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Ander and Heidi used Clicker (a software word processing programme) again this week. Ander chose to write his own story about a sheep. Heidi decided to use one of the sentence sets about birds (she arranges the words for each sentence in the correct order). They both did a super job and their computer skills are developing well!

The Runaway Sheep

One day there was a sheep. The sheep escaped from the field. It went over to the other field and then he saw a dog. The dog chased him to another field. The farmer came out of the house and saw that a sheep was missing and then he saw the dog. The farmer ran. He was very cross! Then he said go home dog in a mean voice. Then he got the sheep back in the field. The End

By Ander (6)

Birds

Birds are a group of animals.
They are warm-blooded animals.
They have a beak and feathers and wings.
Some birds can fly but some can't fly.
Birds hatch from eggs.

Robins, owls and penguins are types of birds.

By Heidi (6)



Crow Stack

At the weekend I went to Crow Stack with my mum and Ander. The tide was very low so we were able to get there. It was a little bit slippery but it was worth it because we saw a live 'Scadsmans Heed', which is a sea urchin. We touched it. It was prickly. In the same pool we saw a Brittle Star. We also saw three Dahlia anemones. They were big with blue spots. We saw 3 common starfish and a hermit crab which was so cute. We saw 2 orange anemones with white spots on it. There were also dark red anemones and the ordinary red anemones and an alive painted top shell which was on a rock. I saw a fish and a crab doing its job.

Luca (9)

My Weekend

We had a long weekend off school. On Monday it was Freyja's birthday and she was twelve. It was a sunny day. Freyja had a birthday party at Shirva and I went to it. We played party games like Farmer Farmer, 4 Corners and Pass the Parcel. There was lots of party food including cupcakes. My friend Maggie came to my house after the party for a play date. We played in the playground until teatime. I had a fun weekend.

Harris (9)

My Birthday Weekend

This Monday was my birthday which sounds bad because it's the start of the week but we had a long weekend so I got a weekend birthday! This birthday is an extra special birthday because I turned twelve!!! As an extra bonus Ciaran was in for work so he was in for my birthday. As I said earlier it was a special birthday because I got a phone! I was ecstatic since it means that I can text or phone Grace, plus it means I can use the family WhatsApp group without borrowing my Mum or Dad's phone. Another super thing is it has a pearly pink case.

My birthday started with of course, presents! I got a mine craft toy as well as an epic backpack and a cool reversible fleece! Then I opened some lovely blue jeans, a golden cardie and a t-shirt nightie.

Later in the afternoon people came round for a birthday lunch and party. We played 4 corners, pass the parcel and musical statues. I then went down to Houll to play on the trampoline. We played a very fun game where you had to hit each other with a ball and then I protected them. Afterwards I went home for my birthday dinner which was all my favourites. I had saucermeat, chilli and baby back sweet ribs! Followed by a pudding of truffles, lava cake and mud cake whilst we watched Lego Batman! Sadly I then went to bed.

Freyja (12!)

ISLE NOTICES

Chapel on Sunday - It has been suggested that I put forward a reminder that when we have a cruise ship on a Sunday we don't have a standard service at eleven. One of us spends time in the Chapel reading the Shalom prayer and remembering everyone on the Isle. John

(Editor, we have cruise ships scheduled the next 3 Sundays – weather permitting!)

Upcoming cruise ship visits: We are now approaching the busiest 10 days of the year for cruise ships, details below:

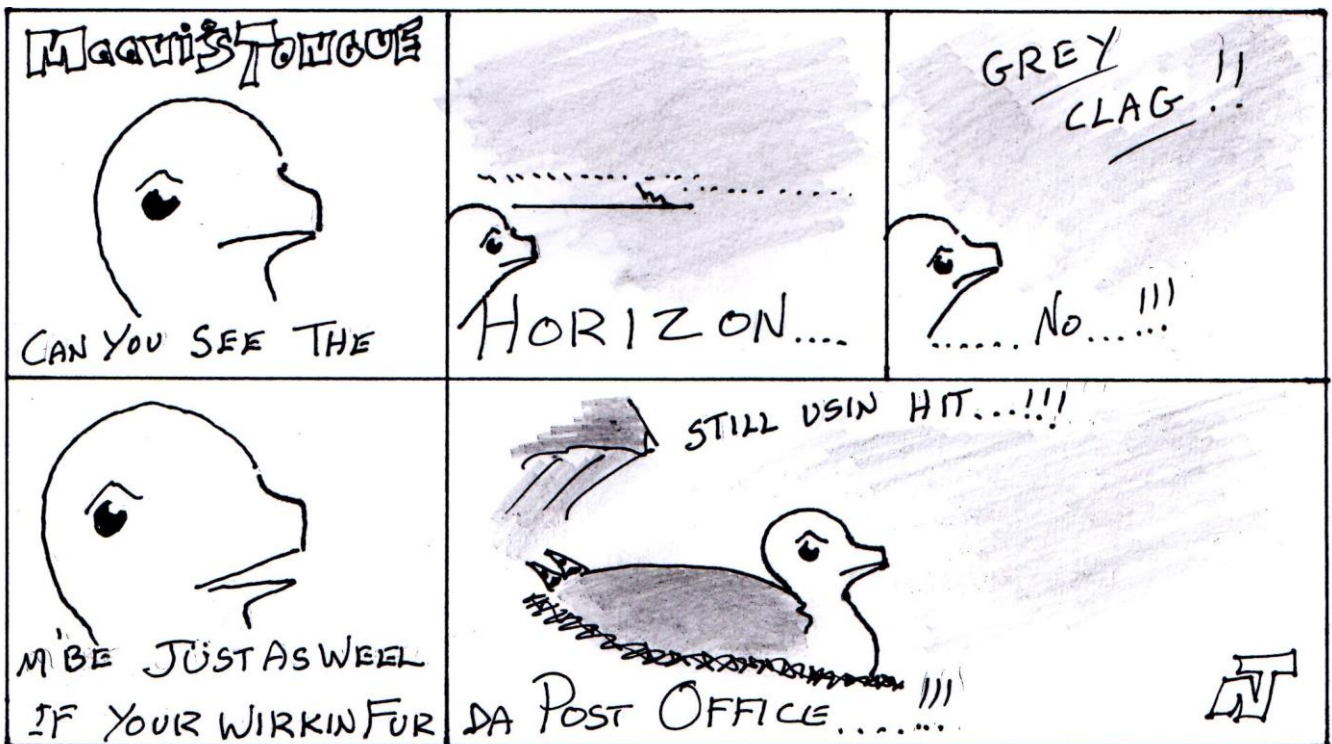
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29/05/24	Wed	Spitsbergen
30/05/24	Thur	Seabourne Venture
01/06/24	Sat	Hebridean Princess
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04/06/24	Tues	Greg Mortimer
05/06/24	Wed	Island Sky



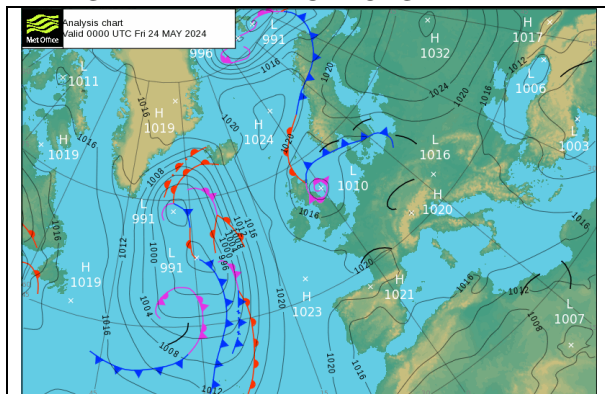
Visitors from Sea Spirit coming ashore at the North Haven on Wednesday, photo Jonnie Fisk



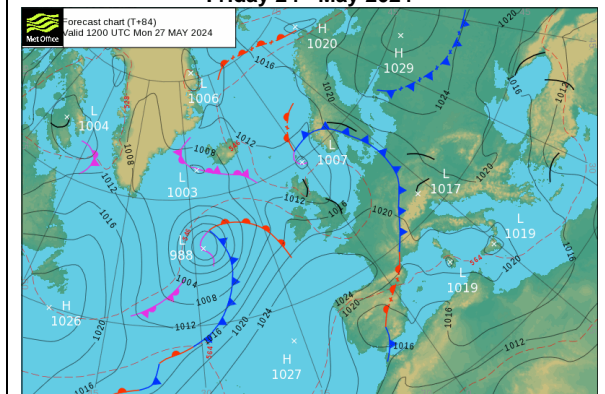
Time for another caption competition, thanks to Jonnie from FIBO and Fair Isle friend Ciaran for the photo! Suggestions to Eileen please!



FAIR ISLE WEATHER FORECAST



Analysis Chart 0000 UTC
Friday 24th May 2024



Forecast Chart 1200 UTC
Monday 27th May 2024

GENERAL SITUATION 2024

Friday 24th May

During the next 24 hours a small shallow depression centred close to Northeast England is expected to drift across northern Scotland as a filling feature. A weakening frontal trough in the near-Atlantic pushes in across the British Isles during the weekend maintaining a moist southeasterly airflow. An Atlantic depression tracking east drives its fronts east across Scotland on Tuesday with the centre of the low tracking across the Northern Isles on Wednesday. As the now-filling depression continues east and pressure builds to the west a fresh to strong north to north-westerly airflow follows for Thursday and Friday. This eases over the weekend as a ridge topples south east across northern Scotland.

OUTLOOK FOR THE WEEKEND

Temperatures 12° during the day and 9° or 10° overnight.

FRIDAY 24th: A misty day with patchy drizzle, hill and coastal fog but perhaps turning drier and occasionally brighter later in the day. F3 ESE wind. Low cloud returning through the evening and overnight with fog and patchy drizzle. **Sea State:** Slight with a 1 metre NNE wind swell.

SATURDAY 25^h: Another day of fog and patchy drizzle

though for a short time the afternoon may brighten before mist, fog and drizzle returns. F3-4 SE wind. **Sea State:** Slight with a 1 metre SE wind swell.

SUNDAY 26th: Low cloud, mist and occasional drizzle. Fog at times. F3-4 ESE wind. **Sea State:** Slight with a 1 metre or less swell.

FORECAST FOR NEXT WEEK Temperatures around 14° Celsius by day, 9° overnight.

MONDAY 27th: Cloudy some brighter or sunny spells later. Light winds..

Sea State: Slight with a 1 metre SE wind swell.

TUESDAY 28th: Rather cloudy with rain at times. Freshening SE wind backing E later.

Sea State: Slight with a 1 metre W wind swell becoming 1 to 2 metre SE.

WEDNESDAY 29th – SUNDAY 2nd: Wednesday cloudy with rain turning to showers as fresh occasionally strong E winds back NE to N. Thursday cloudy with showers and fresh N to NW winds. Friday and the weekend drier and brighter with easing winds. **Sea State Wednesday:** Moderate with a 2 metre W wind swell. Slight east of Shetland with a 1 metre SE wind swell.

May 2024 Fair Isle weather update

Until a couple of days ago it looked as though May 2024 may have been drier than average with near- average hours of sunshine. That changed this last 48 hours with an additional 28.8mm of rain.

So far this month's provisional data shows we have had 140.1 hours sunshine (70.7% of the 1976-2000 mean) and rainfall of 43.4mm (104.8% of the 1974-2000 mean). Fog has occurred on 13 days so far (normally 9, but 20 in May 1979 and 22 May 1981, double figures not uncommon).

However, while maximum and minimum temperatures are nothing exceptional the mean monthly temperature for May 2024 is. The 1974-2000 May mean monthly temperature is 7.6°. This month it stands at 10.1°, making this the warmest ever May on Fair Isle (records began 1974. The June mean daily temperature is 9.7° that of July 11.4°.

Dave Wheeler

