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Dear Parents and Carers,

Lots of events up and coming:

Learner Led Event P1-P7 Tuesday 30th May 5pm to 6.30pm. We hope very much that your child/ren will be able to show you around the school and the work they have completed over the year, as well as their new classroom if they are in a different one in August.

Sports event for P4 and P5 Tuesday 30th May 9.30 to 12.30. Children will need to come to school in their normal PE kit, a bottle of water and snack as well as a rain coat.

P2/3/4 and P4/5/6 Visits to the Croft House Wednesday 31st May. Please make sure your child has a coat and sturdy shoes to walk to the Croft House.

Parents Helpers: Thank you to all who have volunteered their time recently and for future dates, to support all these planned adventures- your help is invaluable. **Please keep your eye on the dates below as any of these trips/excursions will need parent/carers volunteers to help keep the children safe.**

Tuesday 6th June 9.30 am School and Nursery Sports Morning on the Boddam Sports Field (weather permitting). Please come along to join in a morning of fun sporting activities as well as some competitive races. We also need help to support classes and keep a tally of scores - **so if you think you may be free to help please let the school office know.**

P7 residential: This was the first residential since before the pandemic and was enjoyed by all the children. They faced challenges and adventures and hopefully gained confidence in themselves. We are very proud of all of them. Well done P7.



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High Praise for the school: Recently a Literacy advisor visited the school to review the impact of a year-long writing project that some classes had been involved in and she was very complimentary of the progress that has been made.

"It was great to see such a fantastic reading culture in the class. The children were able to use the well-kept library independently and some children explained the colour coding system to me. Accelerated reading seems to be working well. It was lovely to see some new books in the library which were recently purchased. The writing bundle has been implemented well in the class and the children knew exactly what their individual targets were. Fantastic teaching and learning going on and a very high standard of writing being produced by the engaged and motivated class" and about ELC she said *"The established ELC staff have lovely, nurturing interactions with children. It was great to see free flow play between indoors and outdoors working so well"*

Well done to all staff and children - it is great to see your hard work recognised.

Pupil Council have been canvassing their class mates for ideas on how we could improve the playground. They have been sharing some possible ideas for play equipment to see what is the most popular. So far a tunnel and wobble board are the most popular option across classes. The next steps will be to get some quotes to see if we have already raised enough money or need to do more. Pupil Council have also been looking at the first steps to becoming a **Rights Respecting School**. So far one class is very conversant with the United Nations Convention for the Rights of the child and so Pupil Council are looking at ways to help more children know about their rights and how to respect the rights of others. To find about more about the UNCRC use this link [Parent Club UNCRC - Your guide to children's rights.pdf](#)

Celebration Assembly:

Some of the key aspects of a growth mind-set are:



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- Taking on challenges in learning
- Putting in effort
- Learning from mistakes and feedback- evaluating
- Not giving up- persevering
- Listening
- Curiosity- asking questions
- Courage to work with independence



On Friday these children were celebrated for their learning: Lily, Georgia, Eveline, Olga, Kate, Nora, Callum, Junior, Jax and all of P1/2 for increased effort in their work.

Kind regards,

Gina Finch

Dates for Summer Term:

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 and P4/5/6 Visits to the Croft House

2nd June - Peripatetic Music Teachers Concert

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 - **New P1 Parents Meeting 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 1.30pm