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March 2022 Newsletter

Where has the term gone? We can't believe that there is only three weeks until we break up for the Easter holidays!

Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome Lee Paton, as full-time Support Worker, in the Nursery. We are also very grateful to have extra support for the term from Vaila Knight and Louise McKnight.

Some not so good news (for us!) is that Mrs Sheila Morrison, LSW (Learning Support Worker) for many years in the school, has decided to retire at the end of the summer term. This news has been made more bearable knowing that her hours will be split between our other LSWs providing consistency and continuity to the bairns in school.

Parents' Evenings

It was lovely to catch up with parents recently at our on-line video appointments. We would be interested to hear your opinions about this experience, so we know whether to offer it again in the future, if f2f appointments are not able to take place. Please log in below to take part in this very short survey. The survey will remain open until Sunday 20 March.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKQKRIQTHUNKuOQjbQvjDTdUMzFPQOMwSVdOUEtYWDdaOTBCTlcxUVhUVC4u>

P4-7 Netball Club

Mrs Louise Moar and Mrs Emily Williamson have been busy practising with the bairns and they are looking forward to playing their first fixtures on Monday at Brae Games Hall. We hope the bairns enjoy themselves and wish them good luck.

Young Leaders and P5 Fun Club

Sanna Onhausz, our Active School's Co-ordinator, is working with the P6 pupils to help them achieve their Young Leader's Awards. She is also running a fun lunchtime club to provide an opportunity for our P5s to come back together and have fun, after being split between two different classes for this academic year.

Donation of Junk/Newspapers

One of our Golden time activities on Friday afternoons, provides the pupils with the opportunity to engage in creative and imaginative modelling using a variety of 'junk' materials. Please could you send in any cardboard boxes, clean yogurt pots etc. and also any newspapers that you no longer require (Shetland Times and broadsheets, if possible).

Reminders

Please could you check that your child brings their blue homework folder/diary to school each day and could the pupils who were allocated devices (ipads or laptops) to access during lockdown/remote learning, leave them in class or ensure that they bring them to school each day.

CAR PARK SAFETY:

- **Drive Slowly**
- **Arrive before 14:55**
- **Reverse park**
- **If you arrive after 14:55, or need to leave in a hurry, park down by the Hall**
- **DO NOT leave the car park whilst children are still exiting the school**

Lost Property

We have quite a collection of garments in our box. Each class has had access to the box in the hope that pupils can identify things that belong to them, but there are still many items left. We hope to photograph the items and put these on the school blog so that parents have the opportunity to identify missing items and can then contact the school to have them returned.

Please remember to put names on any items that may be removed in school - jackets, hats, hoodies etc. so that they can be quickly returned to their rightful owner.

Comic Relief/Red Nose Day - Friday 18 March

You should have received an email recently about Comic Relief. The Pupil Council are planning some fun activities for classes to celebrate and raise money for this charity.

- Red noses will be sold (£1.50) on the day, but pupils must take them home to wear, due to Covid mitigations.
- Pupils can come to school in their PJs/Dressing Gowns/Onesies.
- Classes will have the opportunity to have a go at:

- Find the Red Nose Treasure Hunt, Guess the Cuddly Toy's Birthday, 3 Dice - High Score Challenge, Fortune Telling, Guess the Number of Marbles in the Jar, Play Your Cards Right, Roll a Coin (target), Hoola Hoop Challenge, Flip a Frog Game, Design a Flag, Nail Painting

All these activities will be provided free to each pupil, however, we would ask that if you are able, please could you make a donation, via the link below, to help us raise money for this worthy cause.

To find out about how your donations will be spent visit:

<https://www.comicrelief.com/what-your-money-does>

To make a donation to our school collection:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=6367>

Class & Nursery Blogs

Remember to check out the Blogs to see what's been going on:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sh/tingwallnursery/>

P1 Blog: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sh/tingwallp12/>

P2/3 Blog: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sh/tingwallp23/>

P4/5 Blog: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sh/tingwallprim45/>

P5/6/7 Blog: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sh/tingwallprimary67/>

Covid-19 Guidelines

- Those who test positive for COVID-19 will still be advised to isolate for 10 days but there will now be an option to end isolation after seven days as long as they have no fever and record two negative lateral flow tests. One test must be no earlier than six days after testing positive and the other must be at least 24 hours after that.
- The second change applies to close contacts of positive cases, including household contacts, who are under 18 years and four months, or who are older than that and fully vaccinated (two doses of a vaccine and a booster). The requirement to self-isolate will be replaced by the requirement to take a lateral flow test every day for seven days.
- Over 18s who are not fully vaccinated will still be asked to isolate for 10 days and be asked to take a PCR test

- People who have symptoms should still book a PCR test. If you do not have symptoms and get a positive result using a lateral flow test, you do not have to book a PCR test. Instead, people should immediately isolate and report their results online so that contact tracing can begin.

PUPIL TERM DATES FOR SESSION 2022

Term 3 Thursday 6 January – Friday 1 April 2022
Spring holidays Monday 4 April – Monday 18 April 2022
(Spring Holidays include Easter Monday and Good Friday)

Term 4 Tuesday 19 April – Friday 1 July 2022

Occasional Holiday Dates until the end of summer term
Monday 18 April 2022
Friday 27 May 2022
Friday 3 June 2022