



# LET'S TALK GLAITNESS!

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## Fundraising/Charity News

### WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT

Last Friday, 26th September, 3 teams took part in the MacMillan Row at the Pickaquoy Centre. Each person had to row 2,000 metres and everyone achieved this in less than 10 minutes each! We believe over £400 will have been raised in sponsorship—thank you to everyone who supported us in this. Here's a list of the teams with a photo of everyone who took part

**May Contain Nuts:** Gary Ward, Corrine Corse, Pamela Scott, Vicky Duncan and Shona Firth

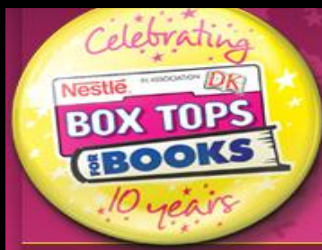


**Mixed Nuts:** Rev Allan McCafferty, Sharon Muir, Ingrid Mackenzie, Emma Rosie, and Kate Towsey

**Health Nuts:** Caroline Carroll, Inga Falconer, Frank Keenan, Anne McRae and Helen Killeen

### BBC Children in Need

Children in Need will be held on Friday 14th November. The theme this year is 'Do Something Different'. The Pupil Council are co-ordinating the event this year and are busy in search of inspiration as to how we can raise even more money this year for children and young people in need.



Help feed their minds with FREE DK books for your school



The Nestlé Box Tops Scheme offers free educational books from Dorling Kindersley in exchange for tokens found on Nestlé cereal box tops and cereal bar packs. Last year we converted the tokens gathered into 12 free books. How do you help? You simply collect tokens from Nestlé Cereals and post them into the school collection box in either the preschool or main reception foyer. You can check out more info on the scheme by clicking on this link: <http://www.boxtops4education.co.uk/parents/default.aspx>

## Eco Explorers Mega Sale

Just a reminder that donations of books, toys, games and outgrown school uniforms are still required for our parent evening sales next week. Monday 6th Oct is the last day for donations to be handed in.

**Thank you for your support!**

*The Eco Explorers*

## Parent Council Fundraising



The Parent Council are raising funds via the Yellow Moon catalogue

which accompanies this newsletter. Please quote the Parent Council reference number on the sticker when you place your order.



The Parent Council are running a Halloween disco on Friday 31st October (fancy dress optional).

6-7.15 for Pre-School to P3 Admission £1.50

7.30-9pm P4 to P7 Admission £2.00

## Disclosure Scotland

If you are willing to become more involved in school activities, ie to go out with classes on school trips etc, it would be helpful if you were Enhanced Disclosure Scotland checked. Disclosure Scotland provides an accurate and responsive disclosure service to enhance security, public safety and protect the vulnerable in society. Please call the School Office who will arrange for a form to be sent out to you. The form doesn't take long to fill in. There is no cost to yourselves. If you have any queries, click on the following link: <http://www.disclosurescotland.co.uk/faq.htm> for more info.



# Extra Curricular Club News



## FOOTBALL

Remaining session dates for block 1;

7th, 28th October  
4th, 11th, 18th, 25th November  
2nd December

## NETBALL

Remaining session dates for block 1;  
9th, 30th October  
6th, 13th, 20th, 27th November  
4th December

The Primary Schools Netball Knockout Tournament is being held this Saturday 4th October at Picky, commencing at 10.30. Please support our girls!

## OCTOPUSH

Remaining session dates for block 1:

21st, 28th October  
4th, 11th, 18th, 25th November  
2nd December

## BADMINTON

Badminton training sessions will be held at the Picky Centre from 5.30 - 6.30pm on Fridays from 31st October.

The dates for block 1 are;  
31st October  
7th, 14th, 21st, 28th Nov  
5th December

## Class News

### P2 go to see the lifeboat...

Last week on the life class two went sit on the life boat. We tried the drive on the sea and it looked silly. We look down in the pool and it was great fun.



### P5 Developmental Fours Football

Our Primary 5 pupils were invited to attend the Developmental Fours Football Festival on Friday 19th September at the Pickaquoy Centre. This festival was organised by the Orkney Islands Council's Active Schools and Sports Development Team in conjunction with the Scottish Football Association and Highland Football Academy. The Developmental 4 v 4's format was a great opportunity for girls & boys to participate in the game of football in a fun and enjoyable environment irrespective of their abilities.



### P7

### ...and get a visit from the police too!

As part of their Exploration and Emigration project, the P7s had a trip to Kirbister/Corrival Farm museums. They dressed in period costume and had the opportunity to try taste traditional Orkney food, ie bere and floury bannocks, cheese and red grape juice as a representation of the Bride's Cog.



# School Calendar 2008/2009

Autumn	P5 Hoy Trip		Thursday 2 October
	Primary Netball Knockout Competition		Saturday 4 October 2008
	Parents Evening—Eco Explorers selling toys, books, games, outgrown uniform		Tuesday 7 & Thurs 9 October 2008
	Scottish Opera Way Out West Repetiteur Workshop for P3/P4 pupils		Tues 7 October 2008
	P7 Nethybridge Trip Parents Meeting	7pm	Wednesday 8 October 2008
	Harvest Service at Pickaquoy Centre & End Term	2pm	Friday 10 October 2008
	End		Friday 10 October 2008
Winter	Start & In-Service	(staff) (pupils)	Thursday 23/Fri 24 October 2008 Monday 27 October 2008
	Tell-A-Story Day (everyone encouraged fancy dress on the theme of light and dark)	Fri 31 Oct	Fancy dress worn during day could be worn to the Parent Council disco in the evening
	Parent Council Disco (optional fancy dress)	Fri 31 Oct	Pre-School 6-7.15pm Admission £1.50 P4-P7 7.30-9pm Admission £2.00
	Primary Netball League Starts		Saturday 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Nov & 6 Dec 2008
	Scottish Opera Way Out West Performance/ Workshop for P3/P4 pupils		Tues 11 November
	Nethybridge Trip Payment 1 due		Fri 14 November
	Christmas Performances including nativity and carol singing instead of Christmas Service (details to follow later)		Week commencing 8 December 2008
	End		Friday 19 December 2008
Spring	Start		Monday 5 January 2009
	P6/P7 Primary Netball Tournament		Saturday 17 January 2009
	P4 & P5 Primary Netball Tournament		Saturday 31 January 2009
	In-Service		Thursday 12/Friday 13 February 2009
	Parents Evening		Tuesday 3 March 2009
	Parents Evening		Thursday 5 March 2009
	Easter Service at St Magnus Cathedral & End Term	2pm	Friday 27 March 2009
Summer	Easter Monday		Monday 13 April 2009
	Start		Tuesday 14 April 2009
	Make A Difference Day 4 (MADD4)		Wednesday 22 April 2009
	P7 Nethybridge Trip		Monday 27 April to Friday 1 May 2009
	Mid-term break		Monday 4 May 2009
	Junior Instrumental Course		Monday 11 May 2009
	Primary School Athletics		Thursday 28 May 2009
	Sports Day		Friday 29 May 2009
	End		Friday 26 June 2009
Autumn Term 2009	Staff start on Monday 17 August 2009 and Pupils start on Tuesday 18 August 2009		

## Light and Dark Story Telling Day—31<sup>st</sup> October 2008



We are taking part in the national Story Telling day on 31<sup>st</sup> October with a theme of light and dark. We are hoping to invite a variety of 'story tellers' to the school and also use the skills and talents of the staff within the school. To help set the mood, we would really like everyone in the school to dress up for the day on the theme of light and dark. This is not really a 'spooks and witches' theme (if one or two turn up that is fine), but rather focusing on the changing of the season from losing the daylight - so moons and stars would be appropriate or light and dark clothing would be good too. If any parent or grandparent would like to come in and tell a story please let me know by the end of term.

## More Info



Newlife is a charity dedicated to helping disabled and terminally ill children in the UK. The charity works to help any child who has a special need for equipment. For information about grants visit [www.newlifecharity.co.uk](http://www.newlifecharity.co.uk) or call 01543-468-888. If you are interested in fundraising for Newlife call Estelle on the number above. See the noticeboard in the foyer for lists of Approved Suppliers of specialist equipment.



The Salvation Army Bram Club is up and running again, they meet every Tuesday at the Salvation Army Hall, Junction Road. The times are;

6.15 - 7.15pm for P1 - P3

7.15 - 8.15pm for P4 - P6

8.15 - 9.15pm for P7

Please contact Betty Stanger on 874984 for further information.

## Home Learning Survey



Thank you from Margaret Pettet to those who completed and returned the Home Learning Survey. Just a reminder to others that the cut-off date for return is the last day of term, Friday 10th October.



## Strings Music Lessons

We have a new strings teacher in school on Mondays - Mrs Elizabeth Sullivan. She has some teaching slots available for any pupils who would like to start taking strings lessons. These lessons are for pupils who do not access lessons privately. If you would like your child (P4 - P6) to have the opportunity to learn the fiddle, please contact the school office. Any child who wishes to take part will be assessed by Mrs Sullivan and you will be notified if your child has been given a teaching space. If too many pupils' names come forward, we will create a waiting list, priority will be given to the older children.



## Tuck Shop

We are pleased to be trialling - after much taste testing, a new product in the tuck shop. They are a baked snack with no additives, and are able to be eaten by all. We are very grateful to Shearers for supplying the school at cost with this new product. The snack costs 45p a packet.

## School Closure Procedures



Information about school closures will be available from 7.30am every morning by phoning the Council's main switchboard number on 873535

You can also listen to Radio Orkney at 7.30 am and 12.55pm for school closure info.



If school is closed during the day, only school staff will call parents to advise of arrangements for getting pupils home.

Please don't call each other or the school unless absolutely necessary to ensure that home, mobile and school telephone lines are kept clear.

(Extra-curricular activities, ie badminton, netball, football and octopush are automatically cancelled if school is closed).

## And Finally...

We can't believe that this is the end of the first term, I do hope that you have all made your appointments with class teachers to discuss your child's progress. Don't forget that we will be selling items in the PE hall, so pop in and catch a bargain! During Parents Evening, we will be showing an 8 minute DVD for parents on the new 'Curriculum for Excellence', please take time to stop and watch the DVD. We will be having workshops for parents later in the year to show you how Glaitness has been working towards planning for this exciting new educational development.

HMI e - our inspection report will be published on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2008, parents will receive a copy a few days before this. We will be creating an action plan to address the areas for development, and we will be consulting with the Parent Council during this process, if you have any comments or suggestions, please send them to the Parent Council.

*Valerie Bleakley*