

Orphir Community School World Book Day Special Edition Friday 7 March 2025

World Book Day - Thursday 6th March 2025

The children did a marvellous job making scenes and characters from books in school. These will be retained and displayed on 24 March on the class assembly days so you can see them all.

WORLD BOOK DAY BOOK TOKEN

A book token was sent home with your child last night and is accepted in local bookshops.

The word and artwork on the certificates given out were made entirely from the children members of the Library Group (Pupil Voice).

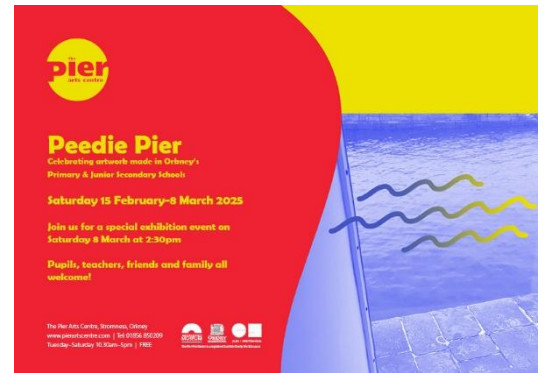
Some of the older children helped the P1-3 class with some clay modelling in the afternoon and some of them read stories in the Nursery class - what a great World Book Day we have had.

World Book Day even followed on into netball practise with a Where's Wally? picture taken!



Peedie Pier Art Exhibition – everyone invited!

Still time to see the Peedie Pier exhibition (on till 8 March).



Car Park Safety

We hope that are finding the car park a bit easier to navigate and remember to use what was traditionally the staff parking area. Please ensure that you stick, where you can, to the spaces provided and avoid parking in unmarked areas of the car park or the bus layby across the road. It is safer for children (and adults) for crossing the car park and for crossing the road when drivers park in the **marked bays only** in the car park. Please avoid using the bus lay-bys for parking - vehicles parked in the laybys prevent full visibility when crossing the road for pedestrians.

Hi-Vis Waistcoats

Thank you to everyone who has dropped spare waistcoats back to the school most of these are now washed and ready for trips next term! We are happy to them back any time.

National Dental Inspection

If your child has a brown envelope with their name on it home on Friday, it is from the Dental Inspection team.



Mindful March 2025

Our Media & News Pupil Voice Group would like to share with you some information about Mindful March which happens throughout this month at Orphir Community School. Lots will be happening in both classes and the nursery so look out for Seesaw updates coming home. Find out more below about Meta Skills and Character Strengths and some wellbeing information. Meta Skills are important skills for learning, work and life.

Self-management	Social Intelligence	Innovation
Focusing	Communicating	Curiosity
Integrity	Feeling	Sense-making
Adapting	Collaborating	Creativity
Initiative	Leading	Critical thinking

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Meta Skills

There are 12 meta skills, and I am going to list 3 of them.

Adapting

Adapting is all about changes but when you adapt those changes don't really make you sad. An example of adapting is going to a new school and settling in there fine and making lots of new friends.

Critical thinking

Critical thinking helps you evaluate information to solve problems. An example of critical thinking is making a Duplo tower but saying 'oh no if I put that block there the tower will fall.'

Communicating

Communicating helps you express yourself and share information with others. An example of communicating is communicating to the teacher about your lesson and what to do.

By James P5

CONNECT
TALK & LISTEN,
BE THERE,
FEEL CONNECTED

BE ACTIVE
DO WHAT YOU CAN,
ENJOY WHAT YOU DO,
MOVE YOUR MOOD

TAKE NOTICE
REMEMBER
THE SIMPLE
THINGS THAT
GIVE YOU JOY

KEEP LEARNING
EMBRACE NEW
EXPERIENCES,
SEE OPPORTUNITIES,
SURPRISE YOURSELF

Give
Your time,
your words,
your presence

five ways to wellbeing

There are five ways to wellbeing.

1. be active
2. give
3. keep learning
4. take notice
5. connect

At Orphir School give would look like if someone gave you a gift you would give something back.

Keep learning would look like listening to your teacher.

By Henry p3

Wellbeing indicators

There are 8 wellbeing indicators.
We call these SHANARRI.

S for safe
H for healthy
A for Active
N for nurtured
A for achieving
R for responsible
R for respected
I for included

At Orphir school Active looks like
playing sport, running and playing games

By Ernest p3



Wellbeing Warriors

Keep learning
be active
give
connect
take notice

In the wellbeing notepad
we write what steps we've
taken to do these things.

By videl p2

My Wellbeing Notepad



Character strengths

if you don't know what character strengths are
this is a little explanation:

character strengths are in everyone even
you. It's just a part of you. Some
people have ones that are stronger than
others but we still have them all

here is what one would look
like. if the strength was lets say
self regulation then that person would
be self regulated and they wouldn't
shout out and they would stay calm.
If the strength was kindness they would
share and also just be kind in general.
And so on.

Character strengths are a big part of
everyone and help every day. At our
school we pick 2 of the character strengths
a month and focus on them and work
on them. All the pupils at Orphir school
should feel they can express their character
strengths as freely as they want to.

By Helga P7



Reminders - Dates for the Diary

Reporting Progress Evenings

Tuesday 11th March and Wednesday 12th March.

If you need a reminder of times, do get in touch with Shona at the school office.

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.