

Orphir Community School Newsletter

Wednesday 18 May 2022

CERTIFICATES

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

Lily Armet	CI	Awesome effort in SCRATCH lesson and sharing skills with others
Magnus Bruce	SL	Brilliant story writing with super foreshadowing

NEWS

Head Teacher's Headline

The busyness continues with lots coming up and a few new things added in too for good measure!

We had a lovely Parent Council Meeting last week, held in person would you believe! It was fabulous to see folk in person in the school and talk about Sports Day, Wellbeing event, Website and future meetings. The minutes in draft form are out with the newsletter for you to see.

If you are booking any trips away, Shona has included some information regarding easyfundraising below.

easyfundraising

If you're planning to go on holiday, did you know you can raise a FREE funds using easyfundraising for Friends of Orphir Community School - Orkney when you book?

Whether you're booking your 2022 summer holiday, or a short-getaway, if you book via easyfundraising on TUI, Booking.com, Expedia, First Choice, Hotels.com, Cottages.com, easyJet holidays, PurpleParking, plus 250+ other well-known travel companies, you'll raise free funds for us at no extra cost to you. You can also raise money by booking your airport parking, transfers and even your foreign currency and travel insurance! Find out more here:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/offers/big-donations?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-trvl22-e1



EVENTS

Puppet Show Workshop

We look forward to our Puppet Show Workshop on Tuesday 24th May. A reminder that Orphir, Stenness and Flotta will be joining forces for this and it promises to be an exciting day. Do remember to ask your bairns about it!

Primary 1-3 STEM

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths)

Kate Hookam visits the Primary 1-3 children on Tuesday 24th May to work with them and the class teacher on outdoor learning.

She will be working with Mrs Williams and the children on the themes of 'Using STEM Outdoors' and 'Using Outdoor Boxes'. Kate has previously done work with our Nursery children on 'Den Building' so it is exciting to see this learning spread into the Primary 1-3 class.

Primary 6-7 Parents Only Meeting Wednesday 25 May 6.00-7.00pm

There will be a short meeting to discuss the logistics of the overnight stay for the Primary 6-7 children. There will be opportunities for parents and staff to have input.



KGS Transition Parents Evening

An evening will be held at KGS on Tuesday 14th 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!

Gaspard's Foxtrot

A reminder that On Friday 17th June (AM) we will visit the Picky Centre to attend a showing of Gaspard's Foxtrot. We thank the Royal Scottish National Orchestra for the tickets and Creative Scotland for the cost of the bus hire.

Consent forms will be out with the next newsletter for this trip.



Sports Day

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

Wednesday 22nd June. This year we are planning our traditional participation races and fairground stall type activities to get everyone involved - even the big people. Check out the Parent Council Meeting Minutes for details

Finally, from me...

Keep doing things you enjoy.
Keep being kind to yourself.
Keep everything in perspective.

Kind regards,

Grant Thomson

Grant Thomson
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 (and often does!) but you are always welcome to contact me at either school.

Orphir Community School 811265
Stenness Community School 850212

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



Date	Event	Notes
Tuesday 24 th May	Puppet Show Visit	Orphir & Stenness combined at Orphir
Thursday 2 nd June	Queen's Platinum Jubilee	Schools Closed
Friday 3 rd June	Queen's Platinum Jubilee	Schools Closed
Sunday 5 th June	Orphir Community Association Jubilee Tea Party	See attached photo
Monday 6 th June	In-Service Day	Schools Closed to Pupils
Monday 13 th June	KGS Transition	P7 pupils only
Tuesday 14 th June	KGS Transition	P7 Pupils only
Thursday 16 th June	P6/7 Wellbeing Festival	More info from Mr Dearness
Friday 17 th June	P6/7 Wellbeing Festival	More info from Mr Dearness
Wednesday 22 nd June	Orphir Sports Day	Provisional date
Tuesday 28 th June	Orphir Leavers Assembly	PM
Thursday 30 th June	Last day of Term 4	Happy holidays!

School Term Dates 2021-2022. All dates are inclusive.	
Term four	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 th June



Orphir Community Association

invites you to a

Platinum Jubilee Tea Party

at

Orphir Community School

on

Sunday 5th June 2pm – 5pm

Children's Jubilee themed fancy dress competition

Make your own Crown competition

**Celebration cake competitions
(Primary, secondary, adults)**

Jubilee games and activities

Raffle

**Fun for all the family
Everyone is welcome**

Orphir Community School Parent Council
including Friends of Orphir
DRAFT Minutes of Meeting
Thursday 12 May 2022, 6.00pm in person

1 Present:

Grant Thomson (Head Teacher), John Dearness (Principal Teacher), Mark Edmonds (Chair), Katy Beaton, Sarah Finn, Laura Bruce, Shona Garson (Minutes)

2 Apologies:

Liz Johnston, Erland Johnston, Louise Sclater

3 Welcome:

Mark started with a welcome the first meeting in person of the Parent Council since Grant took over as Head Teacher.

4 Previous minutes:

The minutes of 20 January 2022 were approved as an accurate record

Proposed	Katy Beaton
Seconded	Mark Edmonds

5 Head Teacher's Report – as discussed at meeting and attached

Extra items from report –

i. Leavers' Hoodies from August 2022

It was agreed by parent council members present that anyone wishing to purchase a 'leavers' hoodie should self fund the purchase and that the school staff would be aware of anyone that could find this difficult. The school fund or parent council should be used then to assist to ensure that no-one is left out.

P6 parents to let school office know the details of where to purchase and colour chosen (one colour for whole year group).

ii. Primary 6-7 Wellbeing Event

See attached proposal tabled by John Dearness

P6-7 parents' meeting will be held next week to discuss in more depth any issues and look at tent sources, etc.

iii. Sports Day

It was agreed by those present that option 1 would be the format of the day – see attached option sheet tabled by John Dearness.

Parents to approach companies for raffle prizes and school office to send parents letter asking for prizes.

There would be no placings at the end of the day and ice creams would be purchased for the children and on sale for the adults.

iv. Website

Mark to produce a 'foreword' for the Parent Council tab on the school website.

Mark happy that his details are put on the website as Chair.

On the website, school office to produce a small calendar of dates of next meetings which would include functions/events that parents could and would be expected to help organise and help out at.

v. Head Teacher's Report

All the parents present agreed with the format of the current Head Teacher's report and looked forward to seeing any information included from the Pupil Council/Pupil Voice when that gets underway.

6 Treasurer's Report

There is £1,438.51 in the bank account at present with one cheque due out for £150 for clerk fees.

7 Matters arising

Playpark Update

John has been trying to chase the person in OIC in charge of playparks for an update and report on playpark and will continue to do so.

8 AOCB

Leavers' Bench

We have had ex-pupils arrive at the school to try and get a photo with the tree they planted at the end of Primary 7 to find their tree is no longer alive!

We have sourced a leavers' bench which will be donated by HIS and this will take a part in our leavers end of term ceremonies in place of the tree planting.

We will look at a plaque perhaps for each year group of leavers as recognition.

Commemorative Gift

Sarah explained that Orphir Community Association would like to buy all the children a commemorative coin/medal (Nursery to Primary 7). Would it be possible for the school to organise the purchase and liaise with the refund from the OCA to ensure no-one is left out? Grant agreed that he would be happy for this to happen in school time. OCA to send the school office the link to what they would like purchased.

9 Correspondence

None

10 Dates of next meetings

Thursday 25 August 2022, 6.00pm

Thursday 3 November 2022, 6.00pm

Thursday 23 February 2023, 6.00pm

Thursday 11 May 2023, 6.00pm

Orphir Community School Parent Council
Head Teachers Report for Thursday 12th May

Proposed School Roll for academic year 2022-2023 (39) (41 with Flotta)

Nursery: 7

P1-3: 14 (15 with Flotta)

P4-7: 18 (19 with Flotta)

Staffing Update

- The role of toothbrushing supervisor remains vacant.
- Christine Tulloch was appointed to the post of acting principal teacher of the Flotta class. This post is due to end at the end of the year but I am hopeful that this can be extended.
- Adam Clarkson will be leaving us this year as he emigrates to Malta.
- There are no other school vacancies to be filled at this moment.

COVID Update

The recent changes in COVID guidance now means that:

- If you have tested positive for COVID you stay home for 3 days if you are under 18 years of age and 5 days if you are 18 years of age or older.
- Stay at home if you have a high temperature or are not well. There is no advice to take a PCR test.
- You should stay at home until you no longer have a fever or are well enough to carry out your normal duties.
- Those under the age of 18 and who display mild symptoms do not need to stay home. They only need to stay home if they have a high temperature and are unwell.

Again I thank all of our families for their continued patience, trust and understanding throughout the pandemic, especially with the numerous changes that this has therefore incurred.

Term 3 Parents Night

It was lovely to hold this event 'in-person' and it was not only a great success but a lovely way to begin the journey back to normality. We look forward to more parental events in the future.

P7 Leavers Hoodies

- For our current P6's.
- To be presented with at the start of their P7 year to wear (in an assembly possibly).
- Child sizes @ £22.
- Adult/Lady fit sizes @ £25.50.
- Orphir Community School logo on the front – text on the back.
- Any contributions welcome.

Upcoming Events (detailed in the newsletter)

Puppet Theatre & Workshop Tuesday 24th May

- Orphir Community School with Stenness and Flotta.

Gaspard's Foxtrot Friday 17th June

- Orchestral performance alongside an animated film.

Leavers Assembly Tuesday 28th June

- In school – all welcome.

P6/7 Wellbeing Festival Thursday 16th & Friday 17th June

- John to provide a further update.

Sports Day Wednesday 22nd June

- John to provide a further update.

AGM

Our first meeting in term 1 will be an AGM followed by a Parent Council meeting. We need to acknowledge and consider that it will be Mark's final year so need to plan ahead and think about his next in line.

Next year we are proposing terms 1 and 4 PC meetings take place in person and terms 2 and 3 online. This take into account summer and winter months and perhaps might encourage more uptake of members by adding in an element of flexibility.

Website

Shona has a tab hidden and ready to be launched for the PC on our school website to further promote the group. On here would be:

- Name and contact details of the PC chair (for anything to be discussed at future meetings).
- Names and contact details of PC group members.
- Minutes and agendas from previous meetings.
- An advertisement of the details and locations of future meetings.

What would you like on your parent council tab?

2022-2023

- Our 2022-2023 school priorities are in process. As a parent body you will be invited to comment on these in term 1 once they are finalised and will also be able to make comments on this years' standards and quality report.
- Our 'School Library Revamp and Redesign' will begin properly next year as building works are being carried out in the summer to create book storage.
- What matters to you? What do you need/want to see from these head teacher reports and parent council meetings?

Orphir Community School
P6-7 Wellbeing 2 day event

See proposed timetable on page 2.

Other points to go over:

- Risk assessments and medical information will be agreed with OIC with Chris Jex signing off on trip.
- Any potential sleeping problems or concerns parents or pupils have please share them with John Dearness or Grant Thomson.
- Staff will be John Dearness, Grant Thomson and Dawn Williams
- Kit list below, please contact the school if you have difficulty getting any of these things and if you have multiples that could be borrowed
- Cost table is also below and if the group would like to fundraise for this or require help feel free to contact the school and we can support you.

Kit list (things we/they need)

1. 2 (at least 4 man tents)
2. Sleeping bag (we will supply mats)
3. Sturdy trainers or walking shoes + extra trainers
4. 2 pairs of tracksuit breek/leggings (no jeans)
5. 3 t-shirts
6. Warm jacket/fleece
7. Woolly hat
8. Sun cream
9. Gloves
10. Midge repellent (if they get bothered by them)
11. Small ruck sack/day bag
12. Purse/wallet for money

Expenditure items	Per pupil	total
Thursday dinner (rolls, carrots, salad, burgers or sausages, juice)	£10	£80
Hot chocolate and marshmallows	£2	£16
Breakfast items + Friday snack	£4	£32
Cafe lunch	£10	£80
Soft play	£4	£32
	£30	£240

Thursday 16th of June		
	P4-7	
9.30	Sort out kit, small ruck sack with water and snack	
10.00	Set off up Ward Hill on our wellbeing walk, cameras, wildlife hunt challenge, Primus	
11.00	for hot drink?	
11.15		
12.40	Lunch at the school as normal	
1.30	Team building and school grounds orienteering	
3.30	P4-5 Home	P6-7 Non-stop cricket and set up for tea
4.00		BBQ sausage rolls, salad and carrot sticks, BBQ banana and custard (pick up own rucksack and make up own breakfast pack)
5.00		Walk down to the Bu
6.00		Set up tents 1 boys tent one girls tent
7.30		Fire pit mallows
8.30		Brush teeth, circle time and bed

Friday 17 th of June		
	P4-5	P6-7
8.00		Morning call
		Breakfast Clear camp Brush teeth walk up to school
9.30	Working with Mrs Tulloch	Drop off bags, get money
09.55		Bus to the toon
10.15		Walk up the street, Tankerness House Museum
11.15	Ready for bus to toon for 12-1pm show	Wellpark Garden Centre for lunch and soft play
1.30	Cold packed lunch @ school	
2.35	Working with Mrs Tulloch Golden time	Bus back to school (bairns responsible for travel times) Golden time
3.30	All home	All home

Orphir Community School Sports Day Proposals

Proposal 1		
Time	P1-3	P4-7
10.00-11.00	PE	Mr D
11.15-12.15	Mrs W	PE
12.15	Lunch - cold options only	
1.00	Let the races commence Nursery - P7	
2.00-3.00	Orphir Sports Fair - examples of events Raffle, coconut shy, bowling, face paints, ice cream, bottle stall, music playing, sponge the staff...	
3.00-3.30	Certificate (no placings), thankyous, raffle draw and close	

Proposal 2		
Time	P1-3	P4-7
10.00-11.00	PE	Mr D
11.15-12.15	Mrs W	PE
12.15	Lunch - cold options only	
12.45 - 2.00	Parents sale Bakes, old books/toys/tea coffee (all items unsold taken away)	
2.00-3.00	Orphir sports day races	
3.00-3.30	Certificate (no placings) thankyous, raffle draw and close.	