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All About the Trip!

Last week we went on a school trip. We stayed at the hostel and had some dinner. I had sausages and beans. After that we went to the pool and Guillermo came too. The flumes and rapids were shut so we just swam in a little bit of the rapid pool and played in the Jacuzzi.

The next morning we had swimming lessons with Sally. On the last swimming lesson on the last trip, we had to get rings from the bottom of the deep end but I couldn't really do it but I could do it this time so I was really happy! Next we went to the police station. I loved playing in the cells the most.

On the last day we went to the climbing wall. We also played in Michael's Woods which was fun and then we went to Tingwall Primary. Me and Luca were in the same class and we did some Art. It was a really good trip.

Harris (9)

Our School Trip

On Monday we were going on a school trip at 7.30 buuuut it was delayed to 3.30! We went to Clickimin but it was a bit rubbish because all the fun bits were closed.

On Tuesday we went to Harry's toy shop it was amazing. After Harry's, we went to the police station. We saw the police dog which was called Bravo. My favourite lunch on the school trip is the coronation chicken baguette, I always get that!

On Wednesday we went to the climbing wall, this was my favourite! We also went to Tingwall Primary School, I sat next to Harris. In our classroom there were 28 children but there were only 5 p4s including me! And then we went to Tingwall airport and went home on the plane. Then the school trip was over. I loved the school trip!

Luca (8, but next time I do Fair Isle Times I will be 9)

My First School Trip

I went on a school trip. We went on the plane to Shetland. We did lots of things. I liked going to Michael's Wood the best. It had dinosaurs and trees, and we could run around.

Heidi (6)



A Super School Trip!

Last week we went on a school trip. This was of course very exciting, however it was even more exciting for Heidi and Ander as this was their first ever! Unfortunately, the weather delayed us for a few hours. This then meant we got a sunny day in Fair Isle then a yummy tea in Lerwick!

The next day was Tuesday. We first went to Harry's, to get some toys with our pocket money. My favourite thing I got was some shimmering putty.

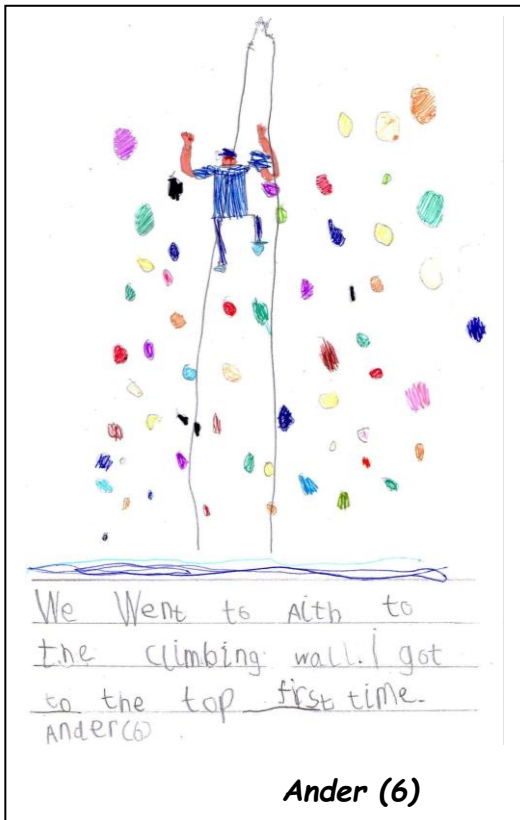
We then went round to the police station for a tour. It was extremely fun because we got to try on their gear and hats. Then we had a look at the cells and I danced at the CCTV camera! (which Heidi and Ander were watching). Later we got our finger prints taken. We did it with ink because the police station doesn't have a scanner for your finger prints.

After that we went to Aa' Fired up where we got to paint some pottery. I painted a rainbow coaster and we were also allowed some fudge. That night we went to Fjåra for ice cream with Grace and Guillermo since not many of the pools at Clickimin were open. Afterwards we went back to the hostel flat for a movie before bed.

Wednesday was the day we were due to leave but that didn't mean we wouldn't get the most out of the day since the afternoon flight wasn't till four. First we drove to the Aith climbing wall. It was amazing because I hadn't been for ages and I went up one of the walls twice, I was a lot better than last time as I hadn't gotten to the top that time.

After lunch at Michael's Wood, we went to Tingwall primary school for the last few hours of school. I went in a P6-P7 class. It was really nice meeting people my own age and they will go to the Anderson High School too so I'll see them there as well! Then sadly since it was soon 3 o'clock, we had to go to the airport for the flight!

Freyja (11)



New Fair Isle marine website! FIMRO's new website has now gone live! Here you can find out more about FIMRO and the various projects they are involved in. The website includes information on the Fair Isle Demonstration and Research MPA including research updates and outputs. You can also sign up to the DR MPA newsletter to keep up to date with progress. It also has lots of beautiful pictures of the isle courtesy of Tim Merrick and photos taken during the Heriot-Watt sea cave survey courtesy of Graham Saunders. The Fair Isle Virtual Tour videos can also be found here as well as highlights from BRUV footage from the Fair Isle inshore fish survey. This is a very exciting step for FIMRO and the Fair Isle DR MPA as it will help to spread the word about the great work and research that's going on in Fair Isle.

<https://www.fair-isle-marine.org.uk/>

Chapel this Easter Sunday – all welcome to join at 11am for Easter Sunday service, Dave B leading.

Bales wanted – if anyone has any spare bales for sale, please contact Rachel at Barkland

Easter holidays are upon us, so the Fair Isle Times team will be taking a little break (well half the editorial team will be, the other half will be busy with lambing!). Thanks to all our regular contributors, the fantastic kids, Dave the Weather and Maavi of course and thanks to you readers, see you in a few weeks when we hope for boannier weather, longer days and lambs all around! Happy Easter to you all!

This week we asked one of our newest residents, who is also our new Nurse, to do our short interview:

Name: Laura

Age: 32

How long has Fair Isle been your home?

5 Weeks !

Who do you live with?

Husband - Charlie & 3 dogs - Poppy, Teddy and Storm

When you were young, what did you want to be when you grew up and why?

Lawyer and Mechanic!

What do you do for a living?

Nurse

What is your philosophy for life ?

Everything happens for a reason

What's your earliest childhood memory?

Family holiday in the Lake District

What is the most enjoyable thing you do?

Camping trips and walking in beautiful places. I love climbing wainwrights in the Lake District.

If you had a free, 'fantasy' 24 hours with no travel restrictions – where would you go and what would you do?

Mountain biking in Canada

What concerns you for the future ?

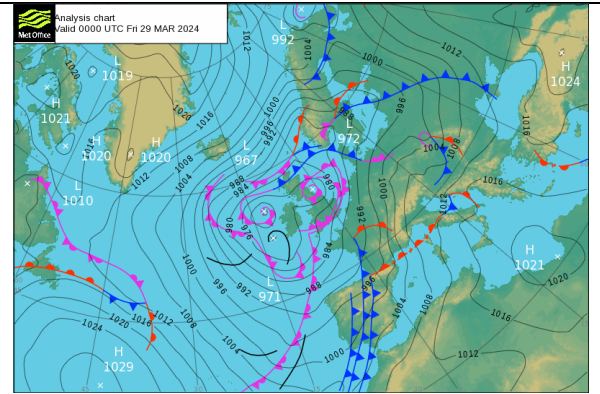
The effects of global warming

What has occupied your week?

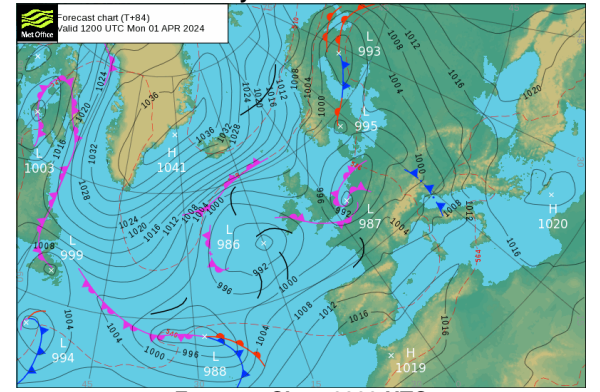
Decorating the house, walking the dogs exploring fair isle, work and chatting / meeting with people from the community.



FAIR ISLE WEATHER FORECAST



Analysis Chart 0000 UTC Friday 29th March 2024



Forecast Chart 0000 UTC Monday 1st April 2024

GENERAL SITUATION

Friday 29th March 2024

With a depression over the British Isles an east-northeasterly airflow covers Shetland. This will fall light as a frontal trough moves across the Northern Isles before becoming light southerly tonight as fronts clear Shetland. Slack low pressure remains slow-moving close to the British Isles through the weekend and well into next week with a mainly light north-easterly airflow over Shetland. This becomes a freshening south-easterly from mid-week ahead of a frontal system driven north-east by falling pressure west of the UK. By the weekend a strong easterly may develop as an Atlantic low tracks northeast across Scotland.

OUTLOOK FOR THE WEEKEND

Temperatures 7° or 8° Celsius by day, 4° overnight.

FRIDAY 29th: A cloudy start with brighter spells through the afternoon though chance of a few showers. F4 ESE wind. Mainly dry overnight with some clear spells and a F4 ESE breeze. **Sea State:** Mainly moderate with a 2 metre NE'ly wind swell.

SATURDAY 30th: Some brighter spells with scattered showers. F3 SSE winds. **Sea State:** Mainly moderate with a 2 metre ENE'ly wind swell.

SUNDAY 31st: A mainly dry day with some sunny spells.

SSE winds. **Sea State:** Mainly moderate with a 2 metre NE'ly wind swell.

FORECAST FOR NEXT WEEK Temperatures 6° or 7° Celsius by day, 2° or 3° overnight.

MONDAY 1st: Mainly dry though cloudy with a fresh NE wind. **Sea State:** Mainly moderate with a 2 metre NE'ly wind swell.

TUESDAY 2nd: Rather cloudy, mainly dry with fresh NE wind, occasionally strong. **Sea State:** Increasing mostly rough with a 3 to 4 metre NNE'ly wind swell.

WEDNESDAY 3rd – SUNDAY 4th: Some brighter spells though generally cloudy with a few showers possible. The NE breeze backing N and falling light before strengthening E on Friday with rain later. Rain turning showery over the weekend as strong winds back N. **Sea State Wednesday:** Moderate or rough with a 2 to 3 metre NNE'ly wind swell.

Dave Wheeler

