

Christmas issue



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# SANDWICK JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Primary Christmas concert

Primary pupils from 1-7 were involved in the 2011 Christmas show taking place on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of December. Instead of just doing a normal play this year teachers decided to do a short pantomime instead. The chosen

script was called The Twelve Days of Christmas. The pupils

started learning lines and song words in the middle of November. The play involved audience inter-



action and pupils enjoyed it a lot. Some pupils were characters

from the song The Twelve Days of Christmas who all sung in Mr Partridge's amazing performing troupe.

Others were involved in the main story line. Reindeers narrated the story and two families (the jolly Christmas' and the Grumpy Grimgrumps) fell out about having the troupe to sing for them. DVDs and class photos of pupils in costume were on sale before and after the performance. It was exciting but a bit scary! It was great

Written by Sofie Spasova, P7

## Nursery Christmas concert

The nursery have had an exceptionally busy term preparing for their Christmas nativity, *The Sleepy Shepherd*. They have been practising hard since the end of September and the show looks to be a great success. At the end of

show, 54 pupils are going to accompany the children for a rendition of *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*. Well done to all the children for their hard work this term!



## HEADMASTER'S COMMENTS

Hello,

I would like to start by saying a big thank you to Miss Inkster and her pupils for the brilliant job they have done in producing this newsletter. I am especially delighted that pupils have had a very active role in its design, articles and final production.

This newsletter provides you with a flavour of what has been happening at Sandwich JH school since we returned from our summer break. I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and finding out a little bit more about what we do.

The past few weeks in primary and nursery have been dominated with rehearsals and the final Christmas shows that took place last week. I must congratulate all the pupils and staff for yet another fantastic production that was enjoyed by all who came to see the shows.

In Secondary the 'Curriculum for Excellence' continues to be bedded in. Presently, there are a number of key decisions that are being made and ongoing implementation of strategies and developments. At the start of next session the School will be sending out a special CfE newsletter for all parents of pupils in S1 and S2, which will also include information on the date for a CfE information evening at the school.

Finally, I would like to thank all the pupils and staff for their work and enthusiasm over the last 2 terms and on their behalf wish you all a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Stuart Clubb  
Head Teacher

## Ross Jamieson Calenders and cakes

S4 pupil, Ross Jamieson, has produced calendars as an enterprise project. Ross is an accomplished artist. He drew and coloured 12 Shetland scenes, including Reawick, Sumburgh Lighthouse, Mousa, the Quendale Water Mill and Sandlodge. He then made these into beautiful wall and desk calendars. These are available through the school. Wall calendars are £8 each and desk calendars are £5 each. Orders are being taken for these and it takes about 2 weeks for the calendars to arrive.



*Hope you enjoy them !*

Ross Jamieson from S4 made 28 mini Christmas cakes for an enterprise project this term. Thank you to the staff who ordered cakes and supported this venture.



## S4 ASDAN GOLDEN TIME

S4 ASDAN groups organised the Primary Golden Time on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to raise funds for their activities. A good time was had by all and S4 ASDAN would like to thank the Primary for their support.



## Periodic table on sale

On October 6<sup>th</sup> the 2<sup>nd</sup> S3 Chemistry class had a break time periodic table bake sale. Pupils bought an element for 20p, and if they could name the element from the symbol - 5p off. A helpful source in the proceedings said "it was a very productive break." We raised £14.10 for the Marie Curie Cancer Care. We chose this Charity because Marie Curie discovered the element Radium; she also had the element "Curium" named after her. We posted a cheque to the



charity and received a letter back saying the money was very helpful as cancer has increased considerably

over the last couple of years. Marie

Curie Cancer Care provides a 24 hour free of charge service. They work days and nights to make sure cancer patients have a familiar and comfortable place to live. We would like to have the opportunity to have more fund raisers for such a growing cause in the near future.

## Ms Bruce S2 Math's Class

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The S2 Maths class asked if they could hold a bake sale to raise money for charity. The pupils found recipes, priced all the ingredients and successfully baked lemon muffins, pancakes, fairy cakes and meringues. If it hadn't been for Ms Bruce forgetting to take the last batch of fairy cakes out of the oven everything would have gone perfectly. On the day of the bake sale no one was prepared for the rush of pupils and all cakes had sold out within 8 minutes. The class made a profit of £35.50. It was then decided to use this money to buy items for the Shoe Box Appeal. All items were found first on the internet before we took a trip to Tesco where we were able to buy enough items to fill a shoe box for a teenage girl and teenage boy. Thank you to everyone who bought a cake from us.



## Manga High

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Manga High Maths is an interactive games website that helps pupils with the work they are doing in class. The teacher will give a challenge based on the work your doing. You can also free play.

### Fai-to challenges

Fai-to is when one school challenges another. Each round last twenty-four hours. When one school wins five rounds then that school wins the fai-to. So far,

since the start of the term, we have been in two fai-to's. The first, in November, was against a school in England. They challenged us, but we beat them without any rounds against us. The second is against a school in Houston, Texas. We are still in the fai-to with them, and they are one round ahead of u S. They eventually beat us 5 rounds to 2.

## Donald Dewar Debate

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Congratulations to Jack Simpson and Hannah Burgess secondary 4 who took part in the heats for the Donald Dewar Memorial Debating Tournament run by The Law Society Of Scotland. Their heat took place at Millburn Academy, Inverness and Sandwich was one of 128 schools taking part from all over Scotland.

They were opposing the motion that "This house believes that a right to privacy is more important than freedom of

the press" Jack and Hannah are new to debating and with just over a week to prepare, they worked exceptionally hard with Mrs Malcolmson to prepare for the tournament. Their hard work has paid off and they impressed the judges with the persuasiveness of their arguments and their research. They qualified with 64 other schools to take part in the quarter finals which will be held in January. Heather McPhee, development officer, Education and

Training Policy at the Law Society of Scotland, said: "All the pupils who have made it through to the second stage heats are to be congratulated.





## SHOEBOX appeal

This year, the Keysteps Group organized the Christmas Shoebox collection. They made a large colourful display for the front door of the school, put up posters, wrote letters for every family and distributed shoebox leaflets. Two members of the group were brave enough to stand up at the Assembly and speak about the Shoebox Appeal. A Christmas tree was set up and a bauble was put on the tree for every ten boxes collected. A target of 100 boxes was set. Alistair Rendall and Tommy Clarke from Shetland Aid Trust arrived to pick up the boxes on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November. 94 boxes had come in.....not quite our target but a fantastic total and more than we've collected in previous years! Thank you to all parents,



and more joyful Christmas because of you!

pupils and staff for supporting this venture. A lot of people will have a happier

## Fair Trade Evening

Two Sandwich Junior High School pupils volunteered to help with the annual 'Evening of Fair Trading' in the Cunningsburgh Hall on the evening of 4<sup>th</sup> October. Ellie Millar and Iona Fullerton (both S2) worked extremely hard all evening arranging delicious homebakes, serving fairly traded teas and coffees, washing dishes, clearing and setting up tables. They also had a chance to look at all

the Fair Trade items on sale. The event was very well supported by the local



community. Over £1000 of fairly traded goods were sold on the night and with orders. A huge thank you to Ellie and Iona!

## Bingo Evening

Bingo Evening! The Parent Council, along with Sandwich Junior High School, held a Bingo Evening on 10<sup>th</sup> November. It was a very successful night, and raised around £1400!



Several pupils from P4/5/6 were there, this is what they said about the event!

Ethan, P4, "I had so much fun!"

Ruth, P5, "It was excellent!"

Darcy, P4, "It was loads of fun! Some bits were funny too!"

## Skills Development Scotland

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Young people in S4 approaching their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday are expected to choose what to do next. Many will decide to remain in school. For those in Sandwick Junior High School this will mean travelling to Lerwick to attend Anderson High School.

This is not the only 16+ option available. Young people can apply for a college course at Shetland College, the NAFC Marine Centre in Scalloway or at a Further Education College on mainland Scotland. Financial support could be available.

Every year young people compete for a range of Modern apprenticeships through training organisations such as Train Shetland or Construction Skills - choices range from Hairdressing and Office Work to Aquaculture, Building and Engineering.

So far the labour market in Shetland has remained healthy with full and part time jobs advertised in hotels, shops, supermarkets and in factories. For those who would benefit from additional support to enter the jobs market special provision is available from the Bridges Project, Moving On or from the Get Ready for Work Programme. Volunteering can also be arranged.

Finding out about these choices is easy. Parents and Pupils can contact Pupil Support Teachers who will put you in touch with an adviser from Skills Development Scotland. (SDS). SDS advisers visit Sandwick Junior High School to provide expert and impartial help with 16+ choices. Advisers can explain in detail what the choices are and how they can help make them happen.

Parents can expect to meet an Adviser at parents' evenings. SDS may also be contacted at any time during office hours at the Careers Centre in Charlotte House Lerwick (above the Job Centre and next to the Viking Bus Station) Phone Lerwick 695791. Help is also available through SDS new web service [myworldofwork.co.uk](http://myworldofwork.co.uk). The new web service is supported by a national helpline 0808 100 1050



## Blender Short Course

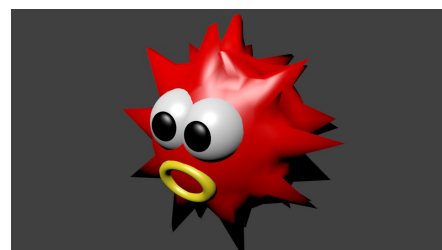
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This year has seen the re-introduction of a 3D Animation and Modelling S4 short course using the Blender software package (freely available from).

The 3 images above are just a selection of still frames from the animated sequences produced by the pupils. Individual pupils have developed their own areas of preference with the software; we covered modelling, animating, materials,

lighting etc. Although the S4 course is finished, the pupils can hone their animation skills with the many tutorials available online.

The next course will run as an option in the summer term for S3 pupils.



## News Work Experience

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### Work Experience

On 7<sup>th</sup> November all of S4 went on a week of work experience to their selected place and carried out different tasks. The week gave us a chance to see inside the world of work and for some helped to build their confidence. The experience allowed us to open our eyes to where we want to go in life and we also met many new people.

Michaela Peterson S4



## CHILDREN IN NEED

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primary pupil council organised and ran a bake sale to raise money for Children in Need. They worked very hard making and selling the cakes and raise over £70.

Two girls from P6/7 organised a Children in Need quiz. Four teachers took part, and were squirted with a water pistol for any wrong answers they gave. Congratulations to Mr Morton who won first prize. Mr Clubb came fourth, and was rewarded with an encounter with a super soaker water pistol. Thanks to all the staff who took part.



## Ii Shetland!

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A few weeks ago Malcolm Younger from *ii Shetland!* came to the school to find out more about the chickens. He came and asked us questions like how many hens are there, we told him there is 8, how many eggs do we sell and how much profit do we make, how long have we had the chickens and what are their names?

We also got photos taken with the chickens. We each got to hold a chicken. There were 6 of us there when they

came. There was Rachel Keay, Rebecca Millar, Joanne Tait, Rachel Clarke, Jenny Watt and Mr Finlayson.

Look out for the article and photographs in the *II Shetland!*

Rachel Keay and Michaela Kincaid.



## AstroShed

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S1 and S2 activity groups over the last 12 months have been working on a shed to house a 12" telescope. The 'scope was built in Lerwick by Bill Kay circa 1960.





## BNF Awards

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The British Nutrition Foundation has been running a scheme to recognise good practice and reward achievements made by students in food and nutrition.

Andrea Gordon is the winner of this year's award for achieving the best result in Standard Grade Home Economics exam (Knowledge & understanding element). The award consists of a £50 prize for Andrea and a £100 prize for the school.

Due to study commitments, unfortunately Andrea was unable to collect her prize from Princess Anne at a ceremony in London. We are very proud that she has won this accolade for Sandwick school!

Well Done Andrea!



## Tamil Nadu visits P6/7

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Primary 6s and 7s have been finding out more about Tamil Nadu in India. We were visited by Saro Saravanan, who is from Tamil Nadu although he and his family have lived in Shetland for more than 10 years. He told us about the geography, culture and food of Tamil Nadu, and helped us try writing in Tamil.



## Voxter : STANDARD GRADE HISTORY FIELD TRIP

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Emma Halcrow and Holly Kemp secondary 3 along with Mrs Malcolmson and Mr Bicket planned an enjoyable trip to Voxter in November, investigating the growth and development of Northmavine and Delting. Pupils found themselves in the boardroom and under the spotlight at Sellaness with Mr Mike Skinner and Roger Moore, contrasting with sipping morning tea in the Long room of Busta as the owner revealed the dark secrets of Busta House. Trekking to Fethaland, once a busy fishing station, at the most northerly

point on the Mainland was a challenge, but worth it. The site of the Gunnister man's grave was brought to life with Ruby Brown's memories at Nibon. The story of the Shetland Bus and the picnic at Lunna Kirk on such a beautiful day was amazing.

Cooking, eating, games and musical fun, from the talented Cunningsburgh lasses, (Laura, Sophie and Hannah) kept everyone busy in the evenings but the highlight was Voxter's alternative to Nemesis, trips to the forest in the dark.

The group did not achieve everything. There was a strange obsession to find Harry. Perhaps they should have joined the



geographers, but then there's always next time ... !

## Pupil Council Elections

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### PUPIL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The pupil council elections were a much bigger event than usual this year, as part of a plan to raise the profile of the primary and secondary pupil councils. Booths and ballot boxes were borrowed from the SIC to give an authentic election experience to the pupils. More than

thirty pupils across the school came forward as candidates, and prepared speeches and posters in the run-up to the big day. The election culminated in a whole-school event where Tavish Scott MSP announced the winners in each year group.



## The JRSO's go for a safe walk

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Juliet, Kirsten and Sam, Sandwich Junior Road Safety Officers took the nursery for a walk to teach them how to cross the road safely.

the end"

HAVE A SAFE AND MERRY

They also did a Road Safety Assembly on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November it was a great success and the children learnt lots about keeping safe on the road.

CHRISTMAS !!!

Sam(JRSO) said about the assembly "

I thought that a lot was learnt and

hopes that everyone will have a safe

Christmas" Kirsten(JRSO) said " The

songs were great and we all enjoyed the

assembly" Juliet said " The assembly

took a lot of hard work but it paid off in



## Overton Lea Visits Sandwich School

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Overton Lea visits Sandwich School.

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November, the S2 Keysteps Group hosted a tea party for the Monday Day Care clients and carers from Overton Lea. The Keysteps group baked and set up the room for the party and Hannah, Laura and Sophie (S3) played their fiddles and keyboard. There was also some guitar playing and poetry from Nicol. A great time was had by all!





## P2/3/4

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P2/3/4 have had two visitors this year. Mr Redfern was our first visitor. He is a paramedic and he showed us an ambulance and what would happen if you got hurt. Mr Renwick (above) came to visit us to show us lots of Viking things. Some of them were his shield, his clothes and hair pins. He even let us make Viking coins. By Adam Tait. P4



## P1/2

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Term 1 - P1/2 went to see the puppet show Cloudman!

We were lucky enough to go watch the brilliant puppet show!

Ella (P1) says: "Cloudman was good! I really liked his disco room in the cloud!"

Term 2 -

P1s get certificates  
and

P1/2 Enjoy getting ready for Christmas!

Lisa (P1) likes the certificates! "We know all our sounds now!"

We have had a busy term! Especially getting ready for Christmas! Here we are making Angels for our tree!

Cheryl (P2) says "It is a good show and its exciting being a swan! I like how

everyone shouts MERRY CHRISTMAS at the end!!"



We have had lots of fun with the whole school Christmas Pantomime! Here are some of the swans!

## Deputy Head's comments

Staff and pupils wished several members of staff a fond farewell this term, as they moved on to pastures new. Ms. Gillian McElvogue (Depute Head Teacher) is now working abroad, currently in Cambodia. Mrs. Nancy Budge (DMSO) and Mrs. Frances Wiles (Nursery Teacher) are both enjoying their retirements, but we are delighted that they continue to make regular visits into school. They were all presented with gifts from staff, parents and pupils, and we wish them the very best for the future.



The Parent Council and school staff held a very successful Bingo Evening and raffle to raise money for school funds. A great deal of fun was had by all, and an amazing £1400 was raised to go towards important trips and activities to enhance the learning opportunities for all pupils. A massive thank you to everybody who helped to organise the event, sold or bought raffle tickets, or who came along to enjoy the evening.



Pupils in Primary 6 and 7 have enjoyed the opportunity to develop their skills in carpet bowling this term. John Jarmson and other members of the Shetland Carpet Bowling Association provided taster sessions for all pupils, followed by a mini league for those who were interested in pursuing the sport further. There will also be a chance for a team to take part in an inter-school competition at the Clickimin Centre next year.

## Sport Ambassadors

Sports ambassadors is a group of young people who come together for conferences and take ideas back to the school and organise sports events in the school.

The sports ambassadors for Sandwich are Chloe Jamieson, Aimee Rankin, Antonia Woodside, James Beeston and Harry Thompson. In this term we have organised a girls dodge ball competition and an after school bungee run session. They both went really well and lots of people came to them. We are thinking to get the bungee run in again sometime in the next terms. We are hoping to organise a fencing session and many other sports in the next couple of terms.





## 10 Year old Girl becomes Number 1 in Scotland for swimming

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Erraid Davies (P7) is ranked number one, ten year old for the 100 metre butterfly in Scotland, following her swim in the Shetland Age Group Championship on the 20th November. Erraid is ranked very highly in most of the other events also. She holds the Shetland 10 year old Age Group records for 9 events."



## Table Tennis

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In the Scottish Table Tennis Association Primary Competition in Drumchapel, Glasgow, Kiera Munro from Dunrossness PS came 6<sup>th</sup> in Scotland while Sandwick JHS boys Scott Smith and Haldane Bray came in top 16 out of 56 boys.



**Have a very  
Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year!**