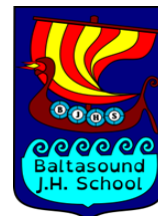


# Baltasound Junior High School Newsletter - November 2022

A Peerie School Big Dreams Newsletter for EVERYONE!



## SCHOOL UPDATE

As we all settle into Term 2, we have plenty to look forward to over the next 6 weeks or so. We have our P4 Bring Your Parent To School Day on the 29th November, which is a great opportunity to learn with your child in school. We also have St Andrew's Day and Scottish themed activities planned across the whole school and once we get into December, the countdown to Christmas can really begin. With the school concert (14th Dec) and parties (19th Dec) planned, it really is the highlight of the school year.



Some of our spooky party-goers

Remembering, that we still have a selection of Christmas jumpers free to a good home - please help yourself. School staff also appreciate that this can be a tough time of year for families, so we have produced information and advice in this newsletter that may help at home.

Mr P. Thomson (Head Teacher)

## COST OF LIVING

Shetland Islands Council have a web page dedicated to the cost of living, which can be accessed through:

[www.shetland.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.shetland.gov.uk/costofliving)

Here you will find advice and contact numbers if you are worried about energy bills, money or mental health. It details how to access Fuel Vouchers, eligibility for the Warm Home Discount Scheme, energy efficient grant and loan schemes as well as advice on money issues, tackling debts, benefits and more.



We would always encourage parents to register for free school meals and clothing grants. You could be eligible if you receive any of the criteria in the table shown.

More information can be obtained by phoning 01595 743832 or email [childrenservices-finance@shetland.gov.uk](mailto:childrenservices-finance@shetland.gov.uk).

Income/Benefit Criteria
Universal Credit
Child Tax Credit only
Both Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit
Income Support/Income-based Job Seekers Allowance/ Income related Employment Support Allowance
Help under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
In care of the Local Authority
Council Tax Reduction (please note this does not include the Single Person Discount)

In Baltasound JHS, we also ensure that we do not charge for school trips or activities and we do not stipulate the wearing of a school uniform. We promote swap shops and for fundraising, we have a tub that pupils/parents can choose to contribute to - it is always optional.

If parents have any further ideas on what we can do help with cost pressures, please get in touch. We are always looking to do more.

## TERM DATES

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS:** Wed 21st Dec - Wed 4th Jan (first day back Thu 5th)

**EASTER HOLIDAYS:** Sat 1st Apr - Sun 16th Apr (first day back Mon 17th)

**OCCASIONAL DAYS:** Wed 1st Feb, Fri 24th Feb, Mon 27th Feb, Fri 19th May & Mon 22nd May.

**BJHS VALUES: READY | RESPECTFUL | SAFE**

## EARLY YEARS

In our Early Years, we have been learning about problem solving, creativity, engineering, shapes and positional learning.



We also took part in National Grandparents Day and it was great to have more EY visitors.

## PRIMARY

Our Primary pupils have been learning about the Human Body - making their own versions of the game Operation. The Secondary pupils were able to help too; by coding up some Microbits to tell if the circuit had been completed and playing a sound. So it ended up just like the real game!



We have also been learning about the Titanic - where we had a whole day as passengers on-board the stricken vessel. Some passengers were very lucky to have a harpist playing while they dined the first class saloon!



We have also had Halloween parties where the Pupil Council organised music and food, whilst also keeping us entertained with party games. This term we are all getting organised into roles for the school nativity - watch this space!

## SECONDARY

At the end of last term, we were learning about weather and climate, chemical reactions, using tools in the workshop and Creation Stories.

This term we are learning about Staying Safe Online (including spotting fake news), An Inspector Calls, weather and time in French, textile skills, fractions & percentages, trampolining & Shetland dancing, reproduction & inheritance, model making, world religions, web page design, the artist Louis Jover and lots more.



1912 - Titanic First Class Lounge.  
Or is it?

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

One of our School Improvement Priorities is improving the quality of teaching in school. As part of this, we would appreciate parents sharing with us the best lessons and best teachers they had when they were in school.

What were the best lessons you remember from school?

What made them stand out?

Add your sticky notes below.

Making art after listening to a scene with the witches in Macbeth.

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Standard Grade Geography - A1C2 - Burn Study - learning about flow rates, depths etc by following the path of the burn that ran past our house. Outside. Real world. Fun. Engaging.

Counting had been rather boring so I decided to use a real world example to make it more interesting and fun. We used the school ground and got the children to count the number of trees in the school grounds. They are

What made them stand out? Why do you remember them fondly after all this time? If you have the time, head over to our JamBoard (go to [shorturl.at/FHP57](https://shorturl.at/FHP57)) where you can add Sticky Notes where you can tell us about it. Then we could use this as we implement improvements in our teaching in school. Thanks!