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My Weekend

On Friday everyone came to our house for a playdate after school. We played Minecraft One block. It was Luca's first time playing it. Grace was here too. Grace held Thistle the snake and I showed her my book of photos of me and Orla (my best friend). Luca and Ander stayed for tea and so did Eileen and Guillermo. They stayed late. Yesterday I gave my mum a card for Mother's Day. I gave her a thing I made for the wall. I did that with Fiona. I had a cup of tea to try out the coaster I made in Art.

Harris (8)

Frogs and Dogs

On Friday we went to see frogs. There were loads. It was a lovely day. The frogs were really loud. We enjoyed watching the frogs. It was with Freyja, Harris, Ander and Grace. We went up to the Golden Water to see the frogs. Today we gave Marlowe a walk. Marlowe is Felicity's dog. We went to the beach, the sandy one! He is a tall dog and he has long legs! Marlowe is nice.

Luca (7)



Family Weekend Fun

This week Grandma and Grandad came to visit. Grace came home a bit early for the weekend because we weren't sure if the weather would be okay and we didn't want her to miss seeing Grandma and Grandad. It was nice to see them.

On Friday Grace and I went to Schoolhouse to play. We had lots of fun playing different types of Minecraft on the Xbox and Gillian and I shot Nerf guns at a target Harris got for Christmas. It was lots of fun. That night we stayed up till after midnight to watch all the new Star Wars that had come out whilst Grace was away.

On Saturday we watched some more Star Wars with breakfast, lots of it made me jump! In the afternoon we played a crime mystery board game called 221B Baker St. It's a bit like Cluedo, but you have to find clues in different buildings to solve the crime. Then we had curry for tea and watched a

Bollywood movie, which was three hours long! It was called Mr India, and was about a hero who had a gadget that made him invisible to help him defeat the baddies.

The next day was Sunday, so we went to Chapel, then had coffee at Pat's. Luca, Ander and I played a game where you held cushions in front of you and ran into each other. It was great fun! Since it was Mother's Day, we gave Mum her presents. I made her a mosaic tile picture. Then we all played WingSpan. We thought it would only be a couple of hours, but it took us nearly four!

Grace had to go back to school on Monday morning, but it was lots of fun to all be together.

Freyja (10)

Week Dat's Awa

Friday

Off to school for the morning. We learn about St Patrick's Day and finish off Mother's Day bits and pieces. Along with spelling tests, reading and mental arithmetic, we have a busy and very enjoyable morning. Also manage to sneak in a game of Rummikub, my favourite. One thing I really miss about the school is playing board games with the kids. Brodie comes to play for the afternoon so Amy can sort and deliver mail. He has just found his feet properly in the last week and is amusing as he toddles around the house. We watch Comic Relief in the evening. It was very good, especially the 'Traitors' sketch. It has raised around £32 million so far for some great causes.

Saturday

As the boat also got yesterday along with the scheduled planes, it is fruit and veg morning at the shop so go there first and then have Brodie to play whilst Amy delivers the mail that came on yesterday's boat. Saturday was also a great day for washing so get clothes done. Plenty of rugby on TV as the 6 nations comes to a conclusion. Iain can barely watch the Scotland game. I get on with my stack of paper work. My car insurance renewal is up by £60! Not sure the car is even worth £60. So back to price comparison sites and I get it down to a reasonable offer using the MoneySuperMarket comparison site and cancel the renewal with my existing provider.

Sunday

Another great washing day so get beds and towels done. Daniel phones to say Happy Mother's Day and I phone mine to say the same. Daniel and Katie are in the process of purchasing a house in Stirling and hopefully will be moving in in April. Stoneybrek and Skerryholm come for tea. We have lobster, roast pork and finish off with chocolate soufflés. Pretty good!

Monday

Third good washing day in a row! We haven't had many of them this year. Brodie and I walk down to the shop and see quite a few 'beds' out on lines. Amy is at school in her admin assistant role in the morning but takes Brodie home for lunch and then back again so that she can do the mail. All 3 planes and the boat happen today. Brodie and I take the dogs out for a walk. The dogs cover far more distance that we do, manically chasing each other up and down the road past us.

Tuesday

Wake up to no view, thick cloud is down and it's raining. The weather does improve during the morning. A visit to the shop for fruit and veg comes first. Not needing much as the last boat was not long ago but the next one may be a long way off so still need to buy. I pop in to visit Brodie on the way home. He's busy enjoying his breakfast. I get back to my upstairs Velux windows and carry on scraping off old peeling varnish, cleaning them and revarnishing. I get the dogs out late afternoon and both come back filthy so don't get in the house in the evening. Freddie loves running and water so runs up and down all the ditches he can find.

Wednesday

A horrible morning does brighten up a bit allowing the plane at lunchtime but the afternoon really deteriorates with lashing wind and rain. Brodie and I stay indoors for the whole day. I make minestrone

soup before he arrives in the morning which we all enjoy at lunchtime. Brodie will happily sit and eat almost everything he is given which makes life so much easier. His mother was not the same! Amy gets Lower Leogh cleaned and ready for the next guests in the morning and has to deliver the mail in the lashing wind and rain in the afternoon, rather her than me. Iain carries on with the replacing of the windows at the lighthouse. This has been a long project but happily it is near completion.

Thursday

Two planes get first thing allowing lots of people to get moved, the luckiest ones getting to go on holiday. Iain heads out for the day on fire training and the dogs and I head out for a walk. It's not just the dogs who get wet this time on our walk! Then I do a bit of prep for school in the afternoon. We are going to be looking at The Water Cycle. There are a lot of YouTube videos covering this, many of them dreadful. Our access to learning resources is immense now. When I started teaching we had to write all the worksheets ourselves and print them on a Banda machine and information was only found in books/teaching resources we had to buy. The advent of the internet and photocopiers has made making teaching resources so much quicker and easier. Instant access to information is a wonderful thing and most of it is free. The afternoon plane comes thankfully so Iain gets home. Thankfully no lambs turned up in his absence.

Good luck to everyone about to start lambing, not long to go now. Fingers crossed for better weather than last year, spring weather has got to come at some point.

Ruth, Setter

NOTICES

Hall AGM – New date – Thursday 30th March at 3pm in the Committee Room. This is a public meeting so members of the public are invited to join.

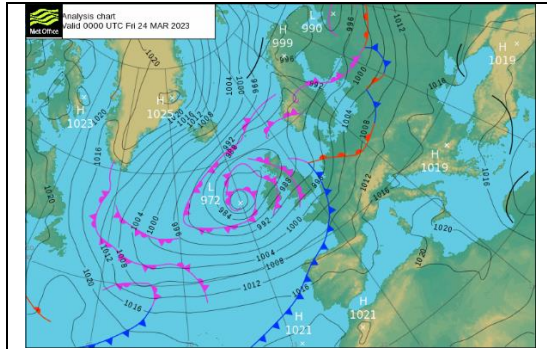
Chapel – Sunday at 11am, all welcome to join in, John leading.

Next week will be the last F I Times before the Easter break, please send any articles or notices to be included to Hollie and Eileen asap

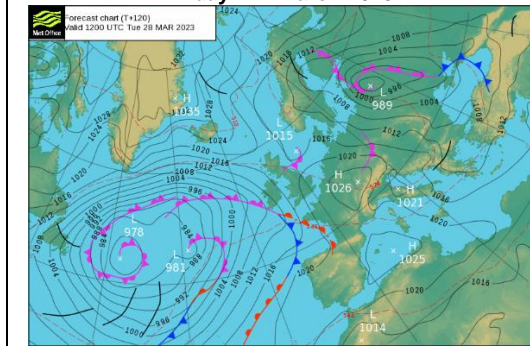


Fabulous aurora seen all over the north on Thursday 23rd March, thanks to David Parnaby for the photo, showing the moon as well.

FAIR ISLE WEATHER FORECAST



Analysis Chart 0000 UTC
Friday 24th March 2023



Forecast Chart 1200 UTC
Tuesday 28th March 2023

GENERAL SITUATION

Friday 24th March 2023

During the weekend slack low pressure over northern Scotland will be replaced by a freshening northerly airflow as a depression presently west of Ireland transfers east across the British Isles. The cold northerly airflow should soon ease as a building ridge of high pressure brings an improving start to next week. A large north Atlantic depression then drives fronts east towards the UK midweek bringing a moderate easterly airflow across northern Scotland. Currently this low is predicted to track southeast across southern parts of the UK as a filling feature keeping fronts clear of Shetland where a north-easterly airflow is likely.

OUTLOOK FOR THE WEEKEND

Temperatures 7° Celsius today 3° or 4° tonight then colder with 4° or 5° by day, 2° overnight.

FRIDAY 24th: Some brightness at first but mostly cloudy with rain or showers this afternoon. F4 NE'y winds increasing F5-6. Mainly dry by evening but breezy with showers overnight.

Sea State: Mostly moderate with a 2 metre N'y wind swell.

SATURDAY 25th: Sunny spells and scattered wintry showers of sleet or snow, though little snow is expected to settle. F5-6 NNE'y winds.

Sea State: Mostly rough with a 3 to 4 metre NNE'y wind swell.

SUNDAY 26th: Bright with F5-6 N'y winds and sleet or snow showers. **Sea State:** Moderate or rough with a 2 to 3 metre N'y wind swell.

FORECAST FOR NEXT WEEK Temperatures 5° to 7° Celsius by day, 3° or 4° overnight.

MONDAY 27th: Rather cloudy with scattered wintry showers, these tending to die out as fresh NNW'y winds ease moderate W'y. **Sea State:** Moderate or rough with a 2 to 3 metre NNE'y wind swell.

TUESDAY 28th: Mostly dry with sunny or clear spells and a moderate N' later NE'y breeze.

Sea State: Mostly moderate with a 2 metre NE'y wind swell.

WEDNESDAY 29th – SUNDAY 2nd: Wednesday mostly dry but cloudy with a strengthening SE'y breeze bringing patchy rain overnight. The remainder of the outlook cool with some showers and mostly moderate north-easterly winds.

Sea State Wednesday: Moderate with a 2 metre E'y wind swell.

Dave Wheeler

