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### **My Easter Holidays**

This time Easter was in the Easter holidays which was very nice because last year we had Easter in school. Another bonus was that because the weather didn't look very nice for the last day of term Grace came in a few days before! We stayed in the Isle for the holidays because we were lambing. They are very sweet lambs we also have three caddies called Coober, Lighting and Ridge (the theme is opal hunter mine names) and next month they'll be going in the pen next to my bedroom!

Easter was very early on as it was on the first Sunday. We all got a homemade Easter egg which we were allowed for breakfast. Later we went to church. Earlier in the week Grace and I had helped make an Easter display so it looked very pretty when we came in.

In the afternoon we played a game called cloak of protection, it's a card game with New Zealand birds and predators. It was extremely fun even though I only won one!

A few days later we decided to play the boat game. We randomly choose the start and end, then we sleep in the lounge and pretend were sailing there. Even the dinners were themed for the places we had docked. During the day, the most of the time, it wasn't very nice so we stayed inside and watched a lot of STAR

WARS! We are re-watching a series called resistance. We are very close to finishing it now.

Throughout the holidays we played some more games. We did Monopoly, Dominion and Pipolo. Pipolo is a very good game where you have to pretend that you have certain cards but if you get caught you have to pick up a lot of cards!

I had a Super holiday and I'm looking forward to even more lambs!

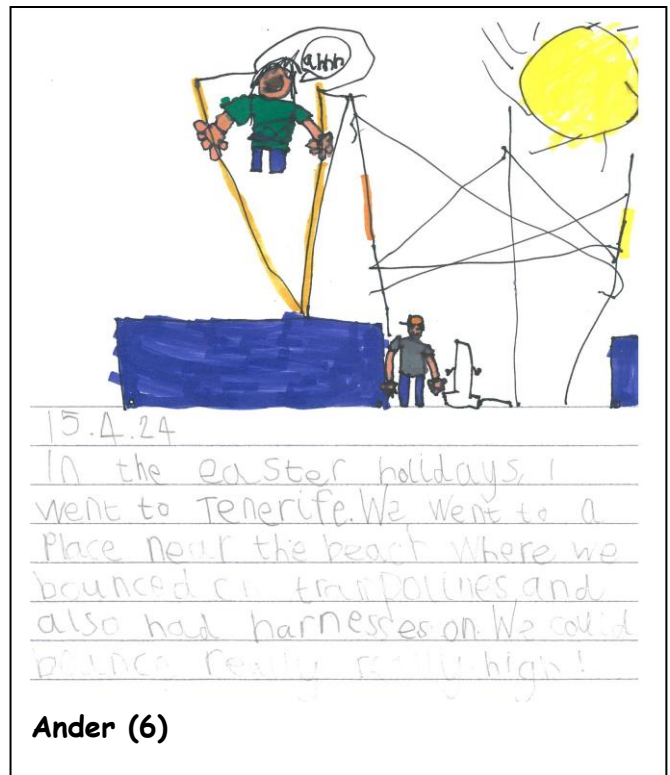
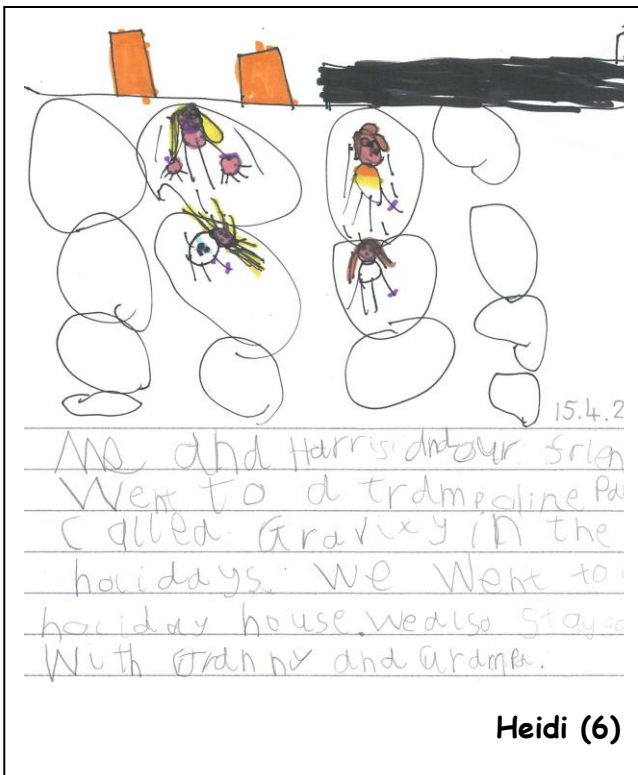
**Freyja (11)**

### **My Trip to Scotland Mainland**

I went to my Gran and Grandpa's house. They live in Houston, near Glasgow. I went to the trampoline park with Orla, Anabelle and Heidi. Orla is my best friend. On Friday I went to Orla's house for a sleep over. On Saturday I went to Milo's house. Milo is my cousin and he is 13. We played Fortnite on his PlayStation. He has been playing Fortnite longer than me. He started at Chapter 1, Season 1. I started at Chapter 3, Season 4.

We also went to a holiday house with Wren and Beau for 2 days. I had a fun holiday.

**Harris (9)**



### Beachcombing news!

We found this stick in Hesti Geo at the weekend, which, upon closer inspection, appears to have been chewed by a beaver.

Martin Gray, a beachcombing expert from Orkney and David Steel (NatureScot reserve manager on the Isle of May) both agreed with the identification and pointed out the similarities to previous finds they have made on their respective islands. There are two species of Beaver (American and Eurasian) and it's possible that this branch had been chewed by either of them, although given the amount of driftwood that has been turning up after the run of south-easterly winds this winter, a European origin seems perhaps most likely (Martin mentioned that Orkney recently had its first European Beaver chewed stick, the others all having been American).

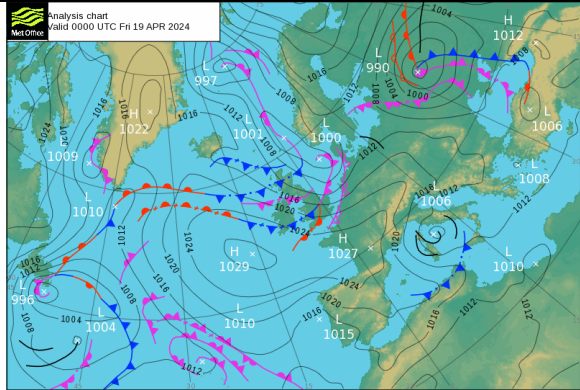
Despite gathering a fair bit of driftwood over the years, this is a first for us, we'd be interested to know whether anyone else has seen it before, or whether we've added a new mammal to the Fair Isle list (sort of!).

David, Susannah, Grace and Freyja, Shirva

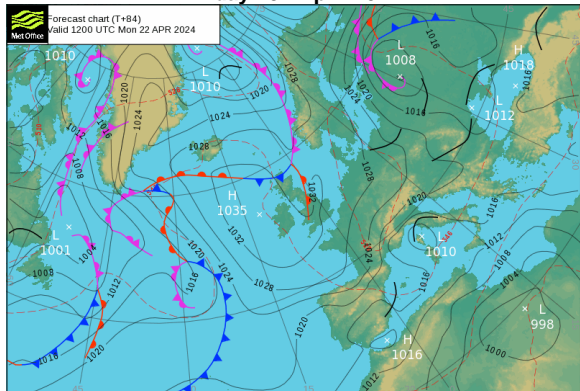


**NOTICES – Chapel at Utra this Sunday with John, all welcome at 11am**

# FAIR ISLE WEATHER FORECAST



Analysis Chart 0000 UTC  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024



Forecast Chart 1200 UTC  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024

## GENERAL SITUATION

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

The cold strong north-westerly airflow will gradually ease as low pressure over the northern North Sea moves away east. An anticyclone southwest of the British Isles then drifts in over the UK during the weekend, though a warm front brushing around its northern edge affects the Northern Isles on Sunday. While the centre of the large anticyclone drifts back west pressure remains high across the UK with a northerly airflow over NE Scotland. The weakening high is forecast to sink south midweek with a deepening depression near Iceland predicted to track southeast towards Biscay later in the week.

## OUTLOOK FOR THE WEEKEND

Temperatures Friday and Saturday 6° or 7° Celsius by day, 3° or 4° overnight. Sunday a milder 9° and 5°.

**FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup>:** A scattering of showers, some wintry with sleet or hail. sunny spells between. A chilly F6-7 NNW wind easing F4-5 later. A cloudier though mainly dry night with winds falling light.  
**Sea State:** Mainly rough with a 4 metre NW'ly wind swell.

**SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup>:** A cloudy dry start with F2-3 NNW winds backing S with drizzle and patchy low cloud pushing in from the west in the afternoon. Cloud and drizzle overnight.  
**Sea State:** Mainly moderate with a 2 metre NNW'ly wind swell.

**SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup>:** Cloudy with patchy drizzle and a F3-4 SSW wind.  
**Sea State:** Slight to moderate with a 1 to 2 metre W'ly wind swell.

**FORECAST FOR NEXT WEEK** Temperatures 8° to 10° Celsius by day, 4° or 5° overnight.

**MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Cloud and drizzle at first, the afternoon drier and brighter. Moderate NW winds. **Sea State:** Mostly moderate with a 2 metre NW'ly wind swell.

**TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Dry and bright with sunny spells later. A fresh NNE breeze. **Sea State:** Moderate with a 2 metre N'ly wind swell.

**WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> – SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup>:** Freshening N winds and showers on Wednesday. Thursday into Friday drier as winds ease. Freshening E winds and further showers for the weekend. **Sea State Wednesday:** Moderate or rough with a 2 to 3 metre N'ly wind swell.

Dave Wheeler

