

Baltasound Junior High School

Newsletter - May 2024

A Peerie School Big Dreams Newsletter for EVERYONE!



SCHOOL UPDATE

As we are now well into Term 4, it offers another opportunity to share what we have been learning in Baltasound JHS and what we've all got to look forward to. Now the sun is well and truly out, we are trying to get out and about even more; this term we have visits to Saxavord Space Port, Sports Tournaments, Outdoor Education days and Sports Days.

We also look forward to our very first Unst Week where we plan to take as many of our pupils all around our island home. Learning about our shared history, geography and maybe visiting somewhere for the very first time. Parents have told us that our community and environment is what makes us unique so we are making every effort to showcase what Unst has to offer.

An exciting and action packed term which will no doubt race past. And also an important time where we get to see our older pupils start their next chapter at the Anderson High School - continuing their journey onwards and upwards. They will be missed by all of us in BJHS and we wish them all well on their big adventure.

Mr P. Thomson (Head Teacher)



Odd Socks For World Down Syndrome Day

BREAKFAST CLUB / PUPIL EQUITY FUNDING

Our breakfast club has proven popular with our Secondary pupils, with most Secondary pupils making use of the service during the week. The new S1 class be able to take part this term with the aim of allowing P6 and P7 in the new school year in August - we will let you know more about this nearer the time.

This is mainly funded from the Pupil Equity Funding budget (see previous newsletter), with pupils and parents agreeing this is a useful facility which ensures everyone is fuelled up for the day, ready to learn.

RUGBY SESSIONS / CALCUTTA CUP

We were very lucky to have a selection of Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) coaches in school recently, who made the most of their time putting our pupils through their paces.

They also brought with them the Calcutta Cup - the 145 year old trophy contested by Scotland and England rugby teams each year. We were allowed to hold it, although we had to wear special gloves to do so!



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EARLY YEARS

Play is the way in our Early Years - these past few weeks have seen us learn about vertical painting, chicks hatching, International Dance Day, and the Unst fire engine!



PRIMARY

Our Lower Primary class have been out and about, learning about growing in polycrubs near to the school. They have also been developing their numeracy skills through running a shop in class - baking and then selling their own products.



Our P7 pupils have also been making the move into Secondary, taking part in the Careers Event (organised by S2) and learning with their Secondary teachers. A big jump which they are all looking forward to.



SECONDARY

Our Secondary pupils have been busy since the last newsletter, organising a school sleepover (raising money for Mind Your Head), organising a Concert Evening (raising money for Ability Shetland) as well as learning about dictatorships, calculating the area and circumference of a circle, the use of spreadsheets in industry, and how to make their own fish and chips.



They have also been reading *The Boy In The Striped Pyjamas*, developing their throwing technique and learning how to create their own web pages using Hyper Text Markup Language.

IMPORTANT DATES

UNST vs. YELL:	Fri 17th May (in Mid Yell)
NEW TIMETABLE:	Mon 20th May: S1, S2, and S3 move up to start their new timetable
S4 CHEERIO:	Fri 24th May (we say goodbye to our S4s)
S5 TO HOSTEL:	Wed 29th May (first day at AHS, 30th Jun)
SPORTS DAY:	Mon 3rd Jun (preliminary date, may change due to weather)
EY SPORTS/GRADUATION:	Tue 18th Jun
P7 MOVING UP:	Wed 19th Jun & Thu 20th Jun
	EY-P6 MOVING UP: Wed 19th
	PRIZEGIVING: Thu 27th Jun

HOLIDAYS

OCCASIONAL DAY:	Mon 27th May
SUMMER HOLIDAYS:	Sat 29th June - Tue 13th August (first day back Wed 14th August)

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