

BJHS Newsletter

Diary Dates

Pupils return to school :Wed 26th October
Halloween Disco: Mon 31st October
Shopping Night: Thurs 24th November
Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day: Fri 16th Dec
Christmas Concert: Tues 20th December
Christmas Parties and Dance: Wed 21st Dec
Christmas Holidays begin: Fri 23rd December

October 2016

Staff News

We have appointed a new English Teacher. Her name is Helen Hart. She will hopefully be starting with us in January.

Saxavord Halloween Party

A Halloween party is being planned at Saxavord on Saturday 29th October. Proceeds will go towards the Primary 6/7 Edinburgh Trip. More details to follow.

School Halloween Parties

The Pupil Council are organising Halloween parties for Monday 31st October. There will be two parties for different age groups. More details next term.

Shopping Night/Open Doors

The Primary 6/7 Edinburgh Trip are organising a Shopping Night on Thursday 24th November. Classrooms will also be open for parents and visitors to have a look around. If you would like a table please let us know asap. More details to follow.

Textile Day

On Tuesday 30th August we had a textiles day for secondary pupils. They learned about the Shetland Sheep breed and compared it with the other popular breeds of sheep farmed in Shetland. They saw sheep being sheared (clipped) by Richard Mouat with hand shears and electric clippers. They heard about the wool industry from Mr Oliver Henry from the Shetland Wool Brokers, who generously donated two books to the school and they had a go at "cairding" wool with Hazel Laurenson, Ann Thompson and Anne Inkster. Many Thanks to all those who helped out on the day!



3D Artefacts Workshop

S3 and S4 students collaborated with the Unst Heritage Trust and the University of St Andrews as part of a 3D Artefacts Workshop; learning how to use technology to make 3D representations of objects and how to make 3D photospheres of places of interest. Thanks to Rhoda Hughson, Davie Leask, Andrew Magnus Thomson and the staff from the University of St Andrews for inviting us to take part.



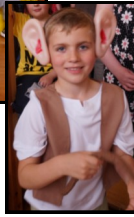
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Roald Dahl Day

We celebrated what would have been Roald Dahl's 100th birthday. Staff and pupils dressed up as Roald Dahl characters or in yellow as that was his favourite colour. Great fun had by all!



Community Day

Our recent Community Day was very successful and lots of much needed work was done! Benches painted, grass cut, lines painted in the playground, strimming, weeding to name just a few things! Thank you to all our happy helpers!



Lock in and Breakfast Morning

Secondary pupils recently had a 'lock-in' and slept all night at school, then they prepared breakfasts for visitors. £170 was raised - thank you to everyone who contributed.



Beatbox

Secondary pupils had lots of fun trying out Beatbox! Thanks to Shetland Arts and Jason for spending time with us and allowing us the opportunity to explore "the synergy between the human body, technology and the listener".



Coffee Morning

We held a Macmillan Coffee Morning on 29th September and raised an amazing £501.84!. Thank you to everyone who contributed and came along to support this worthy cause.



Roddy Hogg

We were recently visited by the Roddy Hogg Road Safety Team, who performed a play for secondary pupils.

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Harvest 2016

Our nursery students have been busy harvesting their fruit and vegetables from the polytunnel. They plan to make jam out of the fruit (not the totties!) and sell it, raising money for those less fortunate. Well done Baltasound JHS Nursery and Staff.



Paralympics 2016

Like most of the country, we have been inspired by all the athletes competing in the Paralympics in Brazil. As a result, our P.E. lessons have been looking at sports played in the Paralympics and sports played by people with disabilities. This has been a huge amount of fun for all our students and we have also gained a real appreciation for those who have barriers to overcome.

SportScotland Award

We are delighted that our school has been awarded a sportscotland Silver School Sport Award for 2016-2017! The Silver School Sport Award is recognition of Baltasound Junior High School's dedication to place sport at the heart of your school's planning, practice and ethos. A huge thanks to Mr Williamson, Mrs Hunter, our Active Schools Co-ordinator Linda Thomson and all the staff and students at Baltasound JHS for helping us achieve this accreditation



Badminton

Primary 4-7 pupils recently received badminton coaching by Jane Grant, Highlands & Islands Regional Development Officer.

Waterproofs

Thank you to Cooke Aquaculture for their very generous donation of £2300 which allowed the school to buy waterproofs for all pupils. Pupils are now doing a 'mile a day', whatever the weather!

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