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**HOT NEWS - Fair Isle Primary School's coffee morning for Comic Relief today raised £380! Well done to the children and thank you to all who came and donated, it was a lovely morning!!!**

### The New Season on Fortnite

On Friday, it was the new update on Fortnite but it took hours and hours to update because there was some kind of problem. The next morning it was ready and I played with Milo my cousin and my Dad too. We got a Victory Royale which is a win out of 100 people. It is Chapter 5 Season 2 now and it is called Myths and Mortals. There are new skins out and also new stuff in the item shop. I got a new skin called Spider Knight and a new weapon called a Thunderbolt. I also played with Orla on Fortnite. She got a new skin too.

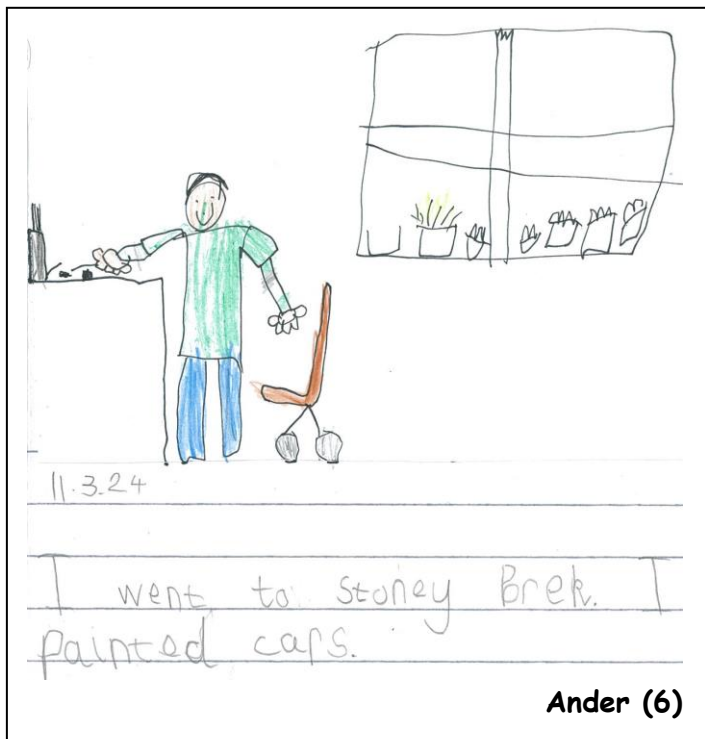
Harris (9)

### My Weekend

On Saturday we had Ruth, Iain, David, Susannah, Freyja, Nannan and Daddad over for tea and for Gladiators, and also for a few games. The game was called Trivial Pursuit and you had to fill pieces of pie and whoever got to the middle of the board with all the pieces of pie, won. You got pieces of pie by getting questions right. We split up into 2 teams and the team which I was on won!

On Sunday afternoon, me and Ander went to paint toy cars with Daddad. We used little tins of paint, you've probably heard of them a long time ago! We used little paint brushes to paint them with. I love doing it!

Luca (8)



## Florine's Fair Isle journal

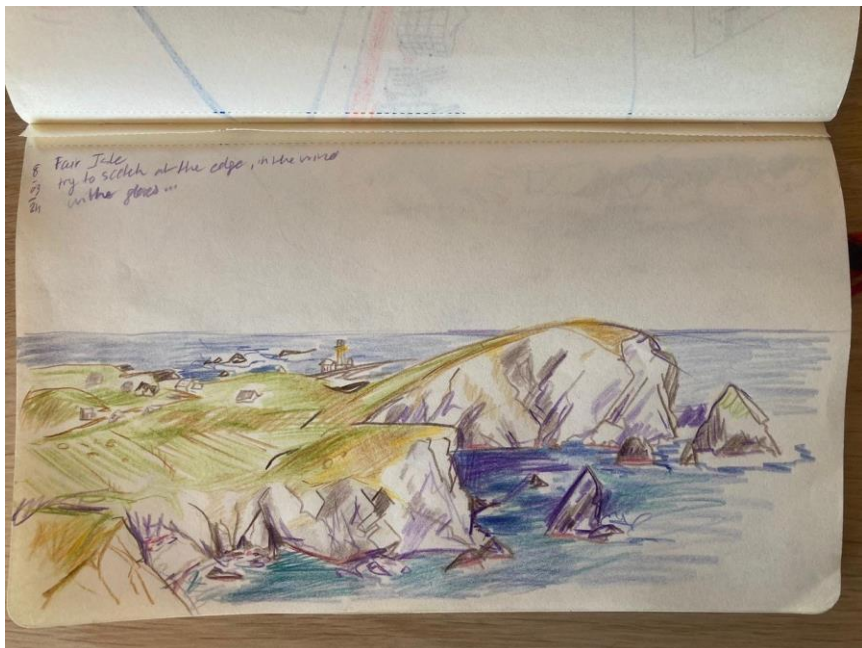
### Friday 8th March

I just arrived yesterday by the first plane of the week, to visit my friend Marie.

After a long journey from France I had a rest in the morning.

In the afternoon I discovered Pund with Marie, the croft with the Shetland sheep and her cosy studio. Then I walked around the west coast, up to Malcolm's Head and then back home to Taft.

I've been in Fair Isle once, in 2019 but I'm still very impressed by the beautiful landscape here.



### Saturday 9th March

Saturday was a very sunny day, I had a walk to the South lighthouse.

I came back at noon for the big event of the day: Marie on French TV!!!

It was very funny to see Marie listening to Marie, but the program was not really that good, because they mixed 4 different islands in an hour. But the images from Fair Isle were beautiful!



### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March

It was ROAST DAY, and I met new neighbours Laura and Charlie.

Marie cooked huge amounts of food: roasted lamb's leg, chops, roasted veg: tatties, sweet tatties and beetroot, steamed broccoli and more... And on top of it: a delicious sticky toffee pudding!

Marie is definitely as good as a restaurant chef!

### Monday 11th March

I work the whole day with Marie and Charlie to tidy and clean Pund to be ready for lambing.

It's just the beginning of organisation and construction, Charlie will continue to work on painting the container... But Marie was really happy to start and get going!!

### Tuesday 12th March

It was BOAT DAY. I met many islanders at the pier and helped to carry things to the shop and to different crofts.

Then I spent the afternoon knitting with Marie in the cosy studio in Pund



### Wednesday 13th March

I had a long walk across the east coast, close to sheep rock and the down to the harbour and Bunes (sketch above). It was a beautiful sunny day, but because of the south wind it was quite hard to walk back home to Taft.

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Another calm, sunny and cosy day in the bothy studio with Marie and India, drawing, knitting and writing post cards.

I am really enjoying my stay in this beautiful and peaceful island!

Florine, Taft

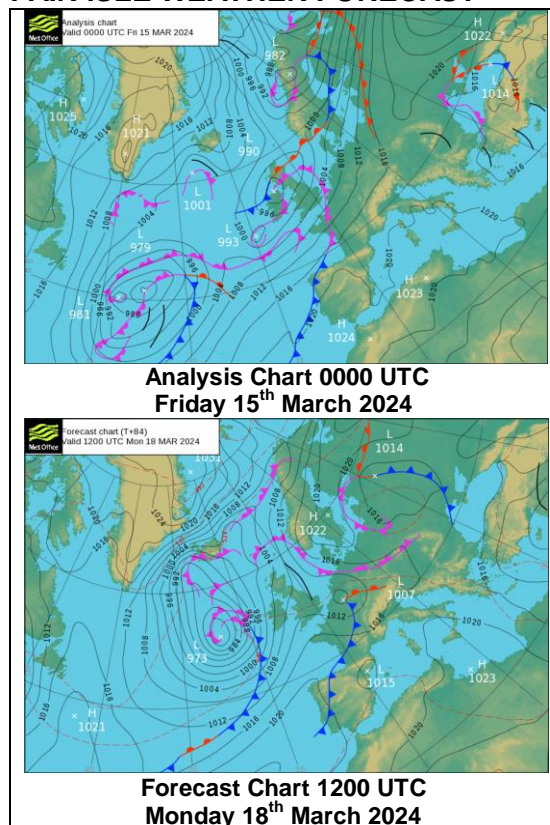
## ISLE NOTICES

**Chapel** – all welcome to join on Sunday at 11am, Susannah will be leading the service.

**Ferry sailings** – The Snolda is due to visit the isle again on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March weather permitting, sailing from West Burrafirth. Goods will be transported from Grutness to West Burrafirth on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> if the sailing looks to go ahead. The Good Shepherd is due to sail from the isle to Grutness on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, again, weather permitting, then will be back to the usual schedule. If you need any further info, please call Ian Best.

**Summer MPA event** – There will be an ‘MPA event’ on the weekend of Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> of June with activities and events for all to get involved in. Details coming soon!

### FAIR ISLE WEATHER FORECAST



#### GENERAL SITUATION

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

As shallow low pressure continues northeast the moderate north-easterly airflow will freshen northerly. This eases on Saturday as pressure temporarily builds. A southerly airflow freshens overnight ahead of a front driven northeast by an Atlantic depression. The airflow veers south-westerly Sunday morning as the front clears Shetland. A new Atlantic low is forecast to swing northeast close to the British Isles early next week then cross Shetland as a filling feature midweek. Following this the Azores high briefly expands a ridge north-east across Scotland early Thursday. A predicted Icelandic depression then drives a front east overnight bringing a strong west veering north-westerly for Friday. A ridge may bring easing winds on Saturday with Sunday again unsettled as a frontal trough reaches northern Scotland.

#### OUTLOOK FOR THE WEEKEND

Friday and Saturday 6° Celsius by day, 3° overnight. Sunday milder with 8° and 6°.

**FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup>:** Starting cloudy with showers, becoming drier and brighter through the afternoon. F5 NNE wind backing N. Mostly dry overnight with some clear spells.

**Sea State:** Moderate with a 2 metre N'ly wind swell.

**SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup>:** Mainly dry with bright or sunny spells. A cool F5 N wind easing and backing F3-4 E later freshening F5 SE. A cloudier night with rain reaching Fair Isle from the south later. **Sea State:** Moderate or rough with a 2 to 3 metre NNE'ly wind swell becoming E'ly.

**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup>:** A cloudy start with rain, this turning showery in the afternoon as F5-6 SE winds veer SSW. Some showers likely for the evening and overnight. **Sea State:** Rough with a 3 to 4 metre SE'ly wind swell.

#### FORECAST FOR NEXT WEEK

Temperatures around 8° Celsius by day, 6° overnight.

**MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup>:** Rather cloudy with chance of showers, perhaps more persistent rain later. Mainly fresh S winds.

**Sea State:** Rough to very rough with a 4 to 5 metre SE'ly wind swell.

**TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup>:** Cloudy with scattered showers merging into persistent rain by evening. Fresh to strong SSE winds. **Sea State:** Rough with a 3 metre SE'ly wind swell.

**WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> – SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup>:** Wednesday cloudy with rain then showers as fresh S winds ease before becoming a blustery NW. Thursday mainly dry with lighter winds but rain likely overnight as SW winds strengthen. Rain clearing to showers on Friday with a strong to gale W wind veering NW. Showers dying out Saturday as winds ease. Sunday unsettled with rain or showers.

**Sea State Wednesday:** Mostly moderate with a 2 metre SE'ly wind swell.

**Dave Wheeler**

***Maavi is just back from a few days away stretching his wings, he'll be back next week...***