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Fair Isle Primary School News

Shoobox Small World Storytelling

We have been diving into the world of storytelling and creative writing in our Literacy lessons over the last two weeks. After creating our very own small worlds (made from shoeboxes) based on our own interests and curiosities, we set about planning and writing our very own imaginative stories connected to them. As you are about to find out, there were some rather wonderful plots devised and we used different writing skills each day to advance our stories and bring them to life. Happy Reading (you won't regret it).

Written by Luca (11)

On Friday the 24th August 2028 in a random film studio in Yorkshire, the film crew were rushing about setting up a big volcano and a pipe going into a big basin. Sam's extra-large boom was being made and Tim Creeper's harness and rope were being attached.

After the volcano was put up, they made a bright orange liquid out of lots of orange food colouring, milk and an anti-smelling agent to stop the milk from going off.

The next day Tim Creeper, with a big smile on his face, wandered over to inspect the volcano.

"What is this wretched smell?" he asked.

"It's the lovely cow's milk, the anti-smelling agent was probably a rip-off," Sam replied.

The crew, with all their complicated gadgets, started filming and that is where the film begins...

First, they filmed Tim Creeper drinking a cup of tea saying that he would love to visit one of the volcanoes on Mars and see what was in one. Then, he jumped up and said, "Wait! I have some bits of metal, a hammer and a wheelbarrow. I can make a rocket."

For the week of Tim building his rocket and him saying, "Ahh... gaffer tape will do," he had finished.

The film crew were filming Tim building his rocket, which was made of 59% gaffer tape and 2% effort. It was majestic.

It was launch day. Tim was wearing his launch clothes including: a colander, a pair of wellies and his lucky sock. He had a ceremony with a chocolate bar and his teddy bear. He said goodbye to his teddy and ate the chocolate bar. Slowly, he walked up to his rocket and put one foot in the rocket and it fell into five big



pieces.

“Oh well, it turns out that my lucky sock isn’t that lucky!” said Tim, while he watched a fly land on one of the five pieces.

After the incident, Tim walked to his favourite corner store and bought the newspaper (the film crew are still filming him). After he got home, he looked at the cover of the paper. It said,

THE MARS WAREHOUSE £35 per person.

Tim thought, “I could go there.”

And so he did. When he arrived at the Mars Warehouse, there was a sign saying, “Go Down A Volcano”.

When Tim went in, he paid, put his harness on and walked to the lady who was shouting, “Come and get lowered into a volcano!”

Tim had a rope tied to his harness and he started to get lowered into the volcano. When Tim was half in the volcano, it rumbled and then it did it again. Tim saw some orange liquid coming up. He gripped onto the side of the volcano, pulled himself up and jumped onto a platform. Luckily, the platform had a waterslide, and it took no time for Tim to fly down it.

The film studio, decorated to look like the warehouse, got wrecked by the milk, orange food colouring and the anti-smelling agent. And that is where the story finishes.



Written by Ander (8)

It was “derby day” at Adspark. It was Fair Isle F.C. vs Foula F.C.

Carolina was in the box. Whilst Carolina was preparing, the players in the tunnel were very excited. Peeeep! It was kick off! Luke scored! It was 1-0 to Fair Isle F.C. Up in the box, Carolina was having the time of her life.

There were cheers and shouts. Everyone was celebrating but the box started to wobble. Steve heard a shout and looked up. He saw the box wobble then there was randomly a wing, then another. Everyone else saw the wings. Carolina was feeling terrified. All the players ran to safety as the rocking got even worse. Carolina screamed for help. Then Carolina saw the emergency button. She pressed it... it did not work!

Then, a propeller sprouted. Carolina was even more terrified. The propeller started to spin and got faster and faster. Some of the players jumped for cover but some sprinted around in circles. Because Carolina was screaming, most of the players ran up the stairs to save her. Suddenly, the box flew away into some mysterious red mist. But Carolina was never, ever seen again.

Written by Khalicee (6)

They were happily playing until thunder and lightning began and Rosella got lost. Rosella saw a man drop from nowhere. She sat with the man for a bit then she swam away. She met her friend Fishalina and they saw the shell moving. Suddenly, there was a monster. They hid behind the pinecone tree. Mummy saved them. She swam to the secret door. It took her to the palace. She met the man again. They got married and swam around.



Da week dat's awa comes from the isle ranger Carla, currently mid-way through her second season here in the isle

Saturday

On Saturday morning, Steve gave me, along with a vanful of Obs guests, a lift down to the South Harbour where we joined David Parnaby for a beach clean. It was a pretty successful morning for our small army of volunteers, with 493 pieces of litter collected adding up to a whopping total of 59kg! Admittedly a lot of the total weight came from a tyre and some hefty (and very rusty) metal poles, but it was still a great effort from everyone involved! Usually, Ornithology Team afternoons off fall on a Sunday, but a look at the weather forecast shifted our plans a little meaning we had Saturday afternoon off instead. I ordinarily spend my afternoons off playing board games with Fyntan (and usually losing), so I headed down to Burkle and proceeded to lose at two games of Carcassonne. We then went to feed the caddies in what became quite a chaotic feed round. The caddies had made a break for it up to Quoy but were easily lured back with the promise of some milk, then one of the ewes in the next field had somehow managed to shut herself and her lambs in the cru. With the feed round having taken longer than anticipated it was a speedy cycle back up to the Obs for dinner – thank god for e-bikes!

Sunday

Sunday morning started off a little foggy, but it cleared perfectly in time for me to lead a guided walk up Vaasetter. My walk just about avoids the bonxie territories, so my guests get some lovely close bonxie views without the excitement (or maybe terror, as most people would refer to it) of being swooped. There were a few Puffins about on the cliffs which made for a lovely walk, and it stayed beautifully clear as we followed the coast, with Vaasetter then fogging over as we reached the Rippack and by the time we had got to the road to head back, everywhere was covered in fog! The afternoon forecast had looked so promising for some seabird work, but with our guillemot and razorbill plots requiring reasonable visibility and the fog lingering after lunch, we had to rethink our plans. This led to a rather lovely afternoon for myself, Alex, Tom and Luke, ringing wader chicks! This involves a good amount of standing watching chicks from a distance before approaching to find where they have hidden in the grass. Between four sites, we ringed a total of 9 lapwing chicks, 1 redshank chick, and 1 snipe chick, and had two very close encounters with a quail flushing from right under Luke and Tom's feet!



Monday

Monday morning bought in one of our biggest cruise ships of the season, Silver Wind, with around 240 passengers. I was meeting them at 8:30 but went down a little early as I often do when they come in the

north. Bunes lately has been a challenge, with puffin numbers extremely low, but they must've heard the Silver Wind was coming because suddenly there were hundreds present on the cliffs to delight the crowds! It was a lovely morning to be up there, and I was very pleased at the puffins' return, though someone must've told the passengers how good the cake at the hall is as despite the display of Puffins on offer, none of them stuck around on Bunes for very long! When the last passengers were leaving, I headed back down with them and walked up to the hall, a great opportunity for some networking with the cruise ship guides also heading that way! My first stop in the hall is always a slice of peat, before heading over to help Ruth out on the Obs stall. It was a busy day in the hall, and a very successful one for Ruth! The afternoon was occupied with guillemot and fulmar plot work, with the weather being much better than yesterday, and I was joined at my fulmar plot by a handful of puffins. I then headed to the shop to stock up on toothpaste and ended up having an impromptu ice cream break (necessary on a sunny day) with Eileen, Jonnie, Tracey and the kids, before heading back to the Obs to enter my counts and go and get my second puffin fix of the day up Bunes. My third and final venture up Bunes of the day came later in the evening, when I led a puffin walk for a handful of Marie's knitters.

Tuesday

Every 7-10 days, I spend a few hours walking around the north to some particular plots for Gannet productivity monitoring. I usually pick the day with the calmest and clearest forecast and today was perfect conditions for it! The plots I monitor are at Lerness, Dronger and Yellow Head, and the Matchi Stack plot at Lerness came with a nice surprise of the first Gannet chick of the year. My afternoon was spent out on a guided walk up to North Light and back, which began in glorious weather but ended on a much duller note with some very dark clouds sweeping in. Luckily, we made it back to the Obs in time to avoid the rain! AW Tom gave his first talk of the year in the evening, completing the first run through of our regular repeating talks for the Ornithology team.

Wednesday

A lack of interest in the guided walk I had on offer led to a morning of me making the most of the weather, cycling my way round the south to take some photos for some upcoming Fair Isle Friday social media posts. The afternoon was spent attempting to catch a bonxie for Ava, a visiting researcher collecting blood samples from birds to sequence their genomes for the Darwin Tree of Life project. After an initial failure, our second attempt was a success, catching the notorious BF in Homisdale, one of the most persistently swoopy bonxies around. It was then time for a team ice cream break at Stackhoull, where we managed to catch Robert just in time before he left for the plane. A trap round on our way back to the Obs resulted in several fledgling starlings caught in the Plantation, then it was a rare quiet evening for me.



Thursday

Another quieter morning for me, spent completing some admin jobs and trawling the archives for more photos for social media use, then the afternoon was spent on guillemot counts, a spot of birding, and my evening bar shift.

Friday

My morning started with a bit more time in the archives, then over to the museum for a very quiet Friday shift! A nice opportunity to have a look through some of the folders of photos. It was then up to the school after lunch for a very productive rock-pooling session with Luca, Ander, Khalicee, Brodie, Jonathan and Hollie. We found plenty of shore crabs, a sea urchin, several cushion stars, grey sea slugs and a mysterious large fish that evaded capture!

Carla, FIBO

ISLE NOTICES

- **Chapel this weekend** – there will be a service in the Chapel on Sunday at 11am, led by Dave B. All very welcome to join
- **Fair Isle Museum 40th Anniversary** - The George Waterston Memorial Centre celebrates 40 years on Friday 19th June. To celebrate, all are warmly invited to the museum from 4-6pm for a celebratory toast or cuppa and to see the exhibits and some photos from the opening ceremony in 1986 (*if anyone has photos from the opening event in 1986 which you'd be willing to share, please get in touch with Eileen asap*)
- **Cruise ship visit** – the next cruise ship visit is another large one, *Hanseatic Spirit* (c200 pax), which will be visiting the isle on Saturday 20th. Guests will be coming ashore in the morning to visit the Hall and Museum from 0900-1200, these will also be open to all islanders and visitors for craft sales and homebakes.
- **Fair Isle Bird Observatory Grand Opening** - The grand opening of the Fair Isle Bird Observatory will take place on the weekend of 20th June. There will be events over the weekend to celebrate the reopening of the Obs. Isle residents will receive an email invite with specific details this weekend.
- **Fair Isle Running Festival** – a date for the diary! Fair Isle Running Festival 10k and Half Marathon Saturday 4th July 2026 (*see more info below*)
- **Fair Isle Committee quarterly meeting** –a reminder about the Fair Isle Committee Meeting on Wednesday 24th June 2026 from 7:30pm till 9pm, in the Committee Room at Fair Isle Hall. All residents are, of course, welcome to attend. If anyone has any items for the agenda, please could you email both myself and Eileen with them in plenty of time. Similarly, any reports from other committees that anyone wishes to submit would be welcomed in advance too.
Jonathan, FIC Secretary & Treasurer

Fair Isle Running Festival
10k and Half Marathon
Saturday 4th July 2026

Hi everyone. The date for the 10k and half marathon is fast approaching, and it has been brilliant to see lots of folk pulling on their running shoes and having a bash at some training. Here are a few more details about the day itself, along with the routes.



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As ever, any questions please message JP. All welcome to run, regardless of ability

Start Times

The half marathon will begin at **10:00am** with the 10k runners setting off at **10:30am**. Please arrive and “register” at least ten minutes before the run begins so we know how many runners will be out on the course.

The Route

The half marathon route is as follows:

Begin at Field road end >>> Hall >>> North Light >>> back to Hall >>> North Light (again) >>> South Light (via the west road) >>> back to Jimmy’s Garage.
Exactly 13.1 miles or 21km.

The 10k route is as follows:

Begin at Hall >>> North Light >>> past Fire Station down the middle road >>> finish is just before Burkle.
Exactly 6.2 miles or 10km.

There will be a table with water or where water bottles can be left outside the hall.

The Finish

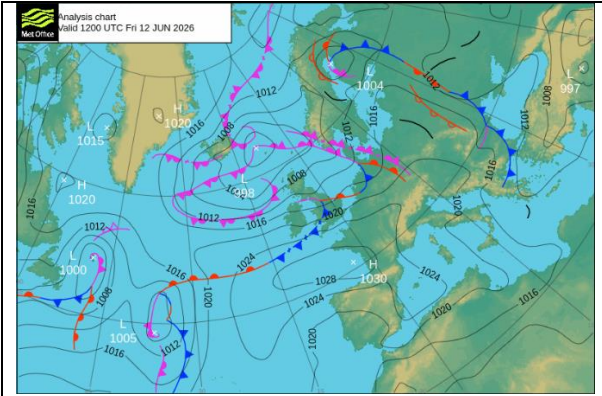
Light refreshments and drinks at Burkle (big thanks to Hollie and Deryk) afterwards to celebrate everyone’s achievements. Every finisher gets a free medal (which will have a ribbon but please see attached picture).

Volunteers

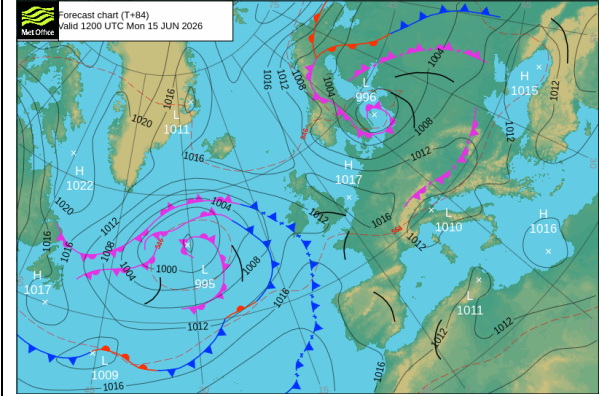
It would be great to have a few marshals to be stationed at North Light, Hall and timekeepers at the finish so we can officially time the runs. Anyone interested please contact JP.



FAIR ISLE WEATHER FORECAST



**Analysis Chart 1200 UTC
Friday 12th June 2026**



**Forecast Chart 1200 UTC
Monday 15th June 2026**

GENERAL SITUATION Friday 12th June 2026

With pressure low from south of Iceland eastwards to the Norwegian coast a showery westerly airflow covers Scotland. As low pressure moves east a north-westerly airflow follows for the weekend, easing Monday as a weak ridge briefly builds. This is quickly followed by a freshening south-easterly airflow ahead of a frontal system pushed northeast by an Atlantic depression tracking northeast between Scotland and Iceland. The week ends with a north-westerly airflow as the low continues north.

OUTLOOK FOR THE WEEKEND

Temperatures 12° to 14° by day. 9° or 10° overnight.

SATURDAY 13th: Starting cloudy with chance of showers or perhaps a longer spell of rain then drier and brighter. F5 NW winds. **Sea State:** Mostly moderate at W 2 metre. East of Shetland slight or moderate at S 1 to 2 metre.

SUNDAY 14th: Rather cloudy with brighter or sunny spells. F5 NW winds. **Sea State:** Mostly moderate at W 2 metre. East of Shetland slight or moderate at S 1 to 2 metre.

FORECAST FOR NEXT WEEK Temperatures 12° or 13° by day, 8° or 9° overnight.

MONDAY 15th: Mostly dry though cloudy with moderate or light NE winds. **Sea State:** Slight or moderate at NNW 1 to 2 metre. **TUESDAY 16th:** Rather cloudy though mainly dry with some sunny spells, a light E breeze freshening SE later. Chance of rain overnight. **Sea State:** Mostly slight at NNE 1 metre. **WEDNESDAY 17th – SUNDAY 21st:** Cloudy with rain and SE winds on Wednesday and Thursday with fresh S'yly winds. Then cloudy with showers as winds veer SW to W tending NW later. **Sea State Wednesday:** Moderate or rough at S 2 to 3 metre. **Dave Wheeler**

