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Newsletter 18/05/23

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy few weeks with lots of trips and excursions planned all of which bring learning to the children in different, inclusive and accessible ways. Please check out the school's blog for further details and pictures of some of these events. <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sh/Dunrossness>

NOOSC: will be open during the summer holidays 8.30 to 4.30 during the Monday to Thursday weeks beginning 10th July and 13th July. To book a place for your child please use the booking link below:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/NOOSCSummer/>

Fun and Feeling Workshop: Back in April all classes experienced a wonderful workshop exploring feelings in a fun way. This event was delivered by Caroline Leask and sponsored by Jillian Mouat and the Picnic Press and her community funding initiative. Thanks to both for a wonderful opportunity.

Quendale Mill Museum Trip: P2/3/4 went off again on further investigations into Shetland's past with a trip to Quendale Mill. The children enjoyed exploring the artefacts and history of the Mill and all were a credit to the school. Thank you to any parents volunteers for helping.



Coronation Teas: These were a huge success with so much food on offer and so very well supported by the local community. A massive £1800 or so was raised. Congratulations to all who worked hard on the catering and for all those that supported in some way or another.

Coronation Celebration School Walk: The weather held for this walk even though a little bit windy. The children had the opportunity to mix together outside of their year group - building friendships and a sense of belonging.

Song Writing with Claire White: This time the P2/3/4 class has chance to explore the traditions and stories of Shetland through its dialect and music. Claire was very impressed with how the children embrace and are proud of their heritage and dialect.



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Draatsi class AI presentation assembly: We are so very proud of how the children shared their learning from this fascinating project with parents last Friday. They explained so clearly their understanding of the United Nations Convention for the Rights of the Child and how important it is to put children at the centre of decision making in the development of Artificial Intelligence. We are very pleased to be able to inform you that the report and film on stage 1 of our AI project are now available to read/watch on Children's Parliament website:

[Exploring Children's Rights and AI - Children's Parliament \(childrensparliament.org.uk\)](https://childrensparliament.org.uk)

Thank you for coming along to support. We hope that other classes will share their learning from time to time in class assemblies as this is a lovely way for parents to be involved in learning.

On Thursday the class repeated the assembly presentation to Education Scotland STEM Advisor Mark Irwin and Education Scotland's Kirsty Campbell. Both visitors were extremely impressed with the standard of research and professionalism from the class. They will take back all the ideas to their own colleagues and be in touch with the school with further development ideas.

Swan Trust Sailing: Children in P4/5 and 6 had the opportunity to learn the basics of sailing aboard a historic sailing vessel - the Swan. They learned how to keep safe and follow orders, hoist the mainsail and what life on board would be like. What an adventure! This was combined with a trip to Shetland Museum for the P4/5s to investigate Shetland's history.

RSPB Bird Hide at Spiggie Loch: Some of our children's art work is now incorporated into the mural on the walls of the hide, so please do take time to go and see whilst exploring the wildlife in and around the loch.

P7 residential: For the first time since the pandemic began, the school has been able to organise a residential experience for our P7 leavers. The children were full of excitement as they set off on their adventure, which will hopefully be an experience full of lasting memories. Thank you to the staff and helpers that accompanied, making this experience possible.

Transition: Transition is an important time for all children and therefore transition arrangements are being finalised and, for pre-schoolers transitioning to P1, have already got underway. Information about all transitions, including information about classes for next year, will be sent out to parents next week.

School Evaluation: As we approach the end of the academic year it is time to look back over the progress we have made as a school and to plan for the coming year. Your views are really important in this process so please look out for a survey in the next few weeks. We would appreciate you taking the time to complete this.



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School illnesses: Scarlett fever is a common infection in children caused by the group A Streptococcus virus. Scarlet fever can caused the following symptoms:

- Headache
- Sore throat
- High temperature
- Raised pink/purple spots which join up to produce a skin rash

Health advice can be found on NHS inform. Children with suspected scarlet fever should be assessed by a health professional. Children and adults with suspected scarlet fever should not attend school or work until at least 24hrs after commencing appropriate antibiotic treatment.

If your child has chickenpox, it is recommended that you inform the school or nursery, and follow NHS advice. It is a good idea for anyone who has chickenpox to avoid contact with:

- Pregnant women
- New-born babies
- Anyone who has a weak immune system

School Update: Mrs Moss is the Quality Improvement Officer for Dunrossness Primary School. QIOs visit schools regularly to support the school's improvement process and report on learning, teaching and attainment. Mrs Moss is supporting the school at the moment by being a point of contact while Mrs Finch works from home.

School closes at end of day, Thursday 18th May and reopens to children on Tuesday 22nd May

Enjoy the long weekend!

Kind regards,

Gina Finch



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Dates For Summer Term:

25th May P7 Transition Camp to SJHS

29th May P4/5/6 and P6/7 visit to Scatness Iron Age village

30th May P4/5 Triangular sports event at SJHS 9.20 to 12.30

30th May Learner Led Event 5pm to 6.30-pm. An opportunity for your child to show you their work

31st May P2/3/4 Visit to the Croft House

2nd June Assembly led by Rev Fran Henderson

5th June Music Workshop for P4-7

6th June School Sports Morning - weather permitting

7th June P1/2 visit to Scatness Iron Age village

12th June P1 New P1 Parents Meeting at 6pm

14th and 15th June P7 Transition days to SJH

16th June Assembly led by Rev Andrew Fox

22nd and 23rd June P7 Transition days to AHS

29th June P7 Leavers Assembly at 1.30pm