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Fair Isle Primary School News

It's the Easter Holidays! Hurrah! A massive thank you on behalf of us all at Fair Isle Primary School: to the community who have championed and cheered us on throughout the long winter months, along with a thank you to the staff for all their efforts. We decided to end the term with a fabulous enrichment trip to mainland Shetland. Without further ado, here are our children who have been busy writing to tell you all about it...



Wednesday Recount – written by Ander (P3)

On Wednesday we flew out, one day late because of the weather. We went to the hostel to drop off our bags then we walked down the street. We went to Harry's and we found toys to buy. I bought a puzzle thingy. Then we went to the Shetland Times and got our free "World Book Day" books. On the way back to the hostel for tea we went to the Flower Park playground. After tea, we went to visit Harris and Heidi. It was nice seeing them again.



Thursday Recount – written by Luca (P6)

So when we had been woken up and had breakfast, we set off to the Anderson High School for a tour. The Anderson is absolutely massive and its library has about 10,000 books!

Next, we went to have our swimming lessons and now I am pretty good at front crawl and Ander and Khalicee had a great time.

After that, we drove up to Aith. We went to Aith to go to the climbing wall. Khalicee got halfway up it, Andy got to the top of a moderate bit of wall and I did the same. We also got Jonathan and Hollie up one of the sections!



Also, we had a lovely hot chocolate with our Head Teacher Christie at The Dowry.





Then we went to a playpark and went back to the hostel to have tea, which was fish & chips or pizza.

After tea, we had a walk around Clickimin Loch with Freyja and Grace and the sky was amazing.

Friday Recount – written by Khalicee (P1)

On Friday, we had bacon rolls for breakfast at the hostel. Then we went to Sandwick Junior High School. I went into a P1/2 class. We had music. I made friends. One of them was called Krissi. We had snack together. I enjoyed my day there. Then we went back to Tingwall and flew home.

Jonathan writes...

And breathe! Super writing which the children did with Ruth on Monday morning whilst I had less exciting meetings. There are so many people to thank for making the trip so fun. Hollie and I want to praise all three of the children, especially our youngest P1 who spent all that time away from home with us – looked after by our two older children who are not only increasingly familiar with trips but also nurturing and caring as well. The Halls of Residence staff and kitchen for making our stay so comfortable and feeding us scrumptious food. Amy, our clerical “back at base” for helping me with all the bookings, flights and car hires. Talking of flights, the staff and pilots at Tingwall airport deserve a huge high five for being flexible and getting us out and back safely. Bring on the summer trip with further adventures to come!



Want to read more? Why not check out our school blog?

blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sh/fairisleprimaryschool/

Today we have a contribution from Glen at Skerryholm. He really is the best dog!

My name is Glen, and, as most of you know, I am the dog that lives at Skerryholm and manages the livestock side of our farming emporium, which, in layman’s terms, is the sheep that are here on the Croft. Anyhow, that is what I manage, and what I wish to describe to you. To best do this I shall follow our routine of feeding the different groups, which are all getting extra rations at this season. The first to get food is Fernando, the Texel ram. He and I have a good working relationship, man to man as it were.

We play around a bit, which sometimes gets a bit aggressive, but never gets to open warfare. You see we both have different strengths and perhaps don’t want to show any more or less than that, as to fall out with each other would be a disaster for both of us!

So, having fed Fernando, I make my way to where the young lady sheep are fed. When this job started, it was my job to collect them all and coax them to sample the new delicacy in the trough, but now the girls when they see me coming, rush to join me to be ready for the food. I crouch close to the ground and they crowd around, even coming up close, sort of testing me out to see what I do.

It’s certainly not the seal of approval, far from it, more like letting me know that I no longer have the upper hand, that I am no longer top dog! You know, I could make them scamper, but I could not do that, and the boss would not approve, but he would not see it from my situation!

Anyhow, job complete there, so I quickly make my way to where the older sheep, the pregnant ewes, are waiting for their food. They are worse than the young dolly birds in that they totally

ignore my presence; in fact, if I don't beat a hasty retreat, they would trample me to death. This is no way to treat a dog, and I well remember that it will get no better when they get their babies, and I really need eyes on the back of my head to save my life! Again, if push comes to shove, I can take full control and put them wherever the boss wants them to go, but that again is our working relationship, and not the kind of way I think it should work. The boss tells me that this is just the way it all works and that it will just be the way it is.

So that's my story of me and the sheep. Mind and be good to your dogs, you'll see from my story that we need all the love that you can give us.

Glen.



NOTICES:

Sunday Service: We will having a gathering at LSB for Palm Sunday, 11am. All welcome.

This is the last edition of the Fair Isle Times for a few weeks. We wish you all a Happy Easter and a successful start to lambing and we will be back once school starts again, mid-April.

My apologies for lack of the usual synoptic charts. The Met Office Aviation Briefing Service has changed and the usual charts no longer available.

GENERAL SITUATION

With low pressure to the north a strong showery south-westerly airflow covers northern Scotland. Later Saturday the airflow backs south-westerly ahead of fronts driven east by the next system moving east south of Iceland. A strong westerly airflow follows, soon veering northwesterly later Sunday as the low continues east north of Shetland. A strong north-westerly airflow continues through Monday, perhaps easing a little Tuesday before strengthening Wednesday and Thursday as the East Greenland high builds towards Iceland.

OUTLOOK FOR THE WEEKEND

Temperatures 8° by day, 3° to 5° overnight.

FRIDAY 27th: Sunshine and showers, these perhaps occasionally heavy. F5 SW winds increasing F6 in and around showers. Further showers overnight F5-6 SW winds. **Sea State:** Mostly rough at W 3 to 4 metre. East of Shetland moderate at W 2 metre.

SATURDAY 28th: Sunny spells and showers. F6 to gale F8 WNW winds. Cloud thickening overnight as winds back F6-7 SW to S with rain by dawn.

Sea State: Very rough or high at W 5 to 8 metre. East of Shetland rough at W 3 to 4 metre.

SUNDAY 29th: A cloudy, wet and windy morning with F7 to gale F8 SW winds. Rain clearing to blustery showers by the afternoon as winds veer W F6-7 locally gale F8. **Sea State:** Rough or very rough at W 4 to 5 metre. East of Shetland rough at SW 3 or 4 metre.

FORECAST FOR NEXT WEEK

Temperatures 8° or 9° by day, possibly 10° Tuesday. Overnight around 5°. Colder later with 5° to 7° by day, 2° or 3° overnight.

MONDAY 30th: Bright or sunny spells between blustery showers accompanied by F7 to gale F8 WNW winds, these easing overnight. **Sea State:** Very rough or high at W 5 to 8 metre. East of Shetland rough at W 3 to 4 metre.

TUESDAY 31st: Cloudy with early showers, drier later though cloudy. Freshening W winds.

Sea State: Mostly rough at W 4 metre. East of Shetland moderate at W 2 metre.

WEDNESDAY 1st– SUNDAY 5th: Wednesday cloudy with patch drizzle and fresh NW winds. A colder cloudy end to the week with wintry showers and fresh or strong NW winds.

Sea State Wednesday: Rough at W 4 metre. East of Shetland slight or moderate at W 1 to 2 metre.

Dave Wheeler

