

Welcome to Primary One

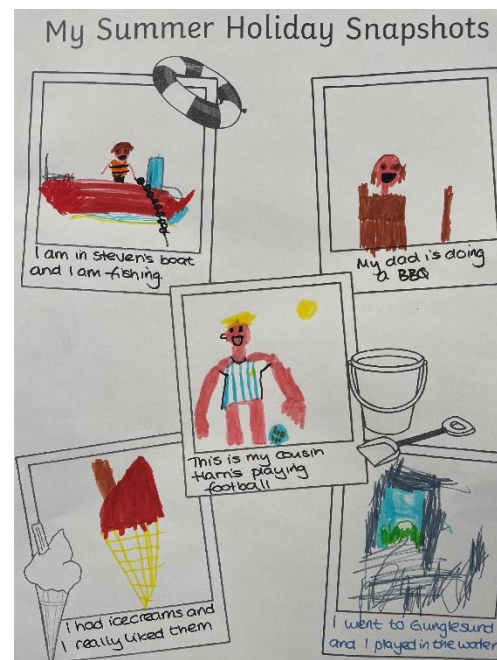
Heidi and Ander started P1 and joined the "big school" class. They have been busy learning how to write their letter sounds and numbers. We hope they have a fantastic first year of Primary school.



Primary 1 Holiday News



Heidi



Ander

My Summer Holidays

In the summer holidays I went to centre parcs with my family, my Gran and Grandad and my cousins came too. They are called Lewis and Finlay. We went swimming every day. The pool was huge with lots of slides. Lewis and I played Nerf guns. We had birthday cake for Gran's birthday as she was 70. After that, I stayed with Gran and Grandpa for a week because Mum and Dad went in Mexico. I went to Orla's house. We played Fortnite together and one day we went to the cinema. We went to Auntie Dani's house for a BBQ. My cousins were there. I have a lot of cousins - Xander, Kaspar, Jamie, Ari, Olly, Milo, Ruby, Hamish and Dougal! On the 3rd of August it was my birthday. I turned 9. I got light sabres, a sith trooper outfit, and an xbox controller, a huge Nerf Sniper gun and lots of other stuff. I went trampolining with Orla, Mum, Dad, and Heidi. I had a light saber battle in the garden when it was dark. On my last day, I saw Lauren my other friend. We went to soft play and had tea at her house. Then we went home on the North Link.

Harris (9)



Summer Holidays

In the summer holidays Harris and Rona my cousins came. I played football with Harris. It was amazing because we played all the time. I had a lot of ice cream this summer! My favourite was the salted caramel and popcorn Magnum! I went fishing on Steven's small boat. I got to steer the boat which was exciting and I was really good at it. We caught a lot of mackerel, haddock and a piltock. We cooked the fish on our barbeque. I liked all of the

fish! I did a lot of swimming in the holidays. I went to Gunglesund and North Haven. I like swimming in Gunglesund more because it was warmer.

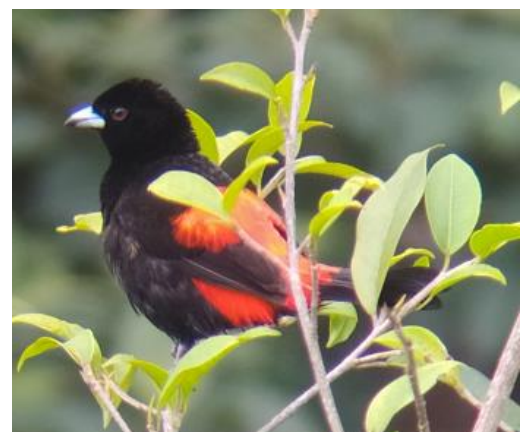
Luca (8)



My Summer Holiday Highlights

This summer holidays my family went to Costa Rica. We saw lots of wildlife that I had always wanted to see. My favourite thing was the sloths because they are amazing animals and I love seeing mammals. We even got to see a baby one! For the first half of the trip we were staying in a jungle lodge next to a dormant volcano that last irrupted in 2010. Since we were in the jungle we got to see lots of birds. My three favourites were Red-rumped parrots, Humming Birds and Toucans! For the second half of our holiday we went to the coast of Costa Rica we swam in the pool or sea every day! Whilst we were there we went to a water park I went on all the slides! I also really liked the buffets and restaurant. They also provided a very good shelter from the rain on our first day when it poured down for an hour! When we went to the beach for the first time it was quite calm but rough enough to be fun when I jumped into the waves! Though the last time we went in there was a rather close thunder storm and was quite choppy so at one point I was up to my waste then out of my depth, which was also quite fun.

I had an amazing time in Costa Rica! **Freyja (11)**



Da Month's Dats (Nearly) Awa

Every time I come to Fair Isle, it's different. A different time of year, different weather, different birds about, different stages in the lives of sheep. One thing that is the same each time I come, though, is that the time goes by way too fast. I feel as if I only just got here, and I'm already nearly awa.

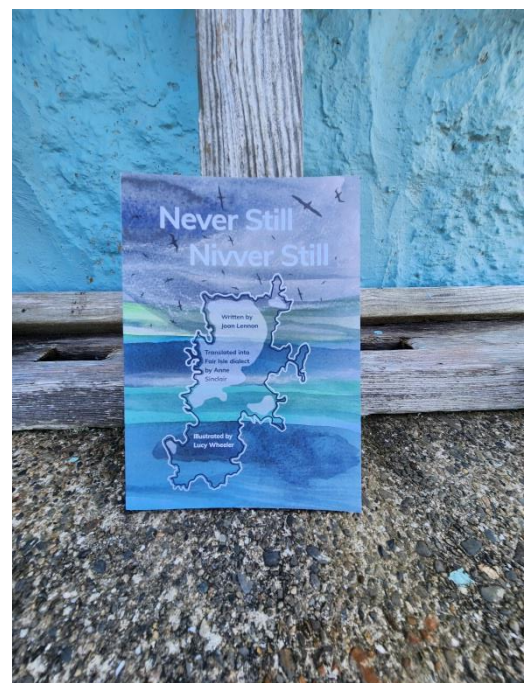
This time I have the wonderful advantage of two shiny new eyes – had both cataracts removed, though it took a while for things to settle – and the glorious colours and details that keep catching my attention everywhere I look have made my walks even more stop-and-go than usual.

I've spent a lot of time in the last few years in Indonesia with my son and daughter-in-law, helping with my extremely delightful grandson (all grandchildren are delightful, I know, but Arran is my first and I'm a huge fan) and also helping with the complexities of them leaving Jakarta and coming to Scotland. (Which is finally happening, thank goodness.) Indonesia has a climate I have a lot of trouble with because it's hot - relentlessly hot - and I'm rubbish at heat. Also the changelessness of it all. Being more or less on the equator, every day, all year round, is exactly the same length. The differences between the wet season and the dry season are indiscernible. And Jakarta is an extremely polluted mega-city where you can never see the stars.

Compare all that with Fair Isle? The temperatures here suit me down to the ground. The seasons offer so much difference. The weather is constantly changing. The air is clean and the sky is huge. It's no contest.

I'm working on fiction and non-fiction these days. The fiction I'm writing at the moment is a science fiction novel loosely (VERY loosely) based on *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. And I've just got a contract for a non-fiction book called *Revolutions: 12 Upheavals that Changed Our World*. It's aimed at 8-12 year olds and this week I finished a chapter on bicycles and the women's suffrage movement that was so much fun to write. One chapter down, eleven to go.

I've also been taking photos of our book *Never Still Nivver Still* in some of the settings that feature in the poem stories. I keep seeing the colours Lucy used in her gorgeous illustrations and have done my best to capture them. I have it in mind to make a tiny website for the book – one of the too many things I planned to do while I was here – but that's still to come.

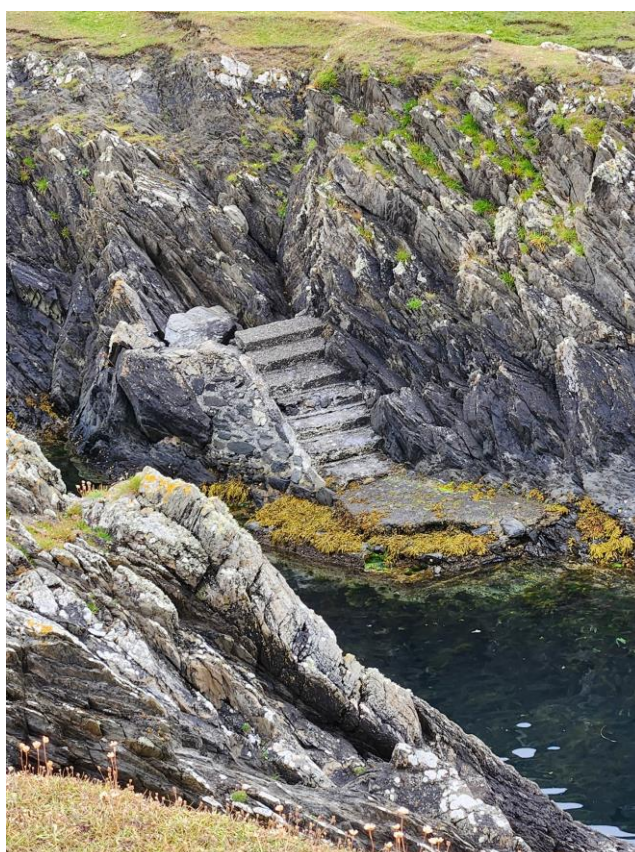


Another thing I definitely meant to do this time was go swimming – I really did mean to – but instead I decided in the spirit of community solidarity to get the hacking cough lurgie that has been making the rounds. That's my excuse and I'm sticking to it.

But I have done lots. Lots of writing. Lots of just looking. Lots of being happy to be here. This is a photo of my favourite sitting rock. Though many Fair Isle rocks are a bit pointy for comfortable sitting, this one is just right, and I am very fond of it and the views from it.



And this is a photo of strange stairs ... I know that the little pier at Hesti Geo was for when the wind made the other landing places on the Isle too difficult. That's the non-fiction story. But look at them in just a slightly different way, and you've got the beginning of a story of another sort ...



Recent books and where to find them:

Talking History: 150 Years of Speeches and Speakers – Looking at some of the stirring speeches of the last 150 years and the stories behind them, for 8-12 year olds. There's a copy in the school library.

Great Minds: 2500 Years of Thinkers and Philosophy – Coming out on 14 September. Another book with Joan Haig and Andre Ducci for 8-12 year olds. If you think you can't be bothered with philosophy, this just might be the book to change your mind!

And of course *Never Still Nivver Still* – three poem stories about three different women from three different times in the ever-changing history of Fair Isle. Written by me, translated into Fair Isle dialect by Anne, and gorgeously illustrated by Lucy. Available in the shop and the Museum.

Joan Lennon, at Lower Leogh

ISLE NOTICES

- **Fair Isle Community Association quarterly meeting** – Wed 13th Sept at 7.30pm in the Committee Room. Any items for agenda to David P or Eileen asap please
- **Chapel** – this Sunday at 11am, all welcome to join

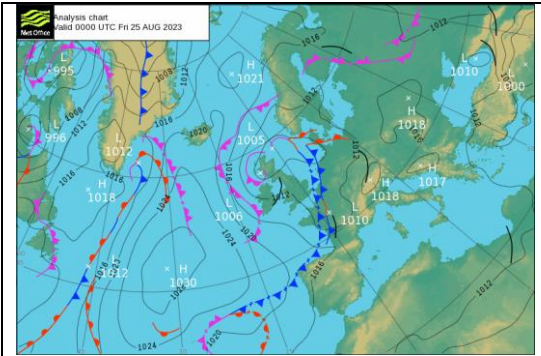


Remember our caption competition before the summer? Thanks to Gramps Dave Parnaby in Sunderland for his suggestions!

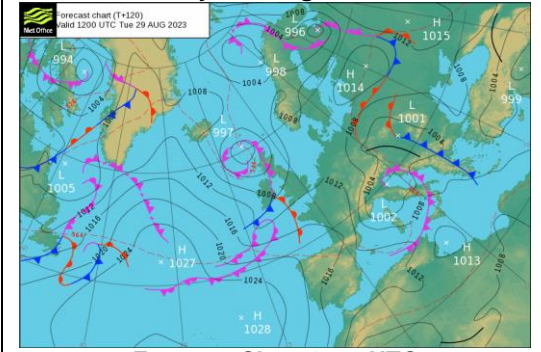
- *Why is Sue wearing an ice cream cone?*
- *Who was throwing ice cream cones around in the kitchen?*

To our favourite shopkeeper – “When I get older, losing my hair, NOT many years from now...” Have a very HAPPY 64th BIRTHDAY, Robert!!

FAIR ISLE WEATHER FORECAST



**Analysis Chart 0000 UTC
Friday 25th August 2023**



**Forecast Chart 1200 UTC
Tuesday 29th August 2023**

GENERAL SITUATION

Friday 25th August 2023

A small shallow depression northwest Scotland is expected to drift southeast as a filling feature during the next 24-hours with a brief ridge following on Sunday. A frontal trough is expected to follow quickly overnight clearing east Monday morning. A developing low is forecast to swing down from the northwest towards northwest Scotland on Tuesday, continuing across central parts of the UK Wednesday and Thursday then over the North Sea by the weekend.

OUTLOOK FOR THE WEEKEND

Temperatures 13° or 14° Celsius by day, perhaps 15° in any brighter spells. Around round 11° overnight.

FRIDAY 25th: Cloudy and misty with rain, occasionally heavy, accompanied by low cloud and fog later. Gusty F5 NE winds. A cloudy evening and night with further rain at times, occasionally heavy. Misty with low cloud perhaps fog at times. Winds back F5 N'y. **Sea State:** Moderate with a 2 metre NE to N'y wind swell.

SATURDAY 26th: Cloudy with mist, low cloud and occasional rain at first. Turning drier through the afternoon and evening.

F3 NNW winds. **Sea State:** Becoming mostly slight with a 1 metre N'y wind swell.

SUNDAY 27th: Mainly dry with bright intervals at first with rain spreading from the west later. F3 W winds. **Sea State:** Mostly slight with a 1 metre N'y wind swell.

FORECAST FOR NEXT WEEK

Temperatures around 14° Celsius by day 10° overnight.

MONDAY 28th: Cloudy though largely dry with a moderate or fresh W breeze. **Sea State:** Mainly moderate with a 2 metre W'y wind swell but slight east of Shetland. **TUESDAY 29th:** A dry start with bright intervals then rain extending east. Moderate SSW winds backing fresh SE. **Sea State:** Mostly slight to moderate with a 1-2 metre SW'y wind swell. **WEDNESDAY 30th – SUNDAY 3rd:** Unsettled with rain or showers. SE winds easing and backing E, NE then light N'y. **Sea State Wednesday:** Mostly slight with a 1 metre W'y wind swell.

Dave Wheeler

