

Dear Parents and Carers



We have had a term full of excitement and lovely Christmas activities. We had an advent activity every day, beginning the festivities by lighting up the Christmas Tree and finding out who would be chosen to make the Christmas tree star. That honour went to Noah in P1 and he did a great job! We had a fantastic Christmas Dinner, which everyone enjoyed, and it was lovely to see so many people come along to support the children doing their Christmas Service. Then, to conclude a very busy term, we had parties and movies to get us into holiday mode.

## Staffing

We appointed a new full-time janitor this term. Max Barrat will be joining the team very soon and we are looking forward to welcoming him to Evie School. Congratulations also goes to Sarah De Rees who has been appointed as our relief janitor. We are delighted to have Sarah on our books too.

We must also thank Bill Drever for helping us out and covering the post for the past term.

Tracy Sabiston, our Early Years Practitioner, continues to work part of the week in Dounby Nursery due to our low numbers in Evie this year.

Mrs Scott will continue to cover for Mrs McCairn in P3-5. This will be reviewed in February.

Nikki Brixey and Leah Wood will support in the classrooms, filling the two Support for Learning Assistant positions until February/March.



## Playground

We are delighted that the Men's Shed have built two shelters for our playground, and Geoff Purnell (Parent Council Chair) has collected them from Stromness. Thank you for that. We are now waiting for the Men's Shed to build the shelters, which they would like to do themselves to see the project through to the end. It will be exciting to get to use them soon.

We also have a £1000 donation from Cooke Aquaculture for the creation of a fence and new outdoor classroom for our P3-5 class. The plan is to get the fence put up and the resources bought next term so we can get the most of the learning space this year.

## Eynhallow Project



As part of the Orkney Native Wildlife Project we are doing an Eynhallow Project at the end of term 3, and we are really looking forward to all the opportunities this will bring for working within our community. It will be an interdisciplinary project linked with science, literature and expressive arts.

We are also hoping to visit Eynhallow with some of the older children and to present our project at the science festival. More information about this will be shared nearer the time, but if you have any ideas or anything you would like to contribute, please get in touch.

## Opportunities for personal achievement



We worked really hard to learn our parts in the Nativity and 2 songs for the Christmas Service. We did a fantastic job!

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## Interdisciplinary learning

We made sandwiches on World Sandwich Day. This included learning from different curricular areas:  
Literacy - We wrote sandwich making instructions.  
Maths - We used fractions when cutting  
Health & Wellbeing - food hygiene



We enjoy STEM challenges and have been developing our teamwork.



We have enjoyed some whole school events this term including our School Advent activities and Children in Need, where we helped plan the stalls..

## Ethos and life of the school as a community

We learnt the Story of David and Goliath as part of our RME. We identified times when we needed to be brave and have courage. This linked in well to our previous learning in health and wellbeing on emotions.



We have focused on number and 2D and 3D shape in maths this term. As part of our literacy we have been working hard on our writing.

## Curriculum areas and subjects

# LEARNING ACROSS THE FOUR CONTEXTS AT EVIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 2 2023/24 - P3/4/5 - Mrs Omand and Mrs McCairn

## Opportunities for personal achievement

We had the chance to take part in all the Children in Need activities. We ran the stalls, took part in the talent show and helped others.



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We have taken part in our Advent activities as a whole school and we have also all worked together to make our school Christmas Service. Many of us took part in the community tree lighting as well.



## Ethos and life of the school as a community

## Interdisciplinary Learning

We have been learning all about space this term. We have researched our questions and found out about the size and scale of our solar system.



We have been learning about weight in our maths and practising addition and subtraction. We have been learning a story by heart using a story map. This is part of our new learning format of 'Talk for Writing'. This will help us to up level our story writing.



## Curriculum areas and subjects

## Opportunities for personal achievement

P6-7 organised and participated in Evie's Got Talent.



J.R.S.O.s  
leading safe  
travel for  
Evie.



P6-7 Term 2 2023-24

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## Interdisciplinary learning



Christmas  
storytelling and  
drama



Christmas Craft  
making for Advent.

Serving Christmas  
lunch to Evie's  
senior community.



P6-7 ran the Merchandise and  
Bake stall for Children in Need

Ethos and life of the school as a community

Our monster-descriptive spine poem:



Fogged worn-out tunns,  
Like a scruffy Viking's math-eaten shirt,  
Waird wot,  
Winky worts,  
Like lumpy, sloppy Nanny Mckel!  
Dugusting, abnoxious,  
Grotzque, munging stench,  
Like living in an unbearable foul-smelling sewer!

Descriptive, monster  
poem written by P6-7



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Curriculum areas and subjects

## Dates for the Diary

### JANUARY

8th January - Back to School

12 January - P3-5 Swimming Begins

25th January - Burns Supper (school dinner)

### FEBRUARY

15th February - School Disco

19th & 20th February - In-Service Days

### MARCH

7th March - World Book Day

13th March - Progress Meetings with Parents and Carers

### APRIL

1st April - Easter Monday

### MAY

23rd May - Parent Council Meeting

### JUNE

3rd June - In-Service Day

10th June - End of Year Progress Reports

**12th June - Sports Day (changed due to Hoy Trip)**

17th - 21st June - P7 Hoy Trip

25th & 26th June - Transition Days

### JULY

3rd July - Leavers Service at 2:30pm

Kind Regards

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