3.	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).
Term 4.	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.



*Stenness Community Association
Stenness Outdoor Community Space*

SPRING FAYRE

Sunday 5th March

11am to 4pm

Stenness Hall and School

face painting ~ fundraising tables ~ Skail House Falconry

community cafe ~ Aal Fired Up ~ Craft / Sales Tables

Raffle ~ Prize Draw Launch



charity number SC031318



Light supper provided

Home bakes

*Fabulous Prizes
to be won!*



Friday 21st April 2023

Orphir Community School

Doors open 6.45pm

Eyes down 7.30pm

**Raising funds for Orphir Community
School's Primary Seven Hoy trip**