



# LET'S TALK GLAITNESS!

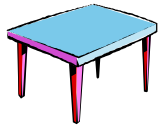
<http://www.glaitness.orkney.sch.uk>  
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## Fundraising

The Parent Council are continuing to focus their fundraising efforts on the purchase of items which help to support pupil education and wellbeing, ie speakers for SmartBoards, cushions.

### Tabletop Car Boot Sale



There will be a Tabletop Car Boot Sale in aid of Parent Council funds inside the school **this Sunday, 7th October 2007 1-3 pm.** There will be an assortment of things on sale. It would be great if you could donate too—if you haven't already been able to find the time to drop them off, bring your items along at 12pm on Sunday! The Parent Council have generously offered to provide a table free of charge for donations of Glaitness, Brownie, Scout, KGS school uniforms, sports and music equipment in good condition. Proceeds from this free table will be donated to the Nethybridge 2008 trip.

### Bake Sale



There will be a bake sale outside the Arena at the Harvest Service next Wednesday. All proceeds will be donated to the Nethybridge funds. The service takes place at 2pm. Pupils can be collected from classrooms after the service as usual.

### Yellow Moon



The catalogues accompany this newsletter. Parent Council Reps Wendy Dunnett and Ruth McCurrach have attached the source code on the back of the catalogue for you to quote when placing your order.

### Disco



The P7 parents are organizing a school disco for Nethybridge on Friday 9th November. Times and costs to be confirmed after the hols.

### School Photos



Special thanks to the following Parent Council Reps who helped to co-ordinate the school photo schedule: Alice Cant, Wendy Dunnett, Ruth McCurrach, Hazel Flett and Karen Jackson. We are hoping the sample photos will be back next week and will get them out to you as soon as possible.

## Holiday Absences

In accordance with the Education Department Policy for Absences, I am no longer able to authorise absences for any family holidays unless in exceptional circumstances. I am not allowed to authorise any absence for the following reasons:

- The availability of cheap holidays
- The availability of desired accommodation
- Poor weather experienced during summer holidays
- Holidays which overlap beginning or end of term

Parental difficulty obtaining leave - unless evidence from an employer states that leave cannot be granted during school holidays.

Any time that your child is not in school, all parents have a duty to inform the school why the child is away and when they expect them to return to school.

I am able to authorise absences for:-

- Medical/dental appointments
- Immediate family weddings
- Bereavements
- Religious observances
- Attendance at court
- Attendance at child care review
- Attendance at child hearing
- Lack of transport - including due to bad weather

Sporting or cultural events not arranged by the school, but approved by them

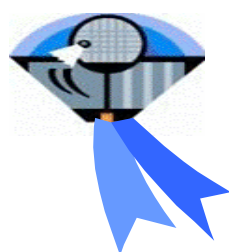
Should you wish to discuss this any further with me, please do not hesitate to contact me or your parent class rep.

*Valerie Bleakley*

## Extra Curricular Club News



Reminder that Football, Netball, Octopush and Badminton are still on next week. Clubs will resume the first week back after the October break.



### NETBALL LEADER APPEAL

Many thanks to Mrs Cook who has volunteered to help lead netball training along with Isla Flett and supported by the parents on the rota. If anyone is interested in coaching, training is available from Catherine Johnson of Active Schools.

### Parents Evening Appointments

Appointments will be taken by the school office after the holidays for the Parents Evenings on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th November. Please call Mrs Carroll to arrange your appointment. All class teachers (including ASN classes) plus Strings, Woodwind instructors and Mrs King will be available.



### Anti-Bullying Week

The dates for Anti-Bullying Week 2007 will be 19-23rd November.

Mrs Moira King will be co-ordinating events in the school. Further details will follow in the next newsletter on 2nd November.

### Jog Scotty

Chrissie Dearness, Claire Johnstone and Melanie Smith met Junior Jogscotland's Jog Scotty mascot when they collected their Jump 'n' Go pack last Friday 28th September at Papdale. The Scottish Co-operative is the main sponsor of junior jogscotland, a Scottish Athletics initiative which uses fun and accessible running-based games to encourage all children to get active. The games have been designed for children aged 7-11, but can be adapted for different age groups and abilities.



<http://www.jogscotland.org.uk/welcome>

### Class 7A Cake Sale

A BIG thank you to everyone who contributed to class 7A's cake sale on Friday 14th September. We raised a grand total of £64.44 which will be used for class activities/resources.

### Kyle Drever

Glaitness pupil Kyle Drever P7 was recently selected to represent Orkney in the under 12's B football squad. The Orkney teams, which consisted of the Under 12's A&B, Under 14's and Under 16's travelled to Shetland on Thursday August 30th and played their games the following day at the Clickimin Centre, after their victory (Orkney B 2 Shetland B 1) the boys had a brief visit to the Clickimin Centre's excellent pool facilities which include a Rapid River and Flumes before returning home on the 31st



## Fundraising/Charity News

**Thank you** so much to everyone who has been busy donating shoeboxes for the The Blythwood Care Shoebox Appeal.

Each class will be creating their own shoebox and have decided to fill for:

Pre-School: girl and boy

Class 1: girl

Class 1A: boy

Class 1/2: girl

Classes 3 and 3A: 7-8 yr boy and girl

Class 4: 8 yr boy and girl

Classes 5 and 5A: 9-10 yr boy and girl

Class 6: 10 yr

Class 7A: teenage girl

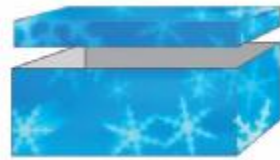
Class 7D: man

Class 7M: 11yrs boy and girl

There is still time to create one yourself (see instructions opposite) and/or donate items for the class boxes. To assist, the list of suggested items is printed again at the bottom of the page.

### Instructions:

1. Find a shoebox. Decide to fill it for a child, a teenager, a man or a woman.
2. Wrap your box and lid separately so that the lid can be removed without tearing the paper (see diagram below)
3. Gather the items and pack them into the box.
4. Remember that any goods disallowed by customs will be removed. No foods are permitted apart from sweets, but no loose sweets or lollies are allowed *\*Best Before Date : No earlier than July 08*
5. On the checklist, tick the



items you have put in your shoebox and note any not on the list.

6. Complete the checklist below, cut it out and secure the ticked checklist to the outside of the shoebox lid using sticky tape. Detach the donation envelope as instructed and place inside your shoebox.

7. Secure the lid with rubber bands. Custom regulations require Blythwood Care to check the contents of your box

8. In order for us to ensure Christmas Delivery, we have extended delivery for your shoeboxes/items to school by **Wed 10th October**. McAdie & Reeve will then transport the boxes to Blythwood free of charge!

Please tick items included and firmly secure this list on your shoebox lid.

### DESIRABLE ITEMS: Hat, Gloves, Socks, Toothbrush, Toothpaste

Suggested items (all items must be new):

Toiletries (NO TALCUM POWDER)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Miscellaneous	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soap/Shampoo/Shower gel	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Make-up	<input type="checkbox"/>
Face cloth/ Moist wipes/Sponge	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sewing Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deodorant	<input type="checkbox"/>	Household Candles	<input type="checkbox"/>
Moisturising Cream	<input type="checkbox"/>	Screwdrivers/Pliers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comb/Brush	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kitchen Utensils	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sanitary Products	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>NEW Stationery</b>	
Shaving foam/Razors	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pens/Pencils/Sharpener	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toothbrush and Toothpaste	<input type="checkbox"/>	Notepads/Colouring books	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>NEW Clothes</b>		Rulers/Rubbers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Underwear	<input type="checkbox"/>	Small Toy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Socks/Tights	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Sweets</b> * 'Best Before' date	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hat/Scarf	<input type="checkbox"/>	July 08	
Gloves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>NO CHOCOLATE</b>	
<b>Other Items</b> (T-Shirts/Pyjamas/Jumpers/Shirts) .....			
<b>(All items of clothing must be new)</b>			

### PLEASE CIRCLE WHO THE BOX IS FOR

Girl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Boy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teenage Girl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Teenage Boy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Woman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Man	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Dates for your Diary!

### Autumn 2007

Car Boot Sale Sunday 7th October 1-3pm  
 Harvest Service Wednesday 10th October, 2pm at Picky Centre  
 Shoebox Appeal Closes  
 End Term Friday 12 October 2007

### Winter 2007

Start (Staff) Thursday 25 October 2007  
 In-service Thursday 25/Friday 26 October 2007  
 Start (Pupils) Monday 29 October 2007  
 Disco Friday 9th November 2007  
 Newsletter 3 Friday 2nd November 2007  
 Parents Evening Tuesday 13th November 6-8pm (All Classes)  
 Parents Evening Thursday 15th November 6-8pm (All Classes)  
 National Anti-Bullying Week Monday 19th November 2007  
 Advent Fair Friday 30th November 2007 3-5.30pm  
 St Lucy Xmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Sat 1st December 2007  
 Newsletter 4 Friday 7th December 2007  
 Xmas Service Wed 19th December, 2pm  
 (to be held at St Magnus Cathedral)  
 Xmas Dinner Thursday 20th December  
 End Term Friday 21 December 2007

### Spring 2008

Start Monday 7 January 2008  
 Newsletter 5 Friday 18th January 2008  
 In-service Thursday 7/Friday 8 February 2008  
 Newsletter 6 Friday 15th February 2008  
 Newsletter 7 Friday 7th March 2008  
 Mid-term break Monday 24 March 2008  
 Easter Service Wed 26th March 2008, venue to be confirmed  
 End Term Friday 28 March 2008

### Summer 2008

Start Monday 14 April 2008  
 Mid-term break Monday 5 May 2008  
 Newsletter 8 Friday 9th May 2008  
 Newsletter 9 Friday 6th June 2008  
 Leavers' Service Wed 11th June 2008, venue to be confirmed  
 Sports Day To be confirmed  
 End Term Friday 27 June 2008  
 Autumn Term 2008 (Staff) Mon 18 Aug 08  
 (Pupils) Tues 19 Aug

## 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 and school telephone lines are kept clear.

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

**Have you notified us of any changes to your Emergency Contact Details?**

## And Finally...

Well, here we are nearly at the end of the first term, the school has settled down into a good routine and all new pupils and staff are now confidently walking around the school. We have had another busy four weeks with visits to SKara Brae by P3 and 3A, visit to the harbour by P2 and a visit from a Fire Engine as well! P7's went out again to Corrigan and Kirbister museums, the drama and writing work that has come from these visits is wonderful to see. A well done to our P6 hockey players, who attended the hockey festival and represented the school very well. It just leaves me to say have a great October break - I will try not to fall off any logs this year and will see everyone after the holidays. Don't forget to come to the Harvest Assembly next week.

*Valerie Blakely*

