Hope Community School

January 2018 Bulletin



Christmas Concert

I am told by the children that the Concert was fantastic!

My congratulations – a real team effort by pupils, parents and staff.

Your hard work and talent raised £422.00

**Happy New Year**

**My wife Lorraine, son Taylor, daughter Kristi and I wish you all a great New Year filled with exciting challenges and many successes.**

**I am very much looking forward to working with and for you all – children, parents and staff!**

**Do not hesitate to contact me with any queries, concerns or great ideas.**

**School Clubs**

Both the netball and football clubs are working hard at training and some children are enjoying taking part in the Primary School Football and Netball Leagues. Training sessions for all teams are on Wednesdays.

Netball: 3.30 – 4.30

P1 – 3 Football: 6.00 – 7.00

Terriers Football: 7.00 – 8.00

Hotspurs Football: 7.30 – 8.30

If you would like to watch the children in league games please let us know and we will let you know when they are playing.

Our grateful thanks go to all those who give of their time to coach the children.

**Dates for diaries**

8th Jan – First day back

7th Feb – South Ronaldsay Community Association meeting at 7.30pm

12th Feb – Parent Council meeting at 7.15pm

14th Feb – Learning Journeys home

15th Feb – 19th Feb – School closed to pupils

23rd Jan – Hup Helping Hands

13th Mar – Hup Helping Hands

23rd Mar – Learning Journeys Home

30th Mar – Last day of Term

**Staffing Update**

**Nursery-Leah Thomson and Erika Roberston**

**P1-2- Paula Peace and Jillian Johnson**

**P3-4-Lesley Macleod (Tu,W,Th) and Jane Phillips (M & F)**

**P4-6-Kayleigh Peace (M,W,Th,F) and Anne Foubister (Tu)**

**P6-7- Krissy Simpson**

**Head Teacher-Bruce Pilkington**

**SfLT – Vacancy**

**We wish Saffron Thain all the best in her permanent post at North Walls**

**Outdoor**

As you know we were awarded £12 000 from the Tesco Bags for Life earlier on this year. Beedie’s have been working hard over the past few months to improve our school grounds and they are looking great. They have rebuilt our polytunnel, provided some benches, made a playhouse and organised new fencing. There is still some work to do but it should all be finished by the end of the year. Thanks to Mrs Wood for leading this exciting development.

**Developments**

**This term we will focus on:**

1. **The induction of new staff and utilising their strengths to further extend the children’s learning.**
2. **Moderation (Numeracy and Literacy) – developing a school understanding of standards across the Authority**
3. **Extend development within the Nursery focusing on the physical environment.**
4. **Continue working on Literacy, particularly in the P1-2 class and numeracy, including SumDog, in the senior class**

**Winter Weather**

Winter has now firmly set in and the days are getting darker. Please ensure that your child/ren wear their reflective vests to school every day.

We hope we won’t have any school closures but on wild days or snowy days please check:

TWITTER: @OIC Roads

@OrkneyCouncil

FACEBOOK: OIC School Transport page

OIC Updates page

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Facebook page

Please also refer to the bulletin you received in November.