

# Orphir Community School Newsletter

Tuesday 4 May 2021

## News



### Back to Normal!?

Just what is normal?

Whilst some things may never be the same again, others may not have changed at all. Perhaps the best example of this is the real interest you are showing in your children's health, wellbeing and work at school.

Hopefully there will be no further lockdowns and we can welcome parents and extended families back into the grounds and buildings. All I can say is, if you will excuse the cliché, 'keep up the good work!'

### Toothbrushing

Our tooth brushing supervisor, April Copeland, has started regularly tooth brushing with the children in the Nursery. It is going really well. April said only this morning how lovely it was working with the children.



### Planting and Growing

The children are working so well. We just wanted to share some of it with you. The P1-3 class are planting and are currently working on the raised beds outside and growing cress inside.



### Brownies

Stenness and Orphir Brownies are looking for a new Brownie leader. Carole Linklater has stopped being leader and if you need to find out more, you are welcome to call Carole on 07771 893779 or email on [home@linklaterengineering.co.uk](mailto:home@linklaterengineering.co.uk)



## Website

While John Dearness was working from home, one of the many tasks he completed was the building of a new school website. There are still a few things to update but between him and Shona, they have formatted it for desktop, tablet and mobile.

Please have a look through it. We are working on getting more up-to-date photos and if you see any glitches or errors, do feel free to contact the school office admin email address, [admin.orphir@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk](mailto:admin.orphir@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk). Thank you.

<https://www.orphircommunityschool.co.uk/>

## Events

### Primary One Health Screening

Wednesday 19 May.

NHS Orkney staff will be conducting routine Primary One health screening on that day.

### Primary 7 School Health Team Visit

Wednesday 26 May

All P7 children will, as part of their transition, meet as a group with someone from the KGS School Health Team.

### Religious Observance

Week commencing 31 May

Reverend Martin Prentice will record a video message for our school based on our values, fair, care, respect, trust, share and try.



*Bruce Pilkington*

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Head Teacher

### Reminder - where to contact me

Orphir	811265
Stenness	850212

### Useful Dates

#### Summer Holidays

Saturday 26 June - Monday 16 August 2021 inclusive

#### October Holidays

Thursday 7 October – Sunday 24 October 2021 inclusive

[https://www.orkney.gov.uk/Files/Education-and-Learning/School\\_Term\\_Dates.pdf](https://www.orkney.gov.uk/Files/Education-and-Learning/School_Term_Dates.pdf)

# Playpod

This is back in business! We could do with some donations of, for example, propcorn barrels, steering wheels, tube inserts from bale wrap (plastic if possible), old guttering, rope, netting; you name it, we could use it. ☺

We will make a risk assessment on any items we receive and if we deem that they are suitable for the children, we will use them and clean them where appropriate/sand down sharp edges. If they are not suitable and not repairable we reserve the right to dispose of them.



# Remember **FACTS** for a safer Scotland

- F** Face coverings
- A** Avoid crowded places
- C** Clean your hands regularly
- T** Two metre distance
- S** Self isolate and book a test if you have symptoms



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