

Baltasound Junior High School

Newsletter - April 2025



Our **Peerie School Big Dreams** Newsletter.

School Update

Term 3 has come to an end and what a term it has been. Baltasound JHS pupils have been incredible this term, showing the whole community how responsible, talented and creative they all are.

This term we have celebrated our Viking heritage welcoming both Uyeasound and Norik Up Helly Aa Jarl squads into school. We have also had Bring Your Parent To School Days, Coffee Mornings, Fundraisers, Parents Evenings, Bridge Building, Space Week, WWII Role Play, Neurodiversity Week, Down Syndrome Day, Music Festival, Bikeability, SQA Portfolio/Assignment completion and more.

A full on, active, exciting and energising 13 weeks - so we all deserve a fortnight off to get our breath back and recharge the batteries. And we get to go again for Term 4 and I'm sure it will be just as much fun; learning in a fantastic environment with real community involvement.

Everybody who works in school appreciate working together with parents and the wider community in order to provide our pupils with a wealth of activities and learning experiences. And this term it was great to see the rewards of this, with our talented pupils being recognised across Shetland. We may be a **peerie school**, but we have **big dreams**; and all of us play our part in making sure those big dreams come true.

Mr P. Thomson (Head Teacher)

Term Dates

Term 4:

Tue 22nd April to
Fri 27th June



Occasional Holidays:

Mon 21st April
Mon 26th May



Neurodiversity Week

Baltasound Junior High School proudly took part in Neurodiversity Celebration Week 2025; a week filled with activities that highlighted the strengths, talents, and unique perspectives of neurodivergent individuals.

Students engaged in assemblies, workshops, and discussions led by staff, parents, professionals who support neurodivergent young people, and pupils themselves. These sessions explored topics such as autism, ADHD, dyslexia, journaling, and special interests. The school also showcased artwork, essays, and projects created by students, celebrating the many diverse ways people think, learn, and express themselves.

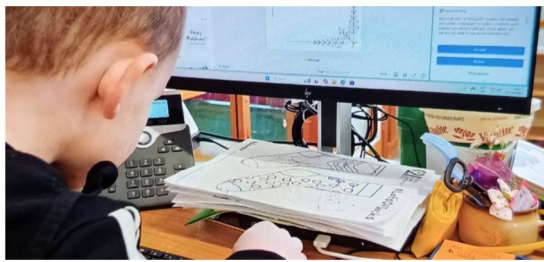
This initiative not only helped to raise awareness, but also fostered a more understanding and supportive school environment - one where all students are encouraged to value each other's differences and recognise one another's unique talents.



BJHS VALUES: READY | RESPECTFUL | SAFE

Early Years Update

This term we have been learning about digital literacy, the weather and problem solving. We have also been out and about on those sunny days.



Primary Update

We have been learning about Dinosaurs in Lower Primary where we got to handle fossils and meteorites. Middle Primary have been learning about Living Things and Upper Primary have been learning about World War 2; doing a research project about someone we know and their role in the war.

We have also been busy raising money for our Loch Insh Trip (we raised £1836 at our Soup and Sweet!), taking part in World Book Day, keeping safe on the roads with Bikeability, making pancakes, and making the most of Global Play Day.

And not forgetting our fantastic netballers who won the Primary Netball League - an amazing achievement for BJHS.



Secondary Update

Our Secondary Pupils have been winning awards for their Bridge Building (strongest bridge) and winning best Secondary Group and Best Vocal Solo (Eli) at the Shetland Youth Music Festival - an fantastic achievement.

Our S1 and S2 class also took part in Space Week—a full 5 day Space Camp where we got to learn all about space with the National Space Academy, Jon Egging Trust and Saxavord Spaceport.

