



# NEWSLETTER

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**PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT OUR NEW WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE. THIS WILL KEEP YOU UP TO DATE WITH THE MOST RECENT GOINGS ON IN THE SCHOOL.**

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO JOINED US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NIGHT! IT WAS A WONDERFUL EVENING, CELEBRATING THE HARD WORK OF OUR PUPILS, WHO CREATED A WIDE RANGE OF HANDMADE GIFTS, AND ENJOYING STALLS FROM TALENTED MEMBERS OF OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.**

**EVENTS LIKE THIS HELP US TO:**

**RAISE IMPORTANT FUNDS FOR SCHOOL PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES – WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY.**

**PROVIDE PUPILS WITH REAL-LIFE ENTERPRISE EXPERIENCE, OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY, AND DEVELOP AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS.**

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR HELPING MAKE THE NIGHT SUCH A GREAT SUCCESS!**



# BATTEN DOWN THE HATCHES

ON WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER OUR PUPILS ROLLED UP THEIR SLEEVES FOR OUR ANNUAL "BATTEN DOWN THE HATCHES" SESSION, WORKING TOGETHER TO PREPARE AND TIDY OUR SCHOOL GROUNDS AND PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR THE WINTER MONTHS. PUPILS WORKED IN THEIR HOUSE TEAMS—LUMBISTER, BREKON, REAFIRTH, AND ARISDALE— USING THEIR SKILLS: LEADERSHIP, INITIATIVE, COMMUNICATION AND DETERMINATION. DESPITE THE SHOWERS, EVERYONE EMBRACED THE SPIRIT OF "THERE'S NO WRONG WEATHER, ONLY THE WRONG CLOTHES" ! ACROSS THE SCHOOL GROUNDS, PUPILS TACKLED A WIDE RANGE OF IMPORTANT JOBS:

- STACKING TYRES, CRATES, AND BOXES NEATLY
- REMOVING TOYS, CRATES, AND RUBBISH FROM THE GRASS
- SWEEPING STONES OFF THE PLAYGROUND
- DIGGING UP THE REMAINING TATTIES
- DIGGING OVER THE YARD AND COVERING IT WITH PLASTIC
- COLLECTING RUBBISH
- A BALL HUNT THROUGH THE DITCHES
- TIDYING VERGES AROUND THE PLAYGROUND AND PATHS
- WEEDING THE FLOWERPOTS AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL
- CLEANING MOSS FROM THE PATHS USING BRUSHES AND WATER

OUR S3 PUPILS ALSO DESERVE SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP. THEY TOOK RESPONSIBILITY FOR DELEGATING TASKS AND SUPPORTING THE YOUNGER MEMBERS OF THEIR TEAMS.

A HUGE WELL DONE TO ALL PUPILS, STAFF AND PARENT HELPERS INVOLVED. YOU DID A WONDERFUL JOB, WORKED BRILLIANTLY TOGETHER, AND HELPED MAKE OUR SCHOOL GROUNDS SAFE, TIDY, AND READY FOR WINTER.

**GREAT WORK, EVERYONE!**



## BOOK WEEK



**MRS FRASER DELIVERED THIS YEAR'S BOOK BAGS TO OUR LOWER PRIMARY CLASS. THEY ARE FULL OF BOOKS, STATIONARY AND ACTIVITIES TO KEEP OUR YOUNG LEARNERS AMUSED. WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED LOOKING THROUGH THESE WITH YOUR CHILD/REN!**

## CPR TRAINING

**DURING WIDER ACHIEVEMENTS TIME LAST TERM, OUR S1 PUPILS COMPLETED CPR TRAINING USING THE BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION LEARNING RESOURCES, INCLUDING THE RESUSCI ANNIE MANIKIN. THEY PRACTICED CHEST COMPRESSIONS, RESCUE BREATHS AND USING AN AED. PUPILS DISCOVERED HOW QUICK ACTION CAN MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN AN EMERGENCY. BY LEARNING CPR, THEY GAINED CONFIDENCE, A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND THE SKILLS TO HELP OTHERS.**





**OUR SCHOOL HAD A LOVELY DAY SUPPORTING CHILDREN IN NEED. THE DAY WAS ORGANISED BY OUR S2 PUPILS WHO RAN A COFFEE MORNING, PIN THE PATCH ON PUDSEY, COLOURING IN ACTIVITIES AND THE CROSSBAR CHALLENGE. PUPILS HAD THE OPTION TO COME TO SCHOOL IN PYJAMAS AND CARRY THEIR THINGS IN "ANYTHING BUT A BAG," WHICH MADE FOR AN INTERESTING WALK ALONG THE CORRIDOR! WHEELIE BINS, CREELS, WHEEL BARROWS, DRAWER TO NAME A FEW!**

**THANKS TO THE AMAZING SUPPORT FROM OUR PUPILS, STAFF, AND LOCAL COMMUNITY, WE RAISED AN INCREDIBLE £826.71 FOR CHILDREN IN NEED.**



**ON WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2025, ADAM FROM SANDISONS VISITED OUR S4 LIFESKILLS CLASS TO SHARE ADVICE, HINTS, AND TIPS ON INTERVIEW SKILLS AHEAD OF THE DYW MOCK INTERVIEW PROJECT.**

**LAST TERM, PUPILS REFINED THEIR CVS AND APPLIED FOR A RANGE OF POSITIONS, INCLUDING DENTAL NURSE, CIVIL ENGINEER, JOURNALIST, JOINER, AND FARM WORKER. THIS TERM, THEY TOOK PART IN MOCK INTERVIEWS WITH A VARIETY OF LOCAL EMPLOYERS TO PRACTISE THEIR INTERVIEW SKILLS AND PREPARE FOR THE WORLD OF WORK.**

**THANK YOU, ADAM, FOR TAKING TIME OUT OF YOUR DAY TO SUPPORT AND INSPIRE OUR PUPILS! A BIG THANK YOU AS WELL TO DYW AND OUR LOCAL EMPLOYERS FOR GIVING UP THEIR TIME TO INTERVIEW PUPILS AND PROVIDE VALUABLE FEEDBACK.**



**NURSERY**



**OUTSIDE, THE CHILDREN SET TO WORK, CONSTRUCTING A SQUARE HOUSE BY COUNTING DOTS ON BOARDS TO ENSURE EACH WALL MATCHED PERFECTLY. THEY ALSO FIGURED OUT HOW TO BUILD WINDOWS AND STAYED FOCUSED FOR QUITE SOME TIME.**

**INSIDE, THE CHALLENGE WAS TO BUILD A HOUSE FOR FOUR PEOPLE, AND THEY MANAGED TO FIT FIVE. WITH SOME BLOCKS LEFT, THEY DECIDED TO CREATE A PEN FOR THE ANIMALS. HOWEVER, THEY SOON NOTICED A MIX OF WILD AND FARM ANIMALS, SO THEY SORTED THEM AND BUILT SEPARATE PENS FOR EACH SPECIES. THEY LABELED THE PENS, COUNTED THE ANIMALS, AND ADDED NUMBER TAGS, DEMONSTRATING EFFECTIVE TEAMWORK AND PROBLEM-SOLVING. THEY KEPT BUSY ALL AFTERNOON AND CONTINUED INTO THE NEXT MORNING.**

# REMEMBRANCE 2025

**OUR S1 PUPILS HAVE BEEN BUSY CREATING A BEAUTIFUL WINDOW DISPLAY FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY. WORKING IN GROUPS, EACH TOOK ON A DIFFERENT POPPY COLOUR TO RESEARCH AND DESIGN A DISPLAY FOR – LEARNING ABOUT THE MEANING BEHIND EACH POPPY AND WHAT THEY REPRESENT.**

**OUR S3 AND S4 HISTORY CLASSES HAVE BEEN USING THE SHETLAND ROLL OF HONOUR TO RESEARCH AND COMMEMORATE SOLDIERS FROM YELL WHO SERVED IN WW1. THEY HAVE CREATED A THOUGHTFUL DISPLAY TO HONOUR THEIR MEMORY AND SACRIFICES.**



## CAREERS WEEK

**DYW SHETLAND (EMMA SPENCE) TEAMED UP WITH SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND (VALIA ANGUS) FOR A CAREERS EVENT AT MID YELL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL!**

**PUPILS HAD THE CHANCE TO EXPLORE LOTS OF EXCITING CAREERS AND THEIR PATHWAYS, LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT DYW AND SDS CAN SUPPORT WITH, AND TAKE PART IN HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES TO HELP THEM THINK ABOUT THEIR FUTURE CAREERS.**

**WELL DONE TO BOBBY FOR WINNING THE CAREERS QUIZ!**

**A BIG THANK YOU TO VALIA AND EMMA FOR ORGANISING THIS EVENT – THE PUPILS HAD A BRILLIANT DAY!**



**A HOME FOR HAMISH –  
THEATRE PRODUCTION**

**ON FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER 2025  
OUR NURSERY AND LOWER  
PRIMARY PUPILS ENJOYED A  
LIVE PERFORMANCE FROM  
THEATRE IN SCHOOLS  
SCOTLAND.**

**THE PERFORMANCE WAS  
CALLED A HOME FOR HAMISH  
AND INVOLVED A MIXTURE OF  
INTERPRETIVE DANCE AND  
SIGN LANGUAGE TO SHOW THE  
STORY OF MARY AND HER  
IMAGINARY FRIEND HAMISH  
THE HAGGIS AS THEY  
TRAVELLED ACROSS  
SCOTLAND TO FIND THE  
PERFECT NIGHTS SLEEP.**

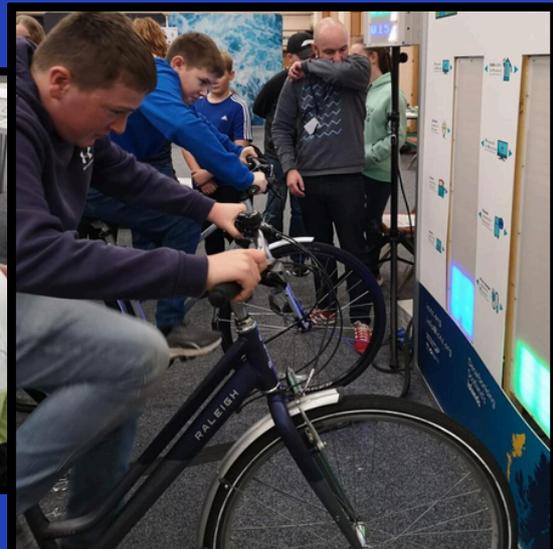


**SCIENCE FAIR**

**OUR S1-S3 PUPILS ATTENDED A SCIENCE FAIR IN LERWICK ALONG WITH PUPILS  
FROM BJHS.**

**THE PUPILS TOOK PART IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT WORKSHOPS FROM THE  
BOTANICAL GARDENS, THE ROYAL ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SCOTLAND AND  
THE UHI, EXPLORING TOPICS FROM PLANT GROWTH AND SOIL TO MARINE LIFE  
AND LOCAL FISHING.**

**OTHER WORKSHOPS INCLUDED HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES IN ENGINEERING,  
CREATING ROCKETS, CLIMATE CHANGE AND A PORTABLE PLANETARIUM. THE  
PUPILS THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THE DAY!**



# THE STARS COME OUT FOR CHRISTMAS + SECONDARY MUSICAL ITEMS



**MID YELL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

**TUE 16<sup>TH</sup>  
DEC | 7PM**

**PLEASE COME ALONG FOR A FUN FILLED  
NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT!**