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Fun Times!

On Sunday, me and Ander played Mario Kart. I came 1st and Ander came 5th in a tournament and we won a team battle. I was really happy when we won it and so was Ander.

Monday was a fun day. Harris, Heidi and Frejya came to our house to have a play date. After they left I tidied up the bedroom with the help of my dad.

Then we had a yummy tea, rice with ribs in sauce from the shop. This is one of my favourites. If Robert or Fiona are reading this, please get more!

Luca (8)

Luca's House and Pat's Birthday

On Monday, we all went to Luca's house after school. We had some snacks. We had chocolate buttons, apple, orange, jelly babies and Maltesers.

On Wednesday we went to Pat's house because it was her birthday. I played with Luca, Frejya and Ander. Susannah brought chocolate eclairs and they were yummy.

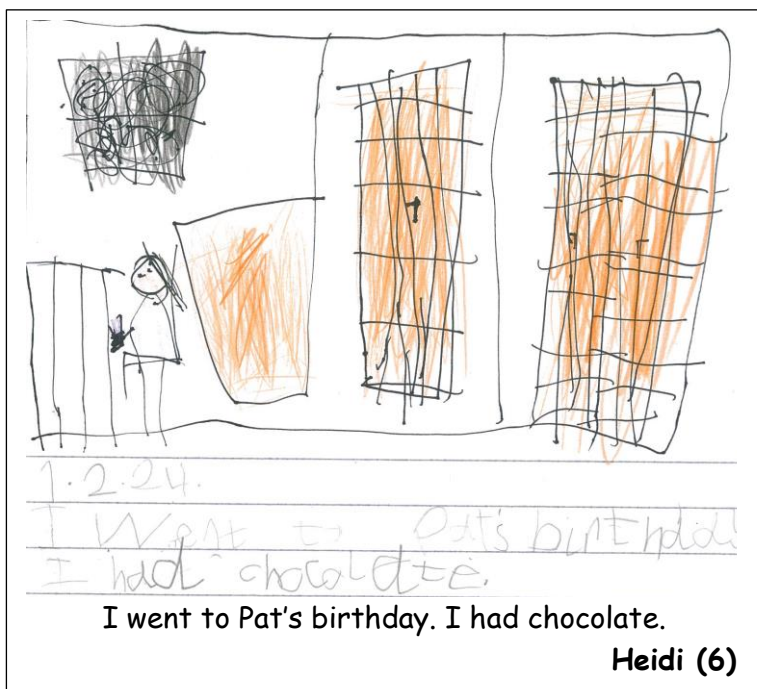
Harris (9)

My Fantastic Weekend

This weekend was very fun because Grace came in. I was super happy because she had got stuck last week. We made the most of the weekend by playing lots and lots of games and of course, Mine Craft! We played our new games from Christmas and some old really good ones!

It's great having Grace home; I love playing with her!

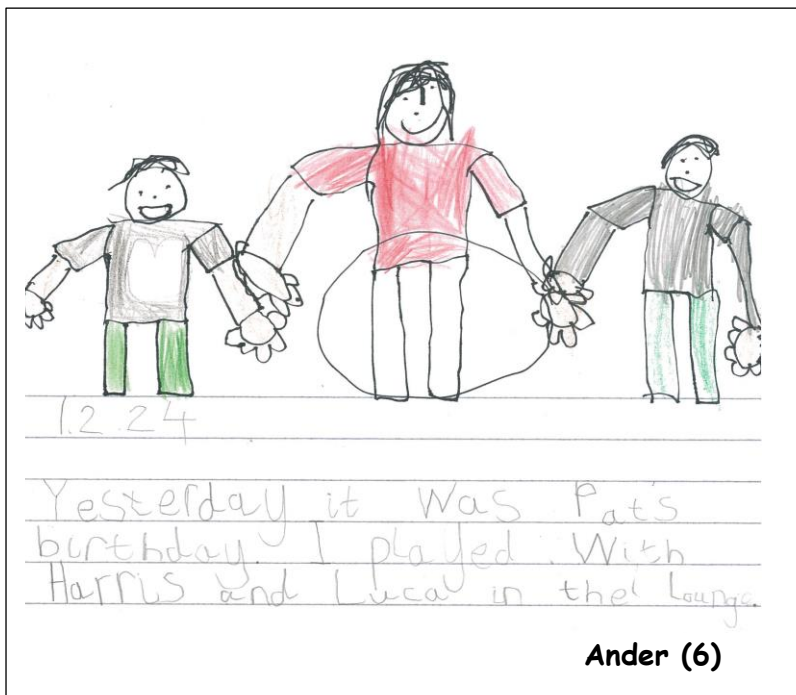
On Saturday, Dad and I still hadn't been on our daily walk (which I started this year) so we decided to walk along the coast. It's just as well we did because in Hesti Geo there was a mountain of lucky Minnie's butter (foam)! When I went onto



the beach it reached my waist! We then went down to South Light on the way back up and then went to Hultry Geo. There was foam there as well. By the time we got back I was very soggy!

Continuing the sea theme, on Sunday church was at Utra so we wandered down to the Old Light House pier to see the waves. They were massive! It was dangerous even to go anywhere near the steps! I had a really exciting and fun weekend!

Freyja (11)



Fair Isle Development Company AGM – Monday 5th February at 7pm at the Hall

All welcome and a good attendance would be appreciated. A reminder that all permanent residents over 16 can become members. Members will be asked for opinions on FIDC projects going forward so we would advise to complete the membership form and return to Eileen asap (Fair Isle readers, I will share the form again or paper copies available in the shop). For those of you keen to take a more active role in FIDC we are looking for at least one more board member. It is a great opportunity to have a positive role in progressing the important goals of FIDC and the isle. Please get in touch with Hollie (chairperson) or Eileen if you have any questions.

ISLE NOTICES

Missing chimney part

I found this chimney cowl (below) which had blown against a fence at Schoolton yesterday. If anyone wants to claim it, please phone our land-line 760250.

If the cowl didn't come from a Fair Isle chimney, may be it Frisbee'd across from wherever yesterday's storm originated. USA perhaps? Perfect shape for it!

Elizabeth, Schoolton



Chapel this week – may be cancelled due to weather



Happy birthday to Ian at Kenaby today!!!



Da Week Dat's Awa at USB

Friday

Every day is starting the same right now with Andrew out feeding the sheep and me and Brodie watching from inside – shame it's not weather to help! The one good thing about the weather being so bad is knowing there definitely won't be a plane so no waiting around and can get on with something else. That something else this week is redecorating the house! Christmas has highlighted our already lack of storage in the house so an Ikea order is due (any excuse!). Before the new furniture comes we are painting. Mum and I have already painted the entrance and the kitchen. I have chosen the paint colour 'Sophisticated Sage' – not sure what that says about me or who I am trying to be!! Fridays morning's painting job is the dining room. Brodie gets on his gloves and paint brush and gets to work too!

Andrew and Dad get to work making a path around the accommodation at the Bird Obs site. Andrew also fixes a puncture on the telehandler for the millionth time.

I watch the final of the Traitors on BBC in the evening which was brilliant! Brodie's TV recommendation is 'Tractor Tom' on YouTube and his book recommendation is anything 'Tractor Ted'. There may be a theme here – wonder where he gets that from?!

Fun fact of the day: Australia is wider than the moon

Saturday's painting job is the sitting room so the morning is spent prepping and Mum and I get that done whilst Brodie sleeps in the afternoon. Andrew was back to the Bird Obs path and wheelbarrowed 4 tonne of chips.

Some cats are allergic to people

Coffee time before any work starts:

Sunday was the day to try and put the house back together a bit. It was a good opportunity to not put back all the same rubbish on the same shelves so we have a little detox, re-pot plants and put up some new pictures. I have been doing some online shopping (sorry boat crew) so the feeling of the detox might not last long!! Andrew serviced engines at Bullock Hols. We go to Setter for tea, minus Grandad as he is stuck in Shetland but Glen the dog takes his space at the table! Roast beef and Yorkshire puddings – YUM!

Allodoxaphobia is the fear of other people's opinions



Monday

I feel I failed today by not getting washing out on the line as finally there was no storm! No mail got in on the morning plane but thankfully an otherwise empty plane brought in the 200kg of it in the afternoon. Many people got 3 of their 'weekly' magazines! It really has been a rubbish winter for weather with not much getting in or out of the isle at all! 3 weeks' worth of mail kept me very busy in the afternoon.

Andrew spent the day with a man who has come in again to try and fix the 4G problem. After some more tweaks at Scousburgh they think they've done it! Day well spent and then he was onto fixing phone lines and then on to the electric building with Robert and Deryk where the generators weren't charging the batteries. Temporary fixes thankfully worked (for now) and Andrew is home for tea... At bed time. Brodie has had a busy day helping Grandad clean and make the shed ready for the ram lambs.

It's illegal to own just one guinea pig in Switzerland

Tuesday morning I am at school doing office things. The school kids should have been on a school trip this week but the forecast for the end of the week wasn't looking good so with the chance of not getting home, they cancelled. The weather does completely control us here! Today is a good weather day so the boat has gone to Shetland! There will be lots of happy sheep with all the sheep feed that's come. The afternoon is spent at the boat helping unload and delivering. Brodie 'helps' Grandad get the ram lambs into the shed, but think he might have done more running around chasing hens than helping!

Brodie goes to Setter to read books as the books at home are too low brow:



Andrew has been working very hard creating our hens a new hen 'palace'. He is converting the old old old generator shed which used to power USB, the school and Barkland into the new hen house. He's nearly done and today he built and hung the new door. Only need to put on the bargeboards and make it homely in the inside and they can move in!

The heart of a shrimp is located in its head

The good weather doesn't last long and **Wednesday** we are back in a storm! Apart from running to the shop for fruit and veg the day is spent in doors hibernating as definitely no planes. Bad weather meant the morning was spent doing FIBS invoicing. The 4G was down again so

Andrew was back at the mast and fiddled with some cables and touch wood it's still on now.

The Ancient Romans used to drop a piece of toast into their wine for good health

Thursday we wake up having a 2 year old – its Brodie's birthday! Hard to believe it's been 2 years. He's now well into opening presents and I asked him what he wanted to do today and he said 'eat cake!'... well okay, we can do that!

Andrew worked at Dad's LandRover which thinks it's been stolen so it has completely immobilised itself! It wasn't even locked and keys in the ignition so a bit of a head scratch for Andrew. It's still convinced itself its stolen and will not start!

I make a favourite tea of pasta and Bolognese and Mum, Dad and Grandad come round for tea. Brodie's favourite foods use to be vegetables, now its meat, cake and ice cream – had to happen sometime! He has a habit of getting and leaving books open on his favourite page: his vehicle book on the tractor page and his ABC book on the 'I for Ice cream' page!

Brodie gets his cake for pudding which went down a treat!

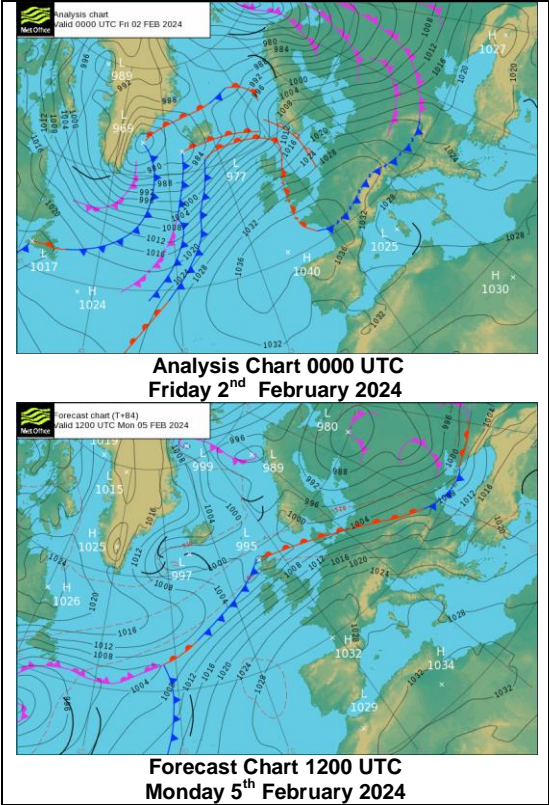


Venus is the only planet to spin clockwise

One more week closer to summer weather!

Amy, Andrew and Brodie at Upper Stoneybreck

FAIR ISLE WEATHER FORECAST



GENERAL SITUATION

Friday 2nd February 2024

With pressure low to the north and high to the south a strong, very mild west-southwest airflow covers northern Scotland. A cold front clears east this afternoon bringing a colder westerly airflow overnight. This becomes north-westerly during the weekend as low pressure transfers east into northern Scandinavia. A small low is forecast to track east close to Shetland on Monday leaving a lighter north to northeasterly airflow. With the next Atlantic depression predicted to run east across southern parts of the UK during next week the northeasterly airflow is likely to persist across the Northern Isles.

OUTLOOK FOR THE WEEKEND

Friday mild with 9° to 11° Celsius by day. Cooler overnight at 5°. The weekend colder, 4° or 5° by day 1° or 2° overnight.

FRIDAY 2nd: Mild and cloudy with rain or drizzle and F7 to gale F8 WSW winds. The evening clearer, cooler overnight with a few showers and F6-7 W winds.

Sea State: Mostly very rough with a 5 to 6 metre W'ly wind swell. Inshore east of Shetland moderate or rough with a 2 to 3 metre W'ly wind swell.

SATURDAY 3rd: Bright with showers, wintry at times. F7 to gale F8 W winds. **Sea State:** Very rough to high with a 5 to 7 metre W'ly wind swell. Inshore east of Shetland moderate or rough with a 2 to 4 metre W'ly wind swell.

SUNDAY 4th: Bright with scattered showers, some wintry. F6-7 WNW winds occasionally gale F8 easing W overnight. **Sea State:** High with a 6 to 8 metre W'ly wind swell. Inshore east of Shetland

moderate or rough with a 2 to 4 metre W'ly wind swell.

FORECAST FOR NEXT WEEK Temperatures 5° or 6° Celsius by day 1° or 2° overnight.

MONDAY 5th: Cloudy with rain soon arriving. Freshening SE winds becoming cyclonic variable then strong W later as rain clears. Risk of gales overnight. **Sea State:** Rough with a 3 to 4 metre W'ly wind swell. East of Shetland mostly moderate with a 2 metre N'ly wind swell.

TUESDAY 6th: Rather cloudy though mainly dry. Strong NW winds easing **Sea State:** Mostly rough with a 3 metre W'ly wind swell. East of Shetland mostly moderate with a 2 metre N'ly wind swell.

WEDNESDAY 7th – SUNDAY 11th: Showers and a fresh N wind Wednesday easing by Thursday. Friday and the weekend cool with a fresh NE wind and showers, some wintry.

Sea State Wednesday: Mostly rough with a 3 metre N'ly wind swell.

Dave Wheeler

