



NEWSLETTER

April - June 2024

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OUR NEW [WEBSITE](https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sh/midyelljuniorhigh/) AND
[FACEBOOK PAGE](https://www.facebook.com/p/mid-yell-junior-high-school-100063692755083). THIS WILL
KEEP YOU UP TO DATE WITH
THE MOST RECENT GOINGS
ON IN THE SCHOOL.

SPACEPORT VISIT

SECONDARY PUPILS FROM MYJHS VISITED THE NEWLY OPENED SPACEPORT AT SAXAVORD, UNST.

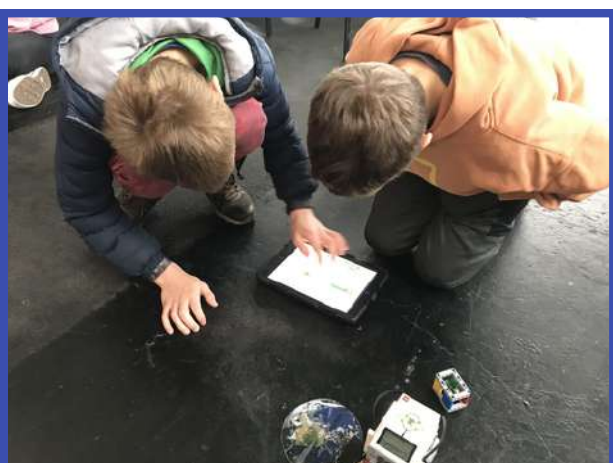
THE DAY STARTED WITH A PRESENTATION FROM RFA (ROCKET FACTORY AUGSBURG) ABOUT WHAT THE CENTRE IS HOPING TO ACHIEVE AND ABOUT CAREERS IN THE SPACE INDUSTRY. RFA STRESSED THAT IT WAS NOT ALL ABOUT SCIENCE AND ENGINEERS, BUT ALSO THE NEED FOR CODERS, ACCOUNTANTS AND SUPPORT STAFF.

THE REST OF THE EVENT WAS SPLIT INTO FOUR ACTIVITIES:

- 1. A TRIP ALONG SOME VERY BUMPY AND UNEVEN ROADS TO THE LAUNCH SITE. HERE WE WERE DRIVEN AROUND THE SITE, LOOKING AT THE OLD WORLD WAR 2 STRUCTURE, IN AMONGST THE MODERN TECHNOLOGY. THE SITE IS STILL VERY MUCH A BUILDING SITE WITH ONLY LAUNCH PAD 1 BUILT.**
- 2. TO BUILD, USING NEWSPAPER AND MASKING TAPE, A LAUNCH CRADLE AND THEN THE LARGEST ROCKET THAT COULD BE SUPPORTED BY THE CRADLE. TWO OF THE ROCKETS WERE NEARLY TWO METRES HIGH.**
- 3. USING LEGO MINDSTORM ROBOTS. THE STUDENTS HAD TO PROGRAM THEIR ROBOT TO ORBIT A PICTURE OF THE EARTH, THUS SIMULATING A SATELLITE. ONCE THEY HAD MASTERED THAT, THEIR SECOND TASK WAS TO ORBIT THE EARTH, LOCATE A LEGO STRUCTURE PRETENDING TO BE A SATELLITE, HOOK IT IN THE ROBOT'S GRAB AND RETURN TO EARTH.**
- 4. USING LEGO MINDSTORMS, IN THIS CHALLENGE THEY HAD TO DESIGN, AND BUILD A ROBOT THAT COULD TRAVEL A COURSE OF THREE METRES, TURN ONCE IT REACHED A LINE AND THEN RETURN TO THE START. THE STUDENTS HAD A RANGE OF DIFFERENT SENSORS THAT THEY COULD USE, INCLUDING ONE THAT DETECTED COLOUR AND ONE FOR DISTANCE. USING THE VARIOUS SENSORS THEY WERE ABLE TO CODE THE ROBOTS TO TURN ON REACH THE 3 METRE LINE.**

OUR STUDENTS REPRESENTED THE SCHOOL WELL, ASKING QUESTIONS, SHOWING GREAT TEAM WORK SKILLS AND COMPLETING ALL THE TASKS AND CHALLENGES ASK OF THEM. WELL DONE TO THEM ALL AND WE HOPE THAT ONE OR TWO OF THEM HAVE BEEN INSPIRED BY THE DAY TO SEEK A CAREER IN SPACE AT SAXAVORD IN THE FUTURE.

BIG THANKS TO EMMA SPENCE DYW CO-ORDINATOR FOR ORGANISING THIS TRIP.



BOOKBUG WEEK

BOOKBUG WEEK RAN THIS YEAR FROM 13–19 MAY 2024.

THIS YEARS THEME IS “BOOKBUG SAYS HELLO!”, CELEBRATING THE MANY LANGUAGES SPOKEN BY FAMILIES ACROSS SCOTLAND.

WE EXCITEDLY SAID OUR “HELLOSI!” TO BOOKBUG DURING TWO EVENTS HELD IN OUR SCHOOL, ON TUESDAY AND THURSDAY OF THIS WEEK.

ON TUESDAY, WE HELD A BIG BOOKBUG SESSION WITH PRE-SCHOOL, NURSERY AND LOWER PRIMARY PUPILS, INVOLVING LISTENING TO A STORY, PLAYING GAMES AND SINGING.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED ON THURSDAY BY OUR MINI BOOKBUG SESSION WITH NURSERY PUPILS, LISTENING, PLAYING AND SINGING, HELD OUTSIDE IN THE SUNSHINE.

CURIOUS FOR MORE ABOUT BOOKBUG? TAMMIE IN THE LIBRARY IS YOUR GO-TO PERSON FOR ALL THINGS BOOKBUG-RELATED.



PLAY

THE BAIRNS CONTINUE TO LEARN, GROW AND DEVELOP THROUGH THEIR PLAY IN THE MIDDLE ROOM, LEARNING IN WAYS AND AT A PACE THAT SUITS THEM, CHALLENGING THEMSELVES AS THEY GO! WE ARE CONTINUALLY DEVELOPING OUR PLAY PEDAGOGY, TO EMPOWER THE BAIRNS TO REALISE THAT THEY CAN BE IN CHARGE OF THEIR OWN LEARNING, TAKING AN ACTIVE ROLE IN WHAT AND HOW THEY LEARN.



On Wednesday 8 May 2024, the school hosted our annual YPI final – The Youth Philanthropy Initiative (YPI), involving S3 from Mid Yell and Baltasound Junior High Schools.

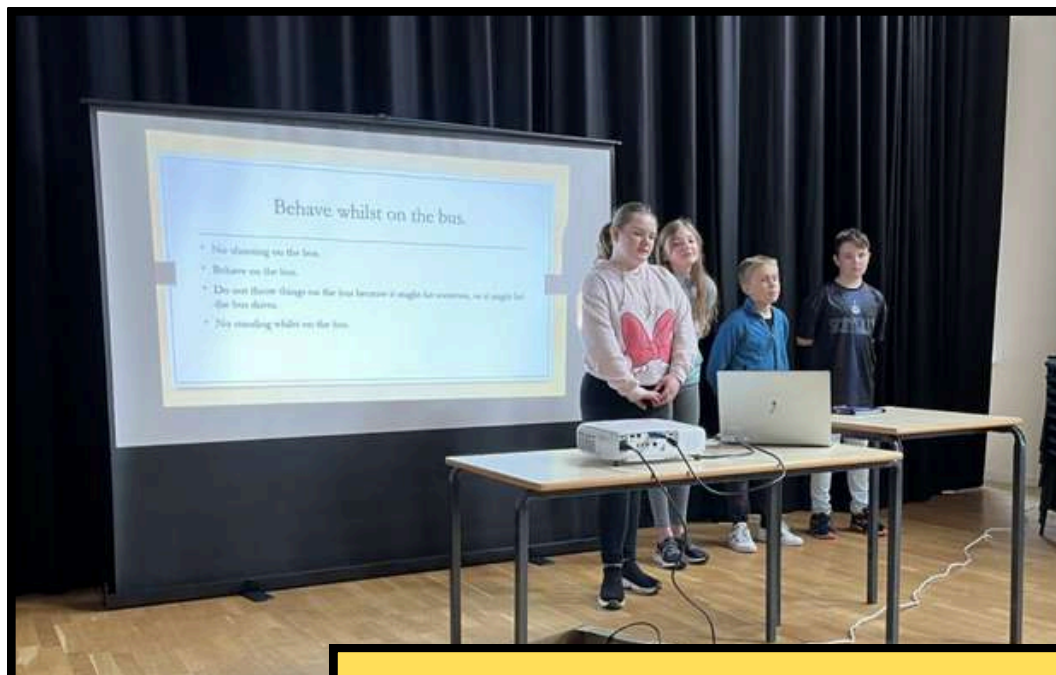
YPI is an initiative managed and funded (with contributions from schools and partner organisations) by The Wood Foundation. The initiative was launched in 2008 and involves schools all over Scotland. “YPI fits our school values of ‘Learning at the Heart of our ISLAND’. It helps to build a culture and puts the values into action – Inclusive, Supportive, Learning, Aspirational, Nurturing and Developing.

This year, there were a total of five teams – three from Mid Yell and two from Baltasound, each choosing a social issue and then selecting a Shetland based charity to support. This year, the charities represented were: The Compass Centre; Ability Shetland; Space2Face Shetland; Mind Your Head; and Shetland Bereavement Support Service. The level of work and commitment of all the teams in engaging with and researching their chosen charity was evident to all and all the teams delivered presentations of a very high standard. All teams spoke passionately, raising awareness of each charity of the vital role they play in supporting Shetland community. All described how completing this project had developed their wider skills, including: confidence, taking initiative, communication, independence, responsibility and supporting each other. These greatly impressed the judges who had a tough task in deciding who would win the final and have the opportunity of presenting a cheque for £3000 to their charity.

After careful consideration, the judging panel selected the Mid Yell JH team who had presented on behalf of Shetland Bereavement Support Service: Honey Henderson, Chloe Kennedy, Aaron Kennerly and Hunter Coutts.



WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



ON MONDAY 10 JUNE 2024 WE HAD AN ASSEMBLY TO SHARE LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENTS. THE ASSEMBLY BEGAN WITH OUR JUNIOR ROAD SAFETY OFFICERS SHARING THEIR PRESENTATION ON HOW TO TRAVEL SAFELY TO SCHOOL ON THE BUS. THEIR KEY MESSAGES WERE: WAIT SAFELY, DON'T DISTURB THE DRIVER, TAKE YOUR SEAT AND ALWAYS WEAR YOUR SEAT BELT. SECOND ITEM SAW THE SCHOOL CELEBRATING OUR HOME ECONOMIC PUPILS ACHIEVING THEIR ELEMENTARY FOOD HYGIENE CERTIFICATE. HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO THEM. FINAL ITEM CAME FROM OUR PUPIL COUNCIL – THEY SHARED THEIR CREATIVE POSTER PROMOTING SAFE USE OF THE SCHOOLS LAPTOPS.



Mid Yell Junior High
School

Invite you to their

**OPEN
EVENING
& PRIZEGIVING**

Tuesday 25th June 2024

6pm - 8pm

Tea, Coffee and Fancies
Available



WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

**THE LAST DAY OF TERM WILL BE FRIDAY 28TH JUNE AND ALL PUPILS WILL RETURN TO SCHOOL ON
WEDNESDAY 14TH AUGUST.**