




LET'S TALK GLAITNESS!

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Red Nose Day Friday 13th March 2009



 P5 organised a range of activities to raise money for Comic Relief. It was decided through class votes that our money will go towards helping children in Africa who have no homes and have to live on the streets. We have raised in the region of £500 so far but there is still more to come in!

We would like to say a huge thank you to all pupils, parents and staff who helped and supported us to achieve this impressive total.

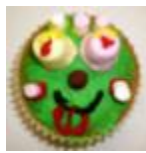


Red Nose hunt

We had a red nose hunt on Fri 6th that raised over £53! There were 67 noses hidden all round the school and the winners were: P7A Mark, P7 Maria (who had the exact number!), P6B Jessica, P6R Emma, P5A Glen, P5 Alice, P4 Donna, P3/2 Martyna, P3A Morgan/Aaron, P2 Kally/Ross S, P1A Marvin/Kaitlyn, P1 Charlie.

Joke Book

Jokes were donated by pupils the week before and were put into a book. We made 100 copies and sold them all!



Funny bun competition

We baked some buns and some were donated for decorating. Everyone had a great time and they were all fantastic. It was so hard to find winners but these were the successful pupils: P1 Joe, P2 Gregor, P3/2 Kaitlyn, P4 Donna, P5 Neve, P6R Jack, P6B John, P7 Alex.



Guess Who competition

More than 30 members of staff took part by drawing their self portraits for us to guess. There are some great pictures and this competition was left open until today, Fri 20th to give people more time to admire them.

On red nose day Fri 13th everyone made a fantastic effort to dress up funny for money. Some pupils showed their dancing talents with a display of daft dancing which was enjoyed by all. Sweyn and Alex from P7 need a particular mention for their hilarious dance!

Faces were painted all day in P5. As the day came to an end there was a red nose conga through the corridor and round the courtyard to the red nose song and a very long line that anyone could join.

The final event was **THE GUNGE!** The whole school was shouting for more as 5 willing staff members volunteered to be gunged with horrible substances. Gary thought he was going to be lucky only getting confetti in his bucket but there were not one, but two, cream pies waiting for him! Mr Geddes thought he would have protection by wearing his octopush gear and a shower cap but even that didn't save him! He did do a rather interesting dance which we think was called the 'flipper dance'! It was all great fun and P5 and Mrs McRae would like to say a huge thank you to the staff concerned for being such good sports.



We sold all our red noses and hope to announce a final total soon. We thoroughly enjoyed organising the events and have learned a lot about responsibility and enterprise in the process. Thank you.

Mrs McRae and P5.

Parent Council News

Parent Council Constitution

The draft Parent Council constitution will be available in school next week for any interested members of the parent forum to comment on. After this consultation period this document will be adopted formally.

Disco

The Parent Council will be holding a disco on Friday 17th April at Glaitness. The theme will be 'Mamma Mia'. There will be glowsticks, crisps and juice on sale. The admission is £1.50 for Pre-School to P3 and £2.00 for the P4 - P7, the times are as follows;

<u>Pre-School - P3</u>	6pm - 7.15pm
<u>P4 - P7</u>	7.30pm - 9pm

Get your dancing shoes on, sing along, dress up and enjoy!

Fundraising

The Parent Council are presently raising money for ICT equipment, in particular digital cameras and flip video cameras. This is in support of the further development of active learning approaches and use of ICT in all classes, a focus for our HMI e action plan.



NETBALL

Block 2 Dates:

26th March

16th, 23rd April

BADMINTON Thank you to everyone who helped to lead the sessions this year. We have had a very successful club once again. Leading the badminton sessions is a pleasure and we have all had great fun, improved our practice and look forward to next session! *(Mrs Killeen)*



Football



Indoor Football League

Well done to Glaitness United who finished 2nd in the Primary Schools Indoor Football League. They played some excellent football and topped the table for almost the whole season but St Andrews Hurricanes, with games in hand, caught up with them in the last couple of weeks to eventually win the league by 11 points.

Two other teams, Glaitness Spurs and Glaitness Rovers also competed in the league. Spurs finished 13th in the table with Rovers the unfortunate team to finish bottom, they did however receive the wooden spoon for good sportsmanship and effort.



Glaitness Rovers

Lloyds TSB Trophy/Reid Crescent Shield

Glaitness had four teams playing in the end of season knockout tournaments. Glaitness United competed for the Lloyds TSB Trophy, while Spurs, Rovers and the fourth team, the Pirates took part in the Reid Crescent Shield.

United played Papdale Flyers in their first game in the Lloyds TSB Trophy, defeating them 3-1. But they were knocked out in the semi-finals by St Andrews Hurricanes, going down 1-0.

Spurs were in impressive form in the Reid Crescent Shield, getting all the way to the final. But they were eventually beaten 2-1 by the Papdale Dales.

Rovers and Pirates put in decent performances, with Rovers defeating Stromness Strikers 3-0 before losing out to another team from Stromness, the Devils in their second game. The Pirates played well in their game against Papdale Giants, taking them to extra-time, but they lost in the end 2-0.

Thank you to all the players from coaches Michael Miller, Roy Foubister, Graham Scott and Dave Clark for their good behavior both on and off the football pitch over the course of the indoor league. Also, could all of the players please remember they now need to give their football strips back to the school.



Glaitness United



Glaitness Spurs



Glaitness Pirates

Karate

Congratulations to Kayla, Ewan and Kristopher, who all did really well at their Karate grading last Saturday. At Saturdays gradings, which are done twice a year,

Kayla got her yellow belt, Ewan got his brown belt and Kristopher got his green belt.



Orkney Hockey Association - Youth Development Hockey

Orkney Hockey Association are starting their Under 13's (minimum age 9) hockey training on Sat 4th April 10am - 11.30am, on the all weather pitch at the Picky Centre. The sessions are being run for two 5 week blocks, with a break after the first 5 weeks during the weekends of Sat 9th May and Sat 16th May before another 5 week block starts. The first weekend of hockey will be run by Scottish coaches David & Pauline Stott. The final weekend will be Sat 20th June. Boys and girls are welcome to all sessions.

Any queries please contact Lisa Groundwater on 872238.

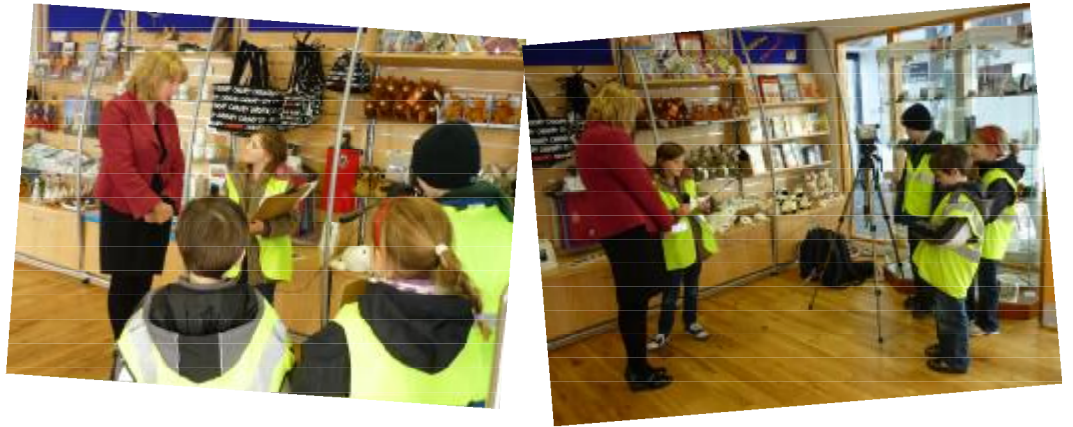
Hope to see you there!



More News!

P4 Visit the Tourist Office

Primary 4 have been out and about for their Holiday Orkney project. When they visited Visit Orkney recently they managed to get an exclusive interview with Barbara Foulkes, Director of Visit Orkney who answered the classes questions about tourism in Orkney.



Eco Explorers

The Eco Explorers had a very successful non profit making 'Bananas and Buns' sale on Friday 6th March. The sale came at the end of Fairtrade fortnight and highlighted again the purpose behind the Fairtrade label and the importance of buying Fairtrade products whenever possible.

Magnus and Ruth from class 6B explained, "We made buns using Fairtrade chocolate and Fairtrade sugar and sold them for 20P each. We also sold Fairtrade bananas at 20p as well."

Ruth said, "The buns tasted really good"

Magnus added, "I thought the chocolate tasted better than other chocolate. It is important that people buy Fairtrade products so that hard working people get the money they need to feed their children."

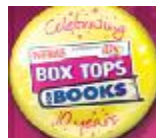


BBC Radio4 programme Go4it! will be doing a feature on the Arctic Voice project on Sunday 29th March at 7.15pm. For more information you can visit their website: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/qfi/>

Clothes Donations Needed



The Pre-School currently have a shortage of spare clothes for the children when they get their clothes dirty playing in the playground or playing with water, sand etc. They are looking for donations of trousers, underwear, socks etc. for ages 4-6yrs. If you have any spare clothes that the Pre-School could have it would be very much appreciated, thank you.



Thank you to everyone who has been collecting Tesco vouchers, Nestle Box Tops and Books for Schools tokens for the school, keep up the good work!

The last day to collect Tesco vouchers will be 7th June as orders must be with Tesco by the end of June.

We continue to collect box tops. Box tops can be put in the collection boxes at the pre-school and main entrances of the school.

There are still a couple of weeks left to collect the Books for Schools tokens from The Times and Sunday Times with the final tokens appearing on April 4th. Books for Schools tokens can also be put in collection boxes at Tesco and Spences paper shop.



School Meals Price Increase

Please note that from 14th April the charge for school meals will increase from £1.45 to £1.50, and books of dinner tickets will increase from £14.50 to £15.00.

To obtain books of dinner tickets you can come along to the school and buy them direct from the school kitchen staff. Or alternatively you can put the money in with your child to hand in at morning registration, this will then be given to the kitchen staff who will then give them the tickets to take home.



Head Lice Alert!

We have recently had incidences of head lice in the school.

Can we please advise you to check your child's hair and if you find any lice to take appropriate action. Your Health Visitor or General Practitioner will be able to prescribe a suitable treatment. Alternatively, the school has head lice information leaflets which we can issue to you on request.

Unfortunately, head lice are easily spread within families, every member of the immediate family or household should check their heads and be treated at the same time if head lice are found. Similarly, please warn all other contacts eg. close relations and friends to check their heads and treat if head lice are found.

There is no need for pupils to stay off school if the proper treatment is carried out.

We are grateful for your co-operation in this matter. If you wish to discuss the matter further please do not hesitate to contact us.

Dates for your Diary

Spring	Easter Service in School Dining Hall & End Term	2pm	Friday 27 March 2009
Summer	Easter Monday (School Holiday)		Monday 13 April 2009
	Start Summer Term		Tuesday 14 April 2009
	Final P7 Nethybridge Trip Parents' Meeting	3.40pm	Wednesday 15 April 2009
	Parent Council Disco	6-7.15pm (Pre-P3) 7.30-9pm (P4-P7)	Friday 17 April 2009
	St Rognvald Tree Planting Day		Saturday 25 April 2009
	Make A Difference Day 4 (MADD4)		Wednesday 22 April 2009
	P7 Nethybridge Trip		Monday 27 April - Friday 1 May 2009
	Mid-term break		Monday 4 May 2009
	P4 Outdoor Education Day		Friday 8 May 2009
	Active Learning Week		Monday 11 - Friday 15 May 2009
	Junior Instrumental Course		Monday 11 - Thurs 14 May 2009
	P6 and P7 Choices for Life Event at Picky (instrumentalists will be released to attend)		Tuesday 12 May 2009
	Transition Sports Day		Friday 15 May 2009
	Primary School Athletics		Thursday 28 May 2009
	Sports Day		Friday 29 May 2009
	P6R Hoy Trip		Monday 1 - Wednesday 3 June 2009
	P6B Hoy Trip		Wednesday 3 - Friday 5 June 2009
	Netball - Primary Isles Cup		Saturday 6 June 2009
	P4/P5 Football Competition in Dounby		Monday 8 June 2009
	Summer Fair		Saturday 13 June 2009
	Pupils Reports Sent Out		Tuesday 16 June 2009
	Leavers' Service at Picky and End of Term	2pm	Friday 26 June 2009
	Special Needs Summer Playscheme		Monday 13 July 2009
Autumn	Start (Staff)		Monday 17 August 2009
	Start (Pupils)		Tuesday 18 August 2009
	End		Friday 9 October 2009

Even More News!



'Trees Plees' Saturday 25th April.

We have been asked to support the planting of 850 new trees beside the skatepark. This is a great way to support the community, you can plant one tree or several! Further information will follow early next term. Spades at the ready...

Scripture Union

Sessions will be running at the school for P4 to P7 pupils on Thursdays 3.30 to 4.30pm. The sessions will be run by Captain and Mrs Tidball from the Salvation Army. Members of staff may on occasion be involved too. There will be no charge for attending. Numbers are limited to 20 and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. The start date will be notified in due course.

And Finally...

Hi All,

We are almost at the end of a busy and productive term! The children thoroughly enjoyed Comic Relief on Friday. Thanks to Mrs McRae and Class 5 for organizing such an exciting extravaganza. "It was the best day of my life" one pupil told me.

I will still be 'acting up' after the Easter break until Mrs Bleakley is ready to return to work. I hope everyone has an enjoyable holiday and we all return energized and ready for term four.

Ingrid Rendall
Acting Head Teacher