

# Baltasound Junior High School Newsletter - March 2022

A Peerie School Big Dreams Newsletter for EVERYONE!



## SCHOOL UPDATE

We are fast approaching the end of Term 3 (where has the time gone?) and there is a noticeable difference in the school and in the community - the days are getting longer and the sky is brighter; coming to school in the morning and going out again after tea when we get home certainly lifts the spirits of all of us.

And there is plenty to look forward to as we head into the Easter holidays and into Term 4. Opportunities in school will increase allowing us to be out in our community, making the most of our beautiful island and the resources, wildlife and people we have all around us.

And I know the pupils are all very excited to welcome Mums, Dads and family members back into their school to see what they have been learning - hopefully this will be able to return soon into the new term.

*Mr P. Thomson* (Head Teacher)



P1s celebrating International Women's Day

## LATEST COVID GUIDANCE

The COVID landscape continues to change and hopefully we can capture the most important aspects affecting pupils/parents below.

### Symptoms

The 3 symptoms remain the same

- A new, continuous cough,
- A high temperature,
- A loss/change in taste/smell.

### Testing

After Easter, the LFD test kits will no longer be offered to pupils or staff from within school. We will also stop asking groups to test regularly. Pupils and staff (and the wider community) will only need to test if they have one of the symptoms listed above. These will be tests sourced through the NHS. We will look to distribute our remaining kits before the Easter holidays.

### Self Isolation

Positive cases will still be asked to self-isolate although this period can be shortened to 7 days if a negative LFD result is produced on day 6 and day 7 (24 hours apart).

The wearing of face coverings (for Secondary pupils) on the bus and in corridors will continue. As will regular hand sanitising and CO<sup>2</sup> monitoring within school.



## TERM DATES

<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS:</b>	MON 4th APR - MON 18th APR (first day back Tue 19th Apr)
<b>OCCASIONAL HOLIDAYS:</b>	MON 23rd MAY and FRI 3rd JUN (Queen's Platinum Jubilee)
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAYS:</b>	MON 4th JUL (last day on Fri 1st July)

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## EARLY YEARS

Up Helly Aa fever struck BJHS EY this term; as well as this, we were learning about frogs, jobs people do, construction skills, healthy rainbow snacks, spa days(!) and more.



## PRIMARY

So far this term, we have been learning about International Women's Day, careers, Up Helly Aa, the war in Ukraine, Red Nose Day, block construction, Global School Play Day, Chinese New Year, Safety Online (Virtually Safe, Virtually Sound) Robert Burns and more.



## SECONDARY

Our Secondary netballers have been representing Shetland in the national Under 13s Tournament. First stop was Wick High School (who they beat 56-42) and next up was Robert Gordon's College in Aberdeen; we put in a great performance but it just wasn't to be. Well done everyone - you were all amazing!

Our badminton players, Finn and Matheus, were also winning singles and doubles tournaments this term - great achievements for them both.

As well as sporty success, we have been learning about Mardi Gras, Unst's role in the Cold War, Self Build Budgeting and Shetland's Food Bank.



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