

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had an interesting term with lots of good learning and positive experiences which we would like to share.

FIRST AID & DEFIBRILLATOR

As part of learning about Health and Wellbeing, P3-7 have had First Aid sessions with Mark Rendall, who is the trauma instructor at the Kirkwall Airport Fire Station. As part of the lesson they learnt how to use a defibrillator. These machines can be found in most communities, often at schools, and an understanding of how to use them could be a lifesaving skill some day. The sessions went very well and the children asked lots of good questions.



STAFFING



Mrs McCairn will be back in P3-5 after the holidays. Thank you to Mrs Scott for covering the class this term.

Nikki Brixey will be leaving at the end of this term and we wish her all the best. Leah Wood will be covering the support role until the post is advertised.

PLAYGROUND

We have our lovely shelters in the playground now, but they need to be secured to the ground to survive the windy weather. We have them facing the school building until we have the materials to put them in their actual location.

We have just received trees from the Woodland Trust to continue our plan for a tree lined playground, trying to create shelter and encourage wildlife and a natural boundary.

We have raised beds outside which we will focus on 'grow your own' vegetables and foods which we can eat, this will be part of our outdoor learning next term.

EYNHALLOW PROJECT



We are concluding our Orkney Native Wildlife Project this week and have had great opportunities to work with *Genevieve Carver*, an author, in relation to Eynhallow and the Fulmar colony.

The classes have chosen a folk lore to help them understand more about the island and culture of the time when it was inhabited.

The art teacher has been working on some creative pieces to display as part of our Science Festival entry.

The children were able to share their learning with the wider community as part of an open afternoon and we are hoping to visit Eynhallow as a school curriculum trip next term.

PARENT COUNCIL

Our Parent Council got involved in revisiting our Vision, Values and Aims this term. We had a look at the values and prioritised them in groups. The next step is to see if our Pupil Council will agree with our Parent Council and create a refined set of values which reflect us as a whole school community.

PUPIL COUNCIL

The children in the school will be applying to be on the Pupil Council the first week back after the holidays. This is an opportunity for our children to be part of the decisions we make about everything that happens in the school. Our Pupil Council will also work alongside our Parent Council on joint projects.



Dates for the Diary

APRIL

1st April - Easter Monday
15th April - First Day Back
23rd April - Bag the Bruck

MAY

16th May - P6/7 Generational Science Workshop
23rd May - P6/7 Bikeability Day
23rd May - Parent Council Meeting

JUNE

3rd June - In-Service Day
10th June - End of Year Progress Reports
10th June - Attendance Data Upload to Local Authority
12th June - Sports Day
17th - 21st June - P7 Hoy Trip
25th & 26th June - P7 Transition Days

JULY

3rd July - Leavers Service at 2:30pm

Learning across the four contexts

Primary 1/2 Term 3



Opportunities for personal achievement

During Plan Do Review sessions we have been focusing on developing our skills. Most recently we have been working on co-operation and creativity



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Interdisciplinary learning

We have been learning about some of Orkney's wildlife through the Eynhallow Project.



We heard about the Fulmer Project when Genevieve Carter came to visit

We celebrated World Book Day by dressing up, reading our favourite books and sharing stories with P6/7.



We have enjoyed working together with the other classes to make our video 'Gifts From The Sea'

Ethos and life of the school as a community

We have started a new writing programme called Talk for Writing. We learned a Pete the Cat story and then wrote our own versions.



We have been learning about money this term. We have been working on recognising and ordering the coins, adding amounts together and finding change. We have enjoyed practicing these skills while playing in our toy shop.

Curriculum areas and subjects

LEARNING ACROSS THE FOUR CONTEXTS AT EVIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 3 2023/24 - P3/4/5 - Mrs Omand and Mrs McCairn

Opportunities for personal achievement

We had the chance to take part in First Aid Training. We had the chance to practise CPR and used the training defibrillator.



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As a whole school, we have learned all about Eynhallow and it's stories, wildlife and environmental challenges. We worked as a whole school to tell a story from Eynhallow and had a visit from a poet who inspired us to write about the fulmars that nest there.



Ethos and life of the school as a community

Interdisciplinary Learning

We have been learning all about our local history this term. We researched buildings and had a trip to visit Skara Brae and Kirbuster Farm Museum.



We have been learning about multiplication and division this term, as well as length, area and perimeter. We had swimming lessons, and we continued our talk for writing; where we had a 'break in' from the 'Big Bad Wolf' to inspire our newspaper writing.



Curriculum areas and subjects

Opportunities for personal achievement

P7 JRSOs run competitions to raise safety awareness



Leadership by P6 7 running Easter Egg hunts for classes.

P6-7 Term 3 2023-24

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Interdisciplinary learning

Local landscape art and storytelling of Gifts from the Sea



Fractions with Shrove Tuesday pancakes



Sharing learning and making Eynhallow fulmars with parents/guardians on an open afternoon.



Paired reading on World Book Day with Nursery, P1 and P2



Ethos and life of the school as a community

Drugs dog visit learning about the misuse of drugs dangers



Writing Eynhallow fulmar poems with poet, Genevieve Carter



Curriculum areas and subjects