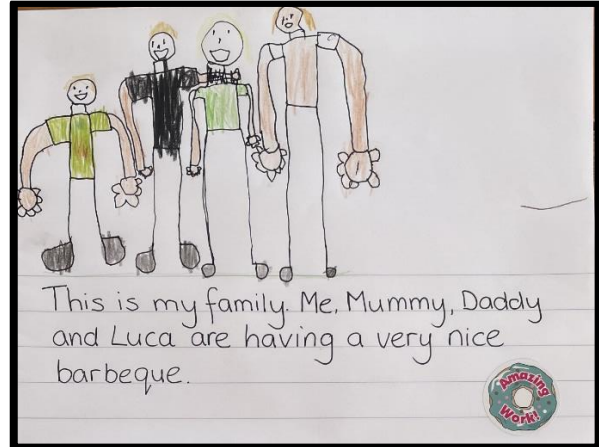


## Primary One

P1 have started their big school writing books. They both drew wonderful pictures of their families!



## Primary 4-7

### Our trip to Dundee Trip

The last week of term before summer holidays was a special one as the primary children, Gillian and Pat went on a trip to Dundee for 4 nights. We left Fair Isle on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June and stayed in the hostel for one night. We went **swimming** (for fun, not for lessons) and Grace came too. After dinner we played at **Clickimin Broch**. The next day, we played in the park before heading to **Mareel** to watch Spiderman Across the Spider-verse. When it was finished, it was time to catch the North Link ferry to Aberdeen.



When we arrived in Aberdeen, it wasn't long before we jumped on our train to Dundee. Our hotel was right above the train station, which was very handy so we dropped off our bags and headed to the **Dundee**



**Science Centre.** There were many fun exhibitions to explore and our favourites were building a helicopter then testing it on the wind machine, the crane and bricks area, wall puzzles and the sensory station. That evening, we ate at Yamm Buffet. It was amazing because there was a massive variety of mainly Chinese food with other things too like pizza, sushi, curries and chips. We could go up as many times as we liked. There was a chocolate fountain for dipping marshmallows in ...mmmmmmmm! Our tummies were absolutely stuffed! After dinner, we went to Caird Hall to watch the **London Film Orchestra** perform songs by Hans Zimmer and John Williams. We heard Star Wars, Jaws, Harry Potter, Indiana Jones and lots more!



On Monday, we hopped on a double decker bus to **Camperdown Park**. We got a little lost but Pat asked a dog-walker for directions and we found the underpass to the park! We climbed trees, played in a gigantic park then visited the Wildlife Centre. We saw a giant anteater, ferrets, wild cats, pigs, goats, monkeys, marmosets, gibbons and loads more. That evening we walked along the riverside until we reached the big top tent of **Circus Vegas**. The performers were incredible and we loved the acrobats! We ate candyfloss!



On Tuesday we visited **The Discovery Centre** and learned all about when, where and how the Discovery ship was built and Captain Scott's expedition to Antarctica. After that we had a look inside the **V&A** building. V&A stands for (Queen) Victoria and Albert. It was designed by Japanese Architect Kengo Kuma.



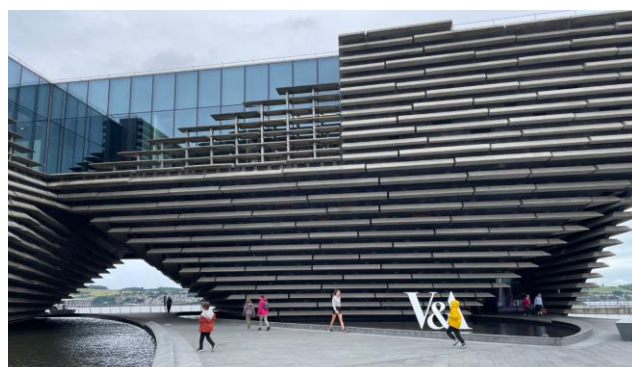
It was an impressive building both outside and inside. Later that day, we went to **Ryze**, a trampoline park. A friend of Harris' called Molly joined us too. Afterwards we had tea at a noodle bar in the city centre.



On our last day in Dundee, we went to a play park in the morning. On the way we saw lots of wild flowers as there were grassy patches everywhere. When we arrived, there was a great zipwire and crow's nest. Later we wandered up to the huge TESCO and this involved going on a glass bridge over the railway.

After lunch at Mc Donalds, we went to **McManus Gallery**. Downstairs there were stuffed animal exhibitions, fossils and various stones. Upstairs there was an art gallery - Freyja and Luca thoroughly enjoyed looking at each painting and judging them. It was extremely fun! Then after looking at all the paintings, we went down to the café where we were all allowed fizzy drinks! We also saw the **Oor Wullie**, **Desperate Dan** and **Minnie the Minx** statues. In the late afternoon we went toy shopping before heading back to the hotel to meet Freyja's Grandparents who were staying the night in the hotel. Freyja stayed in their room until tea at Toni Macaroni's (an Italian restaurant). Gillian's friend from teacher training lives in Dundee so came to tea with us. The following day, Freyja and her grandparents travelled to Sunderland and everyone else flew north on a Logan Air plane. Luckily the plane to Fair Isle went as scheduled!

We all had a fantastic time in Dundee and want to thank Triona and Stewart again for their generous donation that contributed to this amazing trip! We have been very lucky to do so many fun things!



*Da week dat's awa* this week comes from the sunny south...

My week begins at Setter on Friday morning watching the first lamb sale, where, as well as picking up second place for fat lambs, all our stock sold well. But you never judge a book by the first page, so we shall see how it pans out later on. Heavy lambs will sell well, but a few kilos less seem to get a much lesser reward. We cannot hold on for them to grow, as they can on the mainland, and for us to lamb earlier has added costs as well as worse weather and a prolonged lambing season.

Although it cleared up here, there was no plane service. The small but exclusive cruise ship Hebridean Princess was here in the afternoon, the warm sunshine enjoyed by those who were ashore.

The rain of yesterday is still around on Saturday, especially in the morning. But it was much needed as the ground was very parched. The Sampal burn was drier than I have ever seen, and the ewes were obviously enjoying a new freshness. Saturday is a bonny day - light NE wind and mostly sunny. I cut some grass, which the rain has already revived, then meet the ferry and deliver a few boxes. It is heart-warming to finally see positive progress on the new bird observatory. Hopefully the building will be safe from wind and rain soon. I do have an inherent belief in the importance of FIBO to the Isle; for its transport structure, for the future of the shop, and even as a social meeting place with visitors old and new.

Sunday dawns dull, but dry. I give my house a slight spring-clean, so Glen has moved out of doors till the danger is over and normality is restored. My sister phoned from Norway, where they are recovering from Covid, which has not been a pleasant experience. As I write this, there are some beautiful wagtails running about on the green; they seem to be always on the move, and in a state of agitation.

I enjoyed dinner at Setter where we watched the final day's events at the World Athletic Championships. Standards are so high and competition so close, and records and standards are always reaching new levels.

Up early on Monday to meet the early flight, so fall asleep in the chair when I get home, only getting going in time to meet the next plane, but alas that flight returns to Tingwall without getting far, and that's it till the afternoon. The ferry crew were at Sellaness for the day and no doubt we shall hear updates on new crew appointments, or new jobs for present crew in due course. No doubt the council will be satisfied with the simplest solution, but at the end of the day, the future of this place depends on the ferry being run and manned from here.

Tuesday brings a beautiful morning with warm sunshine, but duller in the afternoon. I cut grass at the play area and then in the graveyard, for the eighth time this season, and there will be a few cuts still, I guess. The plane arrives on schedule, bringing the men who were due yesterday on the aborted flight. I am seldom so involved now, but after a few days realise how fire crew members with other jobs to do, get frustrated. I meet the ferry on its return, and enjoy the rest of the afternoon with a strong coffee and today's *Times*, which is something I have enjoyed all my life; news, world affairs, and sport, all interest me - always have done, I guess, along with how other people see things as well.

Early start again on Wednesday to ship lambs for sale on Thursday. It's a bonny calm morning which makes the job easy, and no tramping around parks either, as Glen does that job. I have had a few good dogs, but not one like this one, who understands what is required and responds without any shouting and bawling. I meet both planes, the second without reason: a senior moment, 24 hours ahead of schedule! On proper schedule, I join the Wednesday shoppers on the anti-scurvy rush to the shop. My plums have done well enough to make those of lesser quality into jam, and the grapes will soon be ripe. Home grown fruit, fresh picked, is so good.

Graham comes round to service the boiler, which makes me aware of how fortunate we are living here, in many ways.

Thursday morning is a repeat of yesterday. We are a bit thin on the ground, but perhaps find ways of



easing the workload, as all the stock were on board by seven am, and I was having a bacon roll by seven thirty. It's another bonny day, but a few clouds about. We're spoilt this summer... a year ago this would have been a special day.

My lambs sell fairly well, up £3 for similar number from first sale last year and £4.50 on the year before. In general, I would say that prices are no more than reasonable, and certainly not rising in proportion to escalating costs.

The play area, which has seen virtually no change since its beginning perhaps thirty years ago, now has a new slide. There is also a new dish on the end of the hall, and another on the school. I don't know their precise purpose, but the copper wire linking our house phones will become a thing of the past, so we may all be on or all be off, depending on power supply, but that's what comes of reading too much gossip in the press.

Friday morning, and I'm off to meet Ian Mitchell, the electrician, who I know is coming today... but first must get this ramble off to HQ, at Houll or Burkle... one never knows where it might go when it leaves here and swirls through the atmosphere, perhaps even passing a 'blue' moon on the way. Just by the way, I had a good look, and it looked orange to me... only *blue* were my bare feet on a cold pavement.

Jimmy

**Good-bye and good luck to our lovely nurse and neighbour Felicity who is off on adventures new next week. We will miss you and look forward to seeing your face again soon!**

Congratulations to Raven Shaw of Burkle, who graduated from Stirling University this summer with a 2:1 in Psychology.

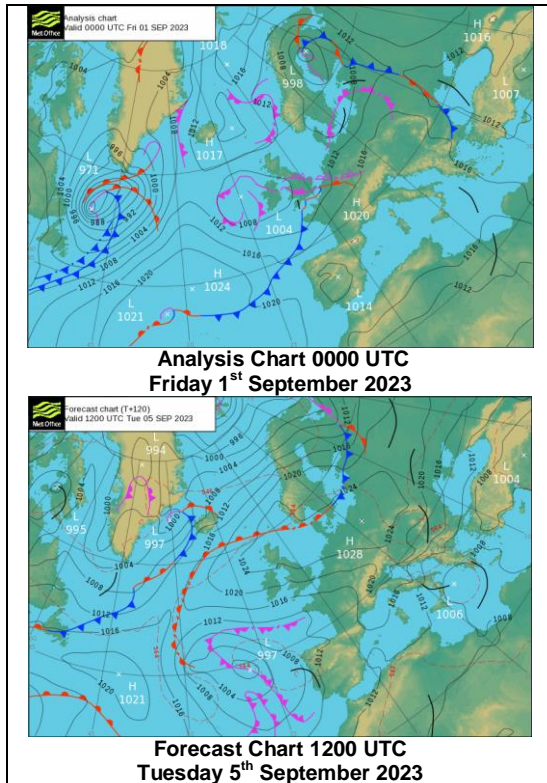
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#### ISLE NOTICES

- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 11.30 Meeting at Hall for all isle service providers to meet engineers & contractors for new pier and ferry project
- Our new DR MPA officer, Katie Cubbon, will be visiting the isle next weekend
- Chapel on Sunday, 11am – all welcome to join, John leading the service
- Electrician Ian Mitchell in the isle this weekend doing various works for NTS properties
- Next Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September will mark the centenary of our war memorial, look out for more next week. If you have anything to contribute, please send to Eileen asap



# FAIR ISLE WEATHER FORECAST



## GENERAL SITUATION

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023**

With a shallow depression west of the British Isles a light north-easterly airflow covers the Northern Isles. Pressure will build across northeast Scotland before extending across much of the UK during the weekend bringing settled conditions for much of the UK, though a freshening southerly airflow for Shetland on Sunday. With high pressure forecast to edge south-east as a filling depression near Iceland moves east further low pressure is predicted to develop west of the UK bringing a changeable south-westerly airflow across the Northern Isles for next week.

**OUTLOOK FOR THE WEEKEND** Temperatures 14° or 15° Celsius by day 11° overnight.

**FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup>:** A cloudy start then mainly dry with good spells of sunshine. F2-3 E to NE wind. Mostly dry and clear overnight. A F2-3 NE to N wind. **Sea State:** Slight with a 1 metre NNE'y wind swell.

**SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Mostly dry and bright with sunny spells. F2-3 N winds later SSE. The evening cloudier with some rain later and overnight as SSW winds freshen F3-4. **Sea State:** Slight with a 1 metre W'y wind swell.

**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>:** A cloudy day with rain, mist and low cloud, the rain occasionally heavy. F5 SW winds. **Sea State:** Becoming moderate or rough with a 2-3 metre W'y wind swell. Mostly slight east of

Shetland with a 1 metre Sly wind swell.

**FORECAST FOR NEXT WEEK** Temperatures around 14° Celsius by day 11° overnight.

**MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup>:** Cloudy with showers or longer spells of rain with fresh WSW winds. **Sea State:** Mainly rough with a 3-4 metre W'y wind swell but slight inshore east of Shetland.

**TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup>:** Early showers dying out then mostly dry with sunny spells. Moderate or light SW winds. **Sea State:** Mainly rough with a 3 metre W'y wind swell but slight inshore east of Shetland.

**WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> – SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup>:** Wednesday mainly dry with light winds. Freshening S'y winds with rain possible later Thursday. Friday and the weekend perhaps cloudy with showers, SW winds fresh at times. **Sea State**  
**Wednesday:** Mainly moderate with a 2 metre W'y wind swell. Slight inshore east of Shetland. **Dave Wheeler**

