




Tenerife

During the October holidays I went to Tenerife. It is a hot Spanish island near Africa. It took 5 hours to get there! Every day we went to the pool and swam.

I made new friends called Clara, Bella, Lexi and Eva. We played on enormous floaties in the pool, went to kids club and played tig on the grassy bit at night. I ate so much food from the buffet. My favourite things were pizza, donuts and meat!

I went to Tenerife. 
~~I went to Tenerife.~~
 I got a floaty and a ball.
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Heidi (6)

I had a brilliant time. We also stayed at granny and Grandpa's house too before flying back to Shetland.

Harris (9)



I went out to Shetland. I went on
~~I went out to Shetland. I went on~~
 the plane. I like going on the plane.
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Ander (5)



My Awesome October Holidays

This October holidays Grace came back early which was great especially as she left three days earlier! We didn't go anywhere for the holidays so that meant I joined in with sheep hill. It was great and even greater with Glen helping us! When Grace and I got back, we played Minecraft together. It is super because we updated it and got lots of new things to build with! We also did a Lego Star Wars video game, which I got for my birthday. At the start of the holidays, we played a game called Small World which Dad got for his birthday. It's less complicated than we thought and it has lots of different characters and superpowers! You get points for each plot of land you own. Grace won both games we played but it was still fun! We also played a game called Game for Fame which is a game where you get challenges like gargle children's songs and your team have to guess them for a place on the board.

Later in the week it was really windy, so we went down to the beach to look at the waves. Surprisingly we couldn't even get onto the beach because the waves were splashing over the wall! There were even rocks on the road from high tide! We walked over to the pier where waves were splashing up to the Good Shepherd in its noost! When we got back, we had lovely hot drinks! At the end of the holidays, we had my favourite chilli with homemade wraps! I had a fantastic holiday!

Freyja (11)

My Holiday News

We were coming out of school on Friday and I noticed one of the biggest mushrooms I have ever seen.

In the middle of the holidays we went to Lerwick. We had to go to the same sweet shop 5 times and we went to Harry's toy shop 3 times. We both bought lots of toys. At teatime we went to the Fort chippy (a fish and chip shop) to get some... well... some fish and chips to take home to Mairi's!

When we came back to Fair Isle we flopped on the sofa.

Luca (8)



Halloween 2023

The children had a fun day full of Halloween activities. Heidi and Ander did some Halloween spelling and addition. Luca and Harris wrote spooky stories with a focus on descriptive adjectives then read them to our Primary 1s. Freyja researched the history of Halloween to write a piece for the Fair Isle Times. All children created Halloween decorations in woodwork which involved

measuring, sawing, hammering nails and decorating! We had a party in the afternoon with games and

bobbing for apples. After school, the children and little Brodie went guising around some of the crofts, performing their Halloween sketch!



The History of Halloween

Halloween originates around 500 years BC from Celtic countries like Scotland and Ireland. It was a pagan celebration called Samhain (pronounced - sow-ain) and it translates into Summer's End to mark the end of harvest (October 31st) and the start of winter (1st November). The Celts believed that at this time, the veil between the world of the living and world of the dead was thinner, so spirits could cross over. People wore animal masks to protect themselves by scaring off evil spirits. They also lit candles by their windows to guide the spirits of deceased loved ones to their homes and set a place at the dinner table for them. When the Celts and Romans merged, their festivals and beliefs also merged. Romans worshipped the Goddess Pomona (Goddess of gardens and fruit) around this time hence how apples became part of Halloween (bobbing for apples).

When Christianity was being spread, instead of banning Celtic festivals, Christian leaders incorporated them into their calendar and decided to move All Saints' Day from May 13th to 1st November. All Saints' Day became known as All Hallows Day (hallow means saint), and the night before was All Hallows Eve, which was eventually shortened to Hallowe'en. November 2nd became 'All Souls' Day.' People would go around houses begging for soul cake, in exchange for praying for the person's deceased loved ones. The 3 days of celebrations were known as 'All Hallows Tide.' There was a story from Ireland about a character called Stingy Jack who was full of trickery and was known even to play tricks on the devil. When he died, he was not allowed into heaven or hell, but the devil took pity on him and gave him an ember from the fires of hell. Jack put it in a lantern made from a carved out turnip and was left to roam the world between good and evil.

Many Scottish and Irish immigrants took their Hallowe'en traditions with them to Northern America. Pumpkins were native to the land hence the switch from turnips to pumpkins (Jack 'O' Lantern). On Hallowe'en, guisers in costumes would go around doors threatening tricks if they did not get a treat in exchange (many Scottish people still prefer the term guising to trick-or-treating).

Researched by Freyja and Gillian



Halloween
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competition
from Naomi
Riddiford in
Boston, where
Elizabeth of
Schoolton was
recently. Send
your ideas to
Eileen 😊

NOTICES

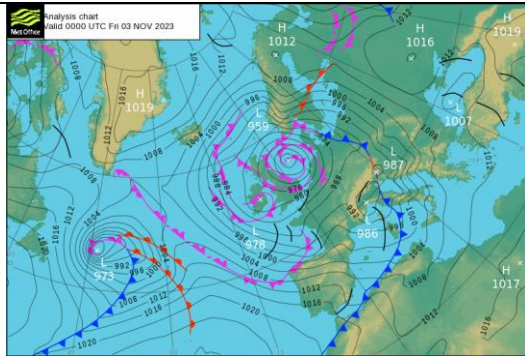
FIDC Housing Survey - A reminder to isle residents to complete the Fair Isle Development Company survey emailed by Eileen on Thursday, outlining the potential need and desire for new housing in the isle. Survey only takes a few minutes and is vital for our future housing plan. Survey link is in email from Eileen, paper copies available on request. Thanks, FIDC

Chapel – On Sunday at 11am, all welcome to join, Neil leading the service

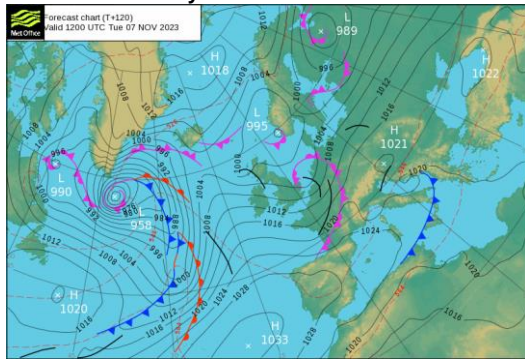
Comment on AI – Hearing on the news this morning that tech billionaire Elon Musk thinks that AI will replace the need for people to work in future, I'd like to see his ideas on how AI could caa sheep, build fences, take a boat through the Roost, kill lambs, finish jumpers, tar roads... Mind you if AI *could* caa sheep that'd be ok by me!!

Eileen at Houll

FAIR ISLE WEATHER FORECAST



Analysis Chart 0000 UTC
Friday 3rd November 2023



Forecast Chart 1200 UTC
Tuesday 7th November 2023

GENERAL SITUATION

Friday 3rd November 2023

An occluded front wrapped around the filling remnants of storm Ciarán drifting north east of Scotland will soon clear Fair Isle and the fresh east-northeast airflow brighten and ease. During the weekend an area of slack low pressure will remain slow-moving in the northern North Sea feeding some patchy rain or showers in a light east to northeasterly airflow. By early next week the centre of the low is expected to be close to Shetland, bringing a slack, showery airflow across the Northern Isles until midweek. A developing secondary low forecast to track northeast over southern Scotland into Scandinavia will then introduce a strengthening and colder north-east to northerly airflow across Shetland.

OUTLOOK FOR THE WEEKEND

Temperatures 8° to 10° Celsius by day 6° overnight.

FRIDAY 3rd: Cloudy with patchy rain at times. F5 ENE winds. Mainly dry though cloudy overnight. NE winds easing F4.

Sea State: Moderate to rough with a 2 to 3 metre E'ly wind swell.

SATURDAY 4th: Drier and brighter with scattered showers. F4 E winds. **Sea State:** Mostly moderate with a 2 metre E'ly wind swell.

SUNDAY 5th: Apart from the chance of a shower or two, mostly dry with brighter spells. F3-4 E winds.

Sea State: Mostly moderate with a 2 metre NE'ly wind swell becoming N'ly.

FORECAST FOR NEXT

Temperatures 8° or 9° Celsius by day 5° overnight at first. Perhaps colder by the weekend. **MONDAY 6th:** Some brighter spells though mostly cloudy with showers possible. Light or moderate cyclonic variable winds. **Sea State:** Moderate east of Shetland otherwise moderate or rough with a 2 to 3 metre W'ly wind swell. **TUESDAY 7th:** Mainly dry and bright with sunny spells. Light SW to W winds. **Sea State:** Moderate or rough with a 2 to 3 metre W'ly wind swell. **WEDNESDAY 8th – SUNDAY 12th:** A dry and bright start to Wednesday with light SW or S winds. Cloud thickening with rain and strengthening SE winds by evening. Showers and moderate SW Thursday and Friday, The weekend possibly changeable with rain or showers and turning colder as fresh E winds back NE. **Sea State Wednesday:** Moderate or rough with a 2 or 3 metre NW'ly wind swell. **Dave Wheeler**

