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The children prepared a solo talk to present to the class last week. They picked a topic of interest and did a fantastic job to speak confidently in front of an audience.

Introduction

Hello, my name is Luca. I am 9 years old. Today I am going to talk to you about football. I picked football because it is my favourite sport and I love playing it.

All about Football

Football is a well-known sport across the UK and the World. It can be traced back to medieval times or even earlier. Football as we know it today started in 1863 in England. A football team needs 11 players to play but you have players on the bench. This means you can swap players in. A football match lasts 90 mins. Half time is at about 45 mins.

Leagues

Leagues are competitions with other teams in your country. There are different leagues depending on how good a team is. The premier league is the top league and has teams like: Man City, Man United, Arsenal, Liverpool, Aston Villa, Spurs, Chelsea, Newcastle, Everton, Crystal Palace, West Ham and Nottingham Forest. The teams which are relegated to a lower league are: Sheffield United with only 16 points, Burnley which has 24 points and Luton with 26 points.

Cups

The FA Cup is the biggest cup to win in England. Manchester City won it last year against Manchester United. It is going to be

the same final again this year! It is held in Wembley Stadium. (Update: Man United won ... somehow!). The World Cup is held every 4 years. It was last held in Qatar in 2022. Argentina won against France! The Euros is held every 4 years. This year it is held in June. Scotland have qualified this year!

Famous Players from Argentina

Lionel Messi is the best player of all time. He is from Argentina. He used to play for Barcelona. He plays for Miami now. Diego Maradona is super famous. He is from Argentina. He scored the winning goal against England in the semi-finals of the World Cup in 1986. Sadly he died in 2020.

Cool Records!

The most goals scored against a team was 146! The ref got confused and thought they were playing the real match but they were practising.

The biggest win was Australia against Samoa and Australia won 31 - NIL

Dundee United have beaten Barcelona in every match!

I am going to finish with a little quiz!

How many players are in a football team?

Who won the FA cup last year?

Who is the best player of all time?

How many goals did Australia score against Samoa?

Thank you for listening (or reading).

I hope you learned something new about football.

Hi. My name is Harris and I am 9.

My topics is spiders because they are my second favourite animal.

Spiders are part of the arachnid family.
All Spiders have 8 legs and 2 body parts.
They have between 4 and 8 eyes.
They have no bones.
There are 50 thousand species of spider!

Facts about Spiders

Orb Weavers

My favourite spider is the spiny orb weaver and it is in *Grounded*. *Grounded* is a computer game about bugs. Spiny Orb weavers are mostly found in Central America, Cuba and Jamaica. The Golden Orb Weaver can spin a web which is hard and when you break it, it makes a snapping sound.

Wolf Spiders

Wolf Spiders sleep in the day and come out at night. They are found in Brazil. We also get them in Fair Isle but they are tiny. The wolf spider bite is venomous and can cause swelling. Wolf Spiders don't spin webs.

Black Widows

For some weird reason black widows eat their husbands. I guess that is why they are called Black Widows.

Thank you for listening.

Hello my name is Freyja and I'm 12 years old.

Today I'm going to talk about the progression in Star Wars and what they could do better. So in the first movie (*A New Hope*) they had one female main character named Leia Organa and no people of colour. Only the voice of Darth Vader was played by a black man, however this changed when they made the second movie, *Empire Strikes Back*, in which Lando Calrissian was included. He wasn't quite a main character but this was certainly a step in the right direction.


It wasn't until they made the prequels that Padme and Mace Windu arrived. Now Padme wasn't even in the movies as much as Leia. Leia has 1h 30min and 40sec where Padme has 1h and 12min screen time. However although Mace Windu only had 14min 30sec, he was very high up in the Jedi. In fact at some points he was as high ranking as Yoda!

However things got a lot better from the prequels on. Because we then went on to the sequels. The first one coming out in 2015. First off we got Rey who has over double the screen time of Leia in the originals. Then we got Finn a defected Stormtrooper who although he did have over an hour of screen time wasn't happy with the way Star Wars used his character. He was very unhappy about how they marketed Finn to be a big thing and then pushed him to the side in the movies. Later though he seemed more at peace with it. Although this could be the case so that he didn't frustrate the people he was working with in Star Wars.

Even though Finn seemed to have calmed down this didn't mean Star Wars didn't do anything wrong. There was a big build up with his character and potential to become a Jedi but then in the 3rd movie

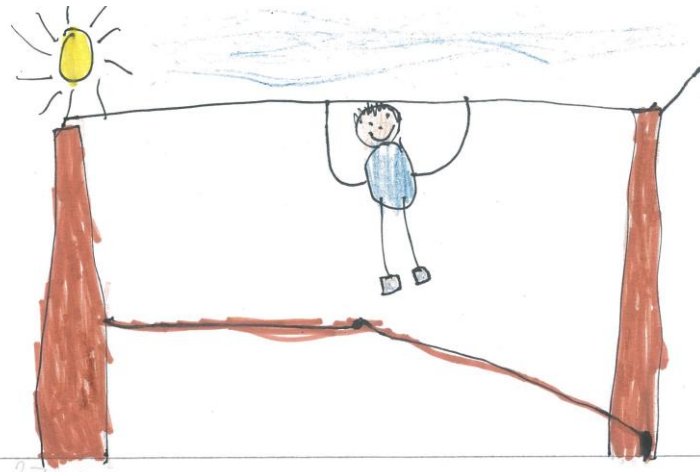
he was downplayed and possible force abilities ignored. Part of the build up with Finn was with a character named Rose played by Kelly Marie Tran, a Vietnamese American. She was an engineer in the resistance fleet who we first saw in the second movie. But by the time the third movie had come out she had got a lot of sexist and racist comments online due to the fact that she was the first woman of color to get a leading Star Wars role. Some fans weren't very supportive.

Nobody knows for sure but in an interview Star Wars said that some of the camera footage couldn't be used because of the camera and lighting though it could be it wouldn't be beneficial to have her as a main character because that might result in people not watching the films.



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 Hippos eat fruit and plants. They like to go into trees. They are aggressive.

Heidi (6)



27:524
 Yes, I played in the park with Luca and friends. I can now do the monkey bars. I am very happy.

Ander (6)

This week's week dat's awa is a report from our resident gardening expert...

I'm just gathering my thoughts having returned from a wonderful trip south, built around my visit to the Chelsea flower show.

I don't think I have been away this time of year since Neil and I got married almost fifty years ago!!! First stop was Cardross, as we drove to Inness', I could see swathes of bluebell and gorse creating a stunning patchwork of colour on the hills, the trees that I normally see in their winter starkness were clothed in fresh green and flowers. At Cardross station the neglected borders have been adopted by members of the local community and school, providing everyone who passes by with the joy of colour, fragrance and the taste of local produce - such a positive project.

Next stop Wimbledon and lunch in Richmond Park, a place with memories of Mum in her later years. I'm sure my interest in gardening grew from hers. Within Richmond Park is the Isabella plantation, a hidden gem full of rhododendrons, azaleas, beautiful specimen trees and constant bird song. They are well protected from the many deer that roam freely in the rest of the park.

A couple of days later, Liz and I headed west to Shropshire and Herefordshire to join a small group exploring the area around Ludlow, a part of the country I hadn't visited before. You can't go directly from London, so we had to go via Newport in Wales! It really is a beautiful part of England and sits right on the border with Wales, the many castles and fortified houses reflecting the nature of that once-disputed border area. Most of the land we saw was mixed agricultural and orchards and one of the mediaeval sights

we visited was enclosed by fields of blackcurrants, destined for the Ribena factory. Looking for more examples of the Hereford School of early medieval stone work, we visited quiet, ancient church yards, with paths neatly cut to their doors, leaving the grave stones of the incumbents just visible above swathes of wildflowers, with myriad insects bringing so much life into these beautiful places and in the background we heard a cuckoo calling, like some ancient herald.

Back in London and after a visit to the Tate Britain to see the Singer Sargent exhibition, we walked along the north bank of the Thames to the Chelsea Physic Garden. It was a hot day and searching out shade to eat our ice-cream, we sat under a tree and eavesdropped on the start of a guided tour. It is a four-acre site established by the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries in 1673 focusing on edible, medicinal and poisonous plants. An interesting place I'd like to go back to and explore further. Returning home we walked past the Royal Chelsea Hospital, site of the famous flower show where we would be the next day. All the shops and restaurants nearby create wonderful floral displays that spill out onto the pavements, if you can't get a ticket for the show, it would be worth visiting just for that alone! Then standing at traffic lights next to us, waiting to cross, I saw David Olusoga - the writer and historian who I greatly admire, one of the lucky guests invited to the first day of the show.



Tuesday, the big day. We'd been watching the forecast and knew that rain was on the way, Liz had two knee length cagouls, which proved to be invaluable! We decided to go into the Pavilion first, knowing that it would be packed once the rain started. It's difficult to describe, there's almost an overload of wonder, beauty, fragrance and colour. We recognised several TV gardeners and saw the ever-green Mary Berry talking about sweet peas. It was still dry as we continued outside, we came across a covered band stand and large seating area with numerous food stalls and bars, all there to entertain and feed the 30,000 ticket holders that arrived daily.



Then the rain started and numbers viewing the show garden reduced to a manageable amount for us to view them. We walked through established avenues of trees and shrubby areas, all crammed with everything you might want to grow, use, wear, wash with or sit on. After several hours of happy overload, we went to the restaurant for our prebooked afternoon tea, maximising our time in the warm, dry space. The food was both beautiful and delicious. It gave us time to reflect on the whole show, I think the tranquillity gardens were my favourites, but all of them were impressive. Great expertise was shown in design, and the quality of the plants was really impressive. Luca and Freyja told me about an item they'd seen on News Round, it was about a garden designed with input from a local primary school and was called "No adults allowed," you could see the children's influence and it proved very popular. What a great day, I loved every minute.



The gardens didn't stop there either as we managed to squeeze in a trip to the wonderful RHS headquarters at Wisley before I headed north again.

Pat

ISLE NOTICES

Sunday service - There will be a short service in the Chapel on Sunday afternoon at 4 pm. John leading.

As part of the Shetland Partnership, Islands With Small Populations, Locality Plan 2 visits are being made to the island communities, the Fair Isle visit is on Thursday 6th June, at the Fair Isle Public Hall.

- **10am – 12pm Community Involvement & Development 'Community Pop-In'**
Drop along for a cuppa with Ana Arnett. There will be information leaflets available from a range of local services around health and well-being, support services, and CAB Benefit checks information.
- **1pm – 2.30pm Shetland Partnership resilience discussions.** We would like to invite the community along to have a discussion about community resilience, to hear your challenges, concerns and opportunities.
- **2.30pm – 3pm Fair Isle Primary School Adapted First Aid Session** with pupils.
- **3pm – 4pm British Heart Foundation / Lucky2Bhere.** Free Emergency life support training opportunity for any community member, no booking required. Training Includes watching demonstrations, listening explanations, talking through key skills and then practice, which includes putting someone in the recovery position, perform basic life support, use an automated external defibrillator (AED), deal with a choking adult or child and recognise and manage a life-threatening situation.
Further Information can be found here: [What we Do \(lucky2bhere.org\)](http://What we Do (lucky2bhere.org))

Please accept this invitation to attend, all community members are welcome.

Kind Regards,
Ana Arnett
Community Involvement & Development Officer
South Mainland & Fair Isle

Friday 7th – Sunday 9th June

Join us for a weekend of fun marine activities – all welcome!

Friday

- A day of activities with the school from 10am – including marine mammal activities with Emma Steel from Whale and Dolphin Conservation and GoPro filming
- An evening of DR MPA marine-themed talks at the hall from 7.30pm with talks from: Katie Cubbon (Fair Isle DR MPA), Emma Steel (WDC - Shorewatch), Karen Hall (NatureScot - Fair Isle Seawatch sightings data and Fair Isle and Shetland IMMA status), Tanya Riley (UHI Shetland - Fair Isle benthic habitat project) as well as an update from FIBO

Saturday

10am – 12.30pm

- Listening for whales and dolphins at North Haven
- Checking for Invasive Non-Native Species at North Haven

From 2.30pm – 7pm

- Shorewatch training and surveying at Southlight
- FIBO Kittiwake and Puffin plot watch at South Green
- Rockpooling and intertidal surveys at Muckle Uri Geo
- Marine species identification at the hall

Sunday

From 2pm – 3pm

- Marine litter picking and recording from Kirki to Muckle Uri Geo

From 3pm onwards at the hall

- Seaweed pressing
- More marine species identification
- School GoPro video showcase!

If you have any questions please email Katie at: katie.cubbon@nature.scot

Two new firsts for Fair Isle!!

Nature and bird lovers were treated to not one, but two “firsts for Fair Isle” this week, firstly the moth on the left – a Flame Shoulder *Ochropleura plecta*, attracted to Nick’s alcohol-laced sugar solution at Schoolton, midnight 27th May 2024.

Then on 29th May, congratulations to David Parnaby of Shirva on the first big bird find of the year, a Marmora’s Warbler at Steensigeo, an isle first, only 2nd for Shetland and 8th for Britain!





Thanks for the entries to our caption competition, showing Ciaran 'making use' of the old phone box!

"What's the wifi password on this x@?& thing??"* Ross Thomson

"Nope, no Superman here. This comic book is rubbish" Guillermo

"Call for Hot Singles in my Area?" Jonnie

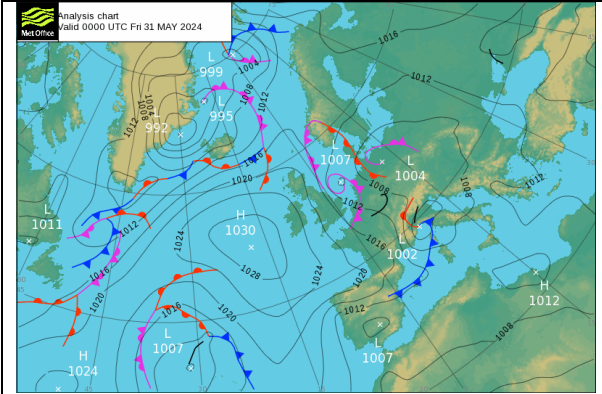
"Ghurka Kitchen? I'll have a lamb bhuna and a garlic naan please. Do you deliver?" Eileen



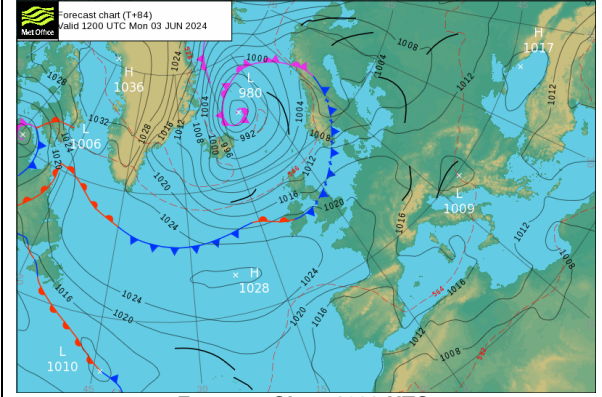
Another funny photo from Jonnie – bet you can come up with funny captions for this one!!

Editor's suggestion:
"How many workmen does it take to boil a kettle?"

FAIR ISLE WEATHER FORECAST



Analysis Chart 0000 UTC
Friday 31st May 2024



Forecast Chart 1200 UTC
Monday 3rd June 2024

GENERAL SITUATION

Friday 31st May 2024

A small anticyclone just west of the British Isles extends a broad ridge of high pressure towards Western Scotland and the Northern Isles. The ridge declines southeast allowing Icelandic low pressure to drive weak fronts east over the north of Scotland later this weekend and during the first part of next week. The high is forecast to drift westwards from midweek, allowing low pressure east of Iceland to drive a fresher, showery westerly airflow over northern Scotland, this turning north-westerly as the area of low pressure drifts towards the Northern Isles.

OUTLOOK FOR THE WEEKEND

Temperatures 13° during the day and 9° or 10° overnight.

FRIDAY 31st: Dry with sunny spells through the morning, with low cloud spreading in by early afternoon with the chance for patchy light rain later. F3-4 W wind. Any rain dying out and cloud clearing overnight. **Sea State:** Slight to moderate with a 1 to 2 metre NW to N wind swell.

SATURDAY 1st: Mainly dry and bright with sunny spells. F3-4 NW wind. **Sea State:** Slight to moderate with a 1 to 2 metre NW to N wind swell.

SUNDAY 2nd: Cloudy with chance of mostly light rain or drizzle. F5 WSW winds. **Sea State:** Moderate with a 2 metre W wind swell but slight east of Shetland.

FORECAST FOR NEXT WEEK Temperatures around 13° Celsius by day, 9° overnight.

MONDAY 3rd: A brighter day with chance of a shower, sunny spells later. A fresh WSW breeze occasionally strong. **Sea**

State: Moderate to rough with a 3 to 4 metre W wind swell. Slight to moderate east of Shetland.

TUESDAY 4th: Bright or sunny spells with an occasional shower and a fresh W wind.

Sea State: Moderate to rough with a 3 to 4 metre W wind swell. Slight to moderate east of Shetland.

WEDNESDAY 5th – SUNDAY 9th: Sunny spells and scattered showers Wednesday with a fresh or strong W to NW wind. Then changeable with showers or perhaps longer spells of rain and fresh. Lighter winds, rather variable in direction. **Sea State Wednesday:** Rough with a 5 metre NW wind swell easing moderate later. Slight to moderate inshore east of Shetland.

Dave Wheeler

