



LET'S TALK GLAITNESS!

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Christmas Fayre

THANK YOU!



To everyone who supported us, and a thanks to all staff and pupils who made such beautiful items to buy. It was wonderful to see so many people which created the festive atmosphere. You helped to raise the grand sum of £557.90 towards school funds. Phoenix Trading Cards raised £46.39 for school funds also. The home bakes and treats were delicious. All the stalls were mobbed, look at the pictures below and see who you can spot! A special mention to our Parent Council who helped to set up, assisted wherever needed and sold refreshments and mince pies.



More News



Everyone enjoyed dressing up on the 'spotty day' and searched down the backs of sofas and pockets for coppers, generously raising £256.93. Thanks to Inga Falconer and Mharee Rendall for spearheading the success!



The Nestle Box Tops Scheme offers free educational books from Dorling Kindersley in exchange for tokens found on Nestlé cereal box tops and cereal bar packs. Remember to keep collecting and post into the box located in the main school entrance!



14 pupils took part in the Under-13 Orkney Badminton Association Competition on Sunday 2nd December. Well done to everyone who participated, and particularly to Victoria Linklater who won third place for the girls!



We had lots of workshops and activities during Anti-Bullying Week. There was a parents' presentation on Cyber-Bullying and people wore blue to show their support. Well done, Mrs King, for your hard work in preparing the activities and inspiring us during this successful week. Class 4 said: "our class were invited to a workshop by Class 7D. It was a fun way to get to know and understand each other and to share our thoughts and feelings on bullying."



Class 5 Ceilidh—here's photos of last Thursday's Ceilidh. Many parents attended to watch a fine production of music, comedy sketches, jokes, a variety of dance—expressive, disco, highland. There was something for everyone. Well Done Mrs McRae and Class 5!



Eco News



Eco Water Bottles.

The Eco Explorers group are promoting drinking of water in school for pupils and staff. They were also anxious to avoid unnecessary waste. Hence, we have ordered Eco Water Bottles available for sale from the school office at the cost of £1.50 each. These are made from recycled plastic and can be collected at school at the end of their lifespan and sent off to be 'remade'. We also have replacement caps available for sale. Please support our endeavours and thank to those who purchased them at our Christmas Fayre!



R,R,R, Eco Enterprise

Thank you to all who bought from our stall at the Christmas Fayre. We sold nearly all the items we had made! We have been very industrious and will continue to make things for the rest of this term.



Eco Explorers Book Stall

We have also successfully sold a number of books during Parents Evening and the Fayre. Thank you to all who bought them. We are trying to encourage reading as well as reusing books people no longer want. We raise £58 at the parents evenings alone. The money raised will go to support our playground developments this session.



Blue Peter



Blue Peter Appeal—The Eco Explorers Committee have made the decision to support Blue Peter's latest appeal, Disc-Drive. We therefore need you to support us by sending in any unwanted CD's, DVD's or computer games (in saleable condition). These will be passed on to Barnardo's who will sell them in their shops to raise much needed funds for young carers in the UK. Have a pre-Christmas clearout and send your discs into school. We will do the rest!!



Your child can take part in Fones4Schools, the leading UK mobile phone recycling campaign. By recycling old mobile phones through Fones4Schools, you will be helping to raised funds for our school and your child will gain prizes for the phones they collect, at the same time as helping the environment. The phones collected can be of any age and condition. A phone collection bag, prize check list and letter is included with this newsletter. Askfamily, friends and work colleagues if they have any old phones they can give you. There are prizes for every participant and the school gains £300 for every 200 mobile phones collected. The more phones you donate, the bigger the prize you can choose. Don't forget to complete and include the form in the collection bag when you hand in your collection bag to the school office! That way we know who donated and what prize you want.

Glaitness Health Nuts Recipe Book

—if you're still looking for that gift for the person who has everything, look no more! The Recipe Book will be on sale at the School Office from Wednesday of next week, priced at £5 per copy.

Glaitness Health
Nuts



Recipe Book
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Dates for your Diary!

Xmas Parties

14th Dec 1.45pm-3.30pm: Classes 5, and 6
17th Dec am Pre-School

17th Dec 1.45pm-3.30pm: Classes 1 and 2

18th Dec 1.45pm-3.30pm: Classes 3 & 4

20th Dec 1.45-3.30pm: Class 7

Classes 1A, 3A, 5A and 7A joining parties appropriate to their ages.



Xmas Lunch

Xmas school lunch will be held on Thurs 20th Dec.



Christmas Service

Wednesday 19th December
2pm in St Magnus Cathedral

After the service, all children will be escorted by school staff back to the school from where they can be collected as per normal.

A silver collection will be taken at the door for school funds

End of Term Friday 21st December

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,
(to be held at St Magnus Cathedral)

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, Picky Centre

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 octo-push are automatically cancelled if school is closed).



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

And Finally...

It was wonderful to see so many folk attend the Christmas Fayre, my sincere thanks to everyone for making it such a success, it is good to see the whole school community working together for the benefit of the children. We have had many successes again this term, with our pupils representing their school in a variety of activities, netball (top of the league!), football and more recently the St Lucy Festival and Youth Choir. Congratulations to all the children for being such great ambassadors for our school. Primary 5 produced a wonderful ceilidh to celebrate St Andrew's day which I am sure all those who attended really enjoyed - well done to P5 and Mrs McRae. Farewell to Mrs Currie at Christmas who is leaving to take up a new post in Aberdeen. We wish her every success and will advise of the new teaching partner for Mrs Muir in Class 3 shortly.

It just leaves me to wish you all a very peaceful Christmas and Happy New Year!

Valerie Bleakley

