

Sandwich JH School/ News Letter - October 2010



**It's not all lessons, lessons, lessons
at Sandwich!!!!**

See inside for more!

NEWS FROM THE NURSERY

The nursery has had a busy term since returning from the summer break. Our topics this term have been colour, weather and transport. We were lucky to get a visit from the Sandwich Fire and Rescue service. The fire-fighters showed us the different equipment in the fire engine and we even had a go of using the hose! To continue with our focus on transport, the morning children visited the Northlink ferry Terminal in Lerwick. The children boarded the Hjalmland, had their picture taken up on deck and met the Captain on the bridge. We have had a very colourful term with each child wearing the colour of the week on a Friday. We are looking forward to returning after the October break, where we will be learning about Light and Dark, Diwali and Christmas.



Visit to Northlink ferry



Visit from the fire engine

P6/7 News

Discovering facts about THE JACOBITES

For about 6 weeks P6/7 have been learning about The Jacobites .We have been writing stories about how The Jacobites lived, The Battle of Culloden, The Battle of Falkirk and Battle of Prestonpans. Everyone in the class did a family tree. We did maps of what route Bonnie Prince Charlie took and what battles there was. Our home teams did portraits of Kings and Queens of England and Scotland. Our class watched videos of the battles in the class of the Jacobites.

We have included a picture of one of the portraits we created and chosen some story extracts for you to read, we hope you enjoy them.

By Matthew, Callum, Kyle and Vaila.



As I'm running I see my mum so I stop and walk over to her and out of the blue she hugs me and she says "Come back alive son" and I said "I will" then I run.

By Matthew Lyall

"I don't see any vermins" a red coat said. "They're bound to be here" another one said. I could feel a shaking body cuddled up close. "Hey I heard something" one of them said. He started bending down. I grabbed onto Ann and Jack. This is it I thought. "We need reinforcements" a red coat shouted from outside and suddenly the men left.

By Leila Lyall

I ran one way and saw a flash of red! Then I saw men wearing red coats! I gasped. I ran back home and screamed "I SAW THE RED COATS!" My father stood up, got his kilt on, got his weapons and went out the door. I ran after him. My father stopped walking and stood still with all the other men in kilts.

By Vaila Jamieson

I am feeling nervous because tomorrow will be the most terrifying day of my life. I have to be the lookout for Prince Charlie's soldiers and my father is fighting in this battle too. I hope it is the last one and that we win. If we win tomorrow then my dad will come home.

By Callum Fraser

When we arrived at Culloden we saw all the men ready to fight against us. The battle field was full of Red Coats. There were hundreds of them. I was scared that we were going to die. Bonnie Prince Charlie gave us the signal horn to attack.

By Kyle Leask

Bethany Wins Young Writer Prize as Sandwich Pupils Do Well

Sandwich secondary pupil Bethany Byrne-McCombie recently won the prestigious title of Shetland Library's Young Writer of the Year in the competition's senior age category.



Left to Right: Bethany, Jenny, James and Kate

Bethany, who is in class 4B, beat off competition from over 300 entrants across the islands as she won the award with her poignant story 'Unfinished Goodbyes'.

Without giving too much away, it tells the story of Hamish, a young man from a fishing village, and the events that unfold after he meets a mysterious woman on the shore one morning.

Remarkably, this year's award is Bethany's second in a row. Last year, she took the title for the 10-13 age category. This year, with a change in the age groupings, she is now the best writer in Shetland in the 12-17 age category – and, as she is not quite 15 yet, this is a particularly impressive achievement.

Asked how she felt when she found out about her win, Bethany said she was "shocked" at first, but was also delighted when she was told that the judges "loved her story". However, she became nervous when she was informed she would need to read her story on the radio, as she didn't know how to do the accents that feature in it!

Other writers from SJHS also did well, as James Hannah (4A), Kate Tyler and Jenny Watt (both 3B) all received 'Highly Commended' awards for their entries.

The theme of the competition this year was 'Legends of the Deep'. Kate's story was, in her own words, 'a family legend filled with surprises'; James described his as being 'about octopuses, and set in Miami'; while Jenny commented that hers was "kind of hard to explain," but that she "had fun writing it".

Bethany's second win continues a long and proud tradition of young writers from SJHS who have done the school proud in this competition. Many thanks to all the pupils who submitted entries, and let's hope next year will see similar success...and, perhaps, a possible hat-trick for someone?

The full text of Bethany's excellent winning story can be viewed on the Shetland Library's website, and is worth a read! The web address is:

Ian Bairnson – Proud Shetlander



On 21st September 2010, Sandwick Junior High School enjoyed the privilege of hearing the amazing skill of famous guitarist, Ian Bairnson.

Originally from Levenwick, Bairnson returns to the island wherever he can. He commented that after travelling the world, he has never been in a place where all styles of music are appreciated as much as in Shetland. He learned to play guitar at the age of six, forming his own band at the age of fifteen.

He has played with many famous artists such as Paul McCartney, Miley Cyrus, Pilot and the Alan Parsons Project. He also notably played the guitar solo on Kate Bush's worldwide hit, 'Wuthering Heights'.

While with Scottish band, Pilot in 1974, he recorded his first commercial success 'Magic' which was their first hit for the band. It reached number 11 in the UK singles hit and during the summer of 1975, it reached number 5 in the American Top 100 Billboard Chart. The song also featured on their debut album.

I felt he displayed an excellent example of skill, producing a great variety of sounds. He played many different kinds of music, ranging from jazz to country-and-western. Through his magical performance, the pupils of Sandwick School were able to embrace a little bit of musical culture, one that came first from Levenwick but now is heard across the world.



Connall Thomason S4

Inter School football and netball competition

Secondary pupils took on the rest of the Shetland schools in football and netball competitions on the 2nd of September. All of the 14 boys of the school football team wore the 1950's Quendale strips. In the last game they played Anderson which just knocked them off the top, leaving them 2nd overall in the competition.



The netball team had some very close games and everything depended on the last game between Lerwick A and Scalloway. If Lerwick won they would have been equal 1st with Sandwick. Just before the final whistle, Scalloway stole the lead and moved to 2nd place in the table leaving

Sandwick to take home the trophy for the 1st time in 13 years.

By Emma Leask S4

Thanks for all your support

Ness junior Netball Club is still growing. The club now has four teams in the Shetland Junior Netball League and around 60 lasses, from P4 through to S4 attend practice sessions each week.

The younger sections are being helped, each week, by members of the S3/S4 team, at their practices – it's great to see the girls sharing their experience with the netball players of the future.

More teams means more organisers are necessary on competition days, and no less than 5 umpires supported the teams at their first meeting at Clickimin on September 19th. Also supporting were many parents, supervising the teams and looking after the gear. It would not be possible for the teams to play without this support and the lasses and coaches are very grateful.

Despite the large numbers, there will always be room for new members.

Shetland's Community Planning Partnership

On Friday 3rd of September two pupils from S3 and S4 went to Islesburgh Community Centre to attend Shetland's Community Planning Partnership Summit. The theme of the summit was 'What would make Shetland a place where young people can thrive?' We were asked to debate issues with professionals from the council.

We had to split up into small groups of 15 and in that group there were a mixture of professionals and young people. Some of the young people thought that the professionals were good at getting their opinions across but not as good at listening to what the young people had to say. The girls that attended from Sandwick thought that it was very good and interesting, but the boys thought it was a little bit boring!

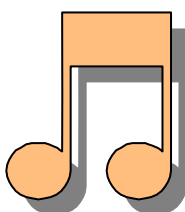
Clare Farmer, S3

NEW GROUP FINDS ITS VOICE



The men's singing group has got off to a great start! We currently have sixteen members and the numbers are fast growing. We are working on improving our vocals and some of us are looking forward to the possibility of joining forces with some of the senior girls. Hopefully it won't be too long until our first public performance!

Joe & Max S4



Would you like to put your name on a waiting list for any of the musical instruments taught in the school? Please contact the School Office Staff.

PRIMARY ECO-COMMITTEE

The Primary Eco-committee had their first meeting in September with two children from each class being nominated to sit on the committee. The children showed an interest in looking after birds over the winter and have set up an enterprise scheme to build a bird table and upkeep it over the winter months. Lewis Tait, Pryde McGinlay, Kyle Leask and Tahnæ MacLennan all volunteered to make up a competition form to guess the different types of birds. This competition will help raise money that will fund the bird table project and all future Eco-Committee ventures.

ASDAN GROUP

Three pupils from the S3 A.S.D.A.N. Towards Independence group were improving the environment in the school by removing old pictures and backing paper from display boards and putting up fresh paper ready for new displays.

Staff would like to thank you for your help.



The S3 ASDAN Group are organizing a collection of Christmas Shoeboxes. These will be sent to needy people in Albania, Bulgaria, India, Moldova, Pakistan, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine. The Group have made a display (which is at the front door of the school) and sent leaflets home to every family.

If you would like to donate a decorated and filled shoebox, please can you hand it in to the school by November 1st.

Thank you!

European Day of Languages at Sandwick on Friday 8th October

On the last day of term, the Modern Languages department organised a quiz for all the students to take part in. This quiz was marking the European Day of Languages, a day where foreign languages are promoted in all the countries making the European Union.

The students were competing in their House teams (Eagles, Falcons, Bonxies and Penguins). Their knowledge of all things foreign (and not just European) was seriously put to the test. They had even had the opportunity to listen to music extracts from around the world and to sample some food delicacies from other countries.

This was the best possible way of spending the last two hours on a Friday afternoon just before a well-deserved two-week holiday break. Judging by the laughter and smiles, everybody had a great time!

A special thank you goes to Mrs McNicol and Mr Harpé for putting in time and effort in preparing the questions, Mr McNicol for being the MC as well as all the other teachers involved in marking our pupils' answers.

ATHLETICS

Another Indoor Athletics Event was held for the South Mainland pupils in September. 13 parent helpers made the day run smoothly. Well done to P3 Jude Donaldson, P4 Sarah Marie Riise, P6 Bobby Laurensen, P7 Rachel Keay and S1 Caitlin Munro who came first in their age groups.

BADMINTON

Well done to all these pupils who have been picked for the Shetland Badminton Development Squad. They are Harry Morton, Liam Flaws, Kerry McGregor, Kate Tyler, James Morris, Kieran Flaws, Ryan Keddie, Meg McGinlay, Fraser Tait, Amy Sineath, Sophie Morris, Scott Smith, Haldane Bray and Jane Keddie.

SWIMMING

These swimmers all performed exceptionally well in the recent Shetland 10 and Under Swimming Championships:- Sophie Morris, Erraid Davies, Sarah Marie Riise & Ruth Morris.

TABLE TENNIS

A new Cadet Table Tennis League has started for the top 18 South Mainland Under 15 players. Caitlin Munro and Curstaidh MacKay's team are leading so far, with Caitlin top player with 9 out of 9 wins. Caitlin, Scott Smith and Keiran Jamieson have had a taste of Shetland's Table Tennis "A" League against the top 18 adults in Shetland. The future of table tennis is looking good.

FOOTBALL

Ness Under 14 football team won the ENDEAVOUR SHIELD COMPETITION against Whalsay/TSB 5-2. Well done to Liam Flaws (captain), Ian Leslie, Jack Simpson, Martin Jamieson, Ryan Keddie, James Beeston, Rob McDiarmid, Lewis Colvin, Andrew Henderson, Robert Tulloch, Dylan Leishman, Kieran Flaws, Liam Henderson, Keiran Jamieson and Harry Thomson.

P3/P4 REPORT

P3/4 have been working hard on two different projects this term. They have been learning about food and where it comes from and Buddhism.

As part of the food topic the children have been learning about food hygiene in the kitchen by cooking a variety of savoury dishes. They started off by making soup and bannocks that could be made from local produce. They then went on to think about food sourced from other countries and made a vegetarian Thai Green Curry.

During discussion Sarah talked about trying new foods. "It was really tasty. I haven't tried quorn before but it was really nice. It was weird eating bamboo shoots."

To finish this topic the children made themselves a sweet dish using a variety of fruit and melting fair-trade chocolate. A discussion was held about what fair trade meant to the producers of the cocoa beans and whether or not the children thought that this was important.

"I think that fair-trade is important because if it wasn't around then people wouldn't get enough money to feed their families." Adia



For the Buddhism project the children have spent a lot of time completing their own research and producing their findings in a manner that would help teach other people at assembly. The children were very inventive in this and used drama, power points and stage props to engage their audience. The children were proud of their achievements and felt that writing the whole assembly themselves had been a great success. During a discussion afterwards Darcy summed up what the majority of the class were thinking, "I was very nervous. I kept on shaking but I felt proud of myself after I had done it." Well done to P3/4 for all their hard work this term.

Hello from Primary 1!!

We have had a busy start to our school year! We have been doing lots of reading and writing activities and developing our number and shape work.



For Health & Wellbeing we have been learning all about 'My Body', during which they had a special workshop in the Secondary Dept where they met Mr Morton's Skelly the Skeleton and had to put organs into a plastic body.



We have also been learning all about 'Our School' and interviewing different members of staff.

We have also been making Christmas Cards and they are available to order in school!

Talk your way to Brussels

Pupils in S3 were invited to get involved in a speaking competition. This involved a preliminary heat at Sandwick. Pupils had to present a talk in English and in French under the following heading:

“Why should learning a European language matter to young people like yourselves, and what ideas do you have to make language learning enjoyable”

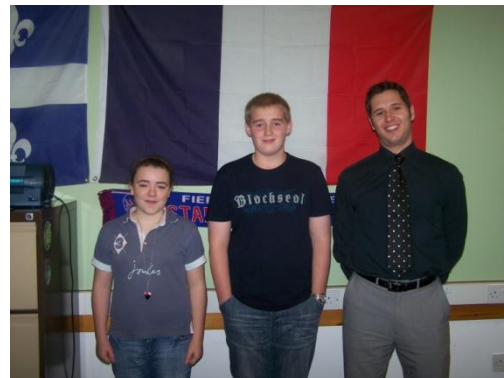
10 pupils took part and the rest of the S3's listened to their talks on Monday 20th September. However only 2 could go forward to represent the school at the regional heat in Aberdeen. They all impressed with the quality of their arguments and showed maturity and confidence with such a challenging task, particularly the part where they had to speak in French!

After much deliberation by the judges, Mr Harpé, Mrs McNicol and Mrs Malcolmson, the two winners were chosen: Kate Tyler and Gavin Pierpoint. They will now submit an essay, highlighting their reasons for entering the competition. This essay will decide whether they make it through to the regional heat in Aberdeen in December. At the time of going to press this decision is not yet known!

The Modern Languages Department would like to say a big “Merci” to everyone involved, firstly the pupils who put in a lot of time and hard work and secondly to all the teachers who helped particularly Mrs Malcolmson and Mr Johnson for all their work behind the scenes.



The 10 Competitors.



The winners, Kate and Gavin with Mr Harpé

Space Hop Reading Challenge

The Primary One to Seven classes have been busily reading books and making recommendations for books to be included in a Space Station Library. The pupils received prizes each week and kept track of their reading on special Space Hop posters. The challenge ends with the term when everyone will receive a certificate and a medal. The combined classes have read over 570 books this term! Great Job Primary!!

Some reader recommendations for books to be included in a Space Station Library are:

Pup Idol by Anna Wilson

How To Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire by J.K. Rowling

The Horrible History series by Terry Deary

Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney

The Princess Ellie series by Diana Kimpton

The Witches by Roald Dahl

The Pony Camp Diaries series by Kelley McKain

PURPLE HOT CHILLI PEPPERS COME TO SANDWICK!



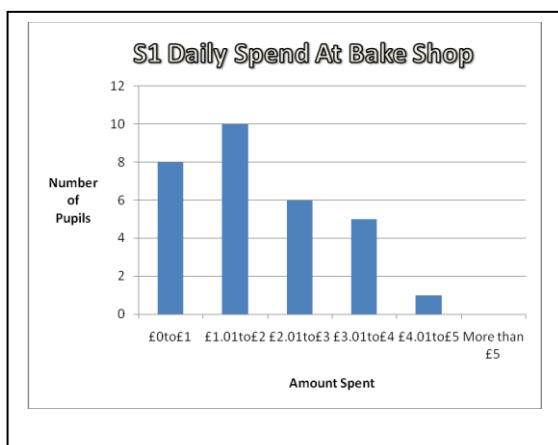
Money, Money, Money...

S1 have been looking at Information Handling in Maths lessons. Part of their work has involved conducting a survey and working with Excel on the computers to produce charts of the results,.

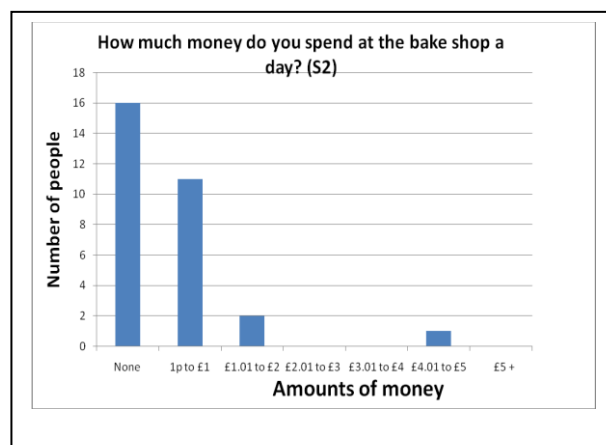
Class 1C looked at surveys relating to Money. Each survey involved asking 30 pupils from the target group (that is over half of each Year Group!). Below are some of the results, which were studied by the Pupil Council, in relation to Health Promoting Schools. They may also be of interest to some parents.

Spend per day at the Bake Shop

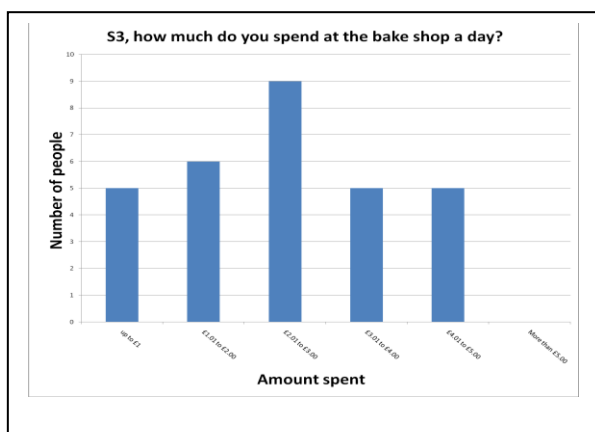
S1 - by Shannon Childs



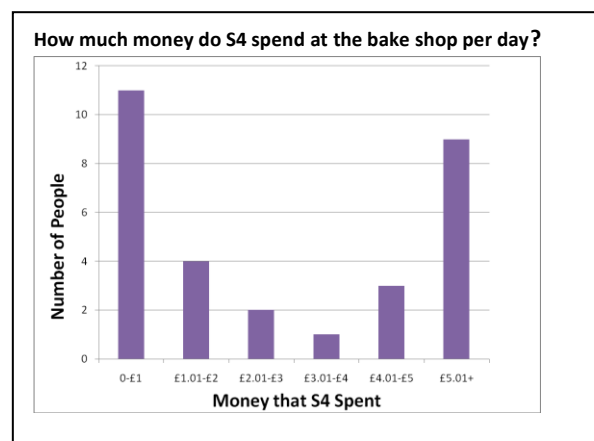
S2 - by Kayleigh Rankin



S3 - by Katrina Rankin



S4 - by Iona Fullerton



NEWS FROM P5/6

This term the pupils in p5/6 have been learning about Famous Scots, including Sir William Arrol – who built the Tay and Forth bridges. The pupils found out about structures and used what they learned to build bridges that could stand up to a variety of criteria. The pupils also learned about Sir Alexander Fleming, who discovered penicillin. The pupils carried out experiments to find out what makes bacteria grow, and used their drama skills to create news reports about new and exciting medical discoveries.



S4 Geography Fundraising – 150km Walk to Aviemore!



Earlier this term the S4 Geography class carried out a sponsored walk to raise money for their fieldwork trip to Aviemore in September. Pupils took a 10km route through Sandwick. Of course Mr McLeman and Mrs Mason couldn't help pointing out many of the local Historical and Geographical features on the way! Collectively they walked over 150km – which is equivalent to walking from Aberdeen to Aviemore, and managed to raise a fantastic £412 towards the cost of the trip. Well done to all the pupils involved and a huge thank you to all the sponsors who supported them in helping to make the trip possible.

S4 Geography Field Trip to Aviemore

The S4 Geography class this term went on a three day trip to Aviemore to learn how to gather information as part of their Standard Grade course, and see many of the aspects of the course they have been learning about over the last year in real life. Activities included completing a river study, speaking to the head ranger at Cairngorm Mountain and climbing towards the summit of Cairngorm on the funicular railway. Pupils also visited Rothiemurcus estate where they were shown how an estate works and the variety of different ways the land in the estate is used. Pupils gathered information by field sketching, completing questionnaires of visitors to Aviemore and recorded information on environmental quality and traffic which they are now processing back in school.



It wasn't all work though! Photos above show everyone completing a nightline course in the darkness of the forest, tackling a rope assault course at Landmark, and relaxing at night by the BBQ.

FILM CRITICS OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Joe Christie Secondary 4 and former pupils , Saibh Finlayson and Roseanne Watt who entered film reviews for the Screenplay Festival held in September. Joe and Roseanne were runners up in their age group and Saibh was the winner in the under 17 age group. Their reviews have been published in the October edition of Shetland Life. The judges were hugely impressed with the quality of writing.

SUSO Update

Thank you so much for this Yvonne - it will be very helpful for planning future workshops.

I wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed working with the young people at Sandwick Junior High. As you know it was my last workshop of the week and they excelled themselves letting me finish on a "high". The hospitality and welcome I received from you and your colleagues was wonderful too.

I hope that we will get the chance to do this again. I know that you don't need to be convinced but I feel that the young people who take part in a SUSO have an advantage over their peers who don't.

As how young people speak hits the headlines following the comments made by Emma Thompson last week I am more than prepared to tell anyone who will listen that there are plenty of young people out there who are articulate, engaging and engaged - none more so than the young people of Sandwick!

Please say hello to the young people I worked with - I will treasure the photographs

With warmest regards

Jackie

Outdoor Ed.

On Thursday 30th of September S2C went on an Outdoor Education day with Mrs Skinner and John, one of the instructors who runs it. First, we went to Brig 'o' Fitch bog jumping. It was really fun and some of us even did flips into it. Then after lunch we went to Burra but it was too windy so we went to the pier next to the museum in Lerwick. John tied a rope in between either end of the pier and we all had turns sliding across it but only 3 or 4 people got right across. We all either jumped off the pier, did a back flip or a front flip and a couple of people jumped off backwards. At the end just before we went back to school we did a Mexican wave jump off the pier.

By Hannah Adamson and Aimee Budge S2C.



The Duke Of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Helen Keenan a development officer for the Duke Of Edinburgh Award Scheme, gave a lively presentation about the scheme to classes 3 and 4. There was an excellent response from pupils and a large number are keen to get involved. Mrs Malcolmson, Mr Bicket and Miss Bruce also attended training in Lerwick, for leaders and in organising the expedition. The Duke Of Edinburgh Award Scheme is the world's leading achievement award for young people. Universities and employers highly value this scheme.



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award
TAKE THE CHALLENGE



Coffee Evening / Quiz Night



This term the Primary Department and Parent Council held their first joint event, in the form of a Coffee Evening and Quiz Night, to raise funds for valuable trips and visits for the Primary and Nursery children.

The evening began with fun, games and refreshments!



Delicious lemon biscuits, baked by the Nursery



Lucky Dip!

'Guess the snake's birthday'



Wii Ski Jumping



Primary 1 were also taking orders for the fantastic Christmas Cards they have designed. If you would like to support their enterprise project it is not too late! Please contact Mrs. Bray in P1 if you would like to request a pack - £4.00 for a pack of 16 cards, or £10.00 for 3 packs.

Hook a duck!



Next on the agenda was an entertaining quiz in which the teams faced a variety of challenges, ranging from questions about Children's TV, to identifying photographs of 20 different chocolate bars. The final round proved too much for some, with teams scoring zero if they answered any question incorrectly!



Primary 1's super Christmas card designs

The evening was a great success! Many thanks to Miss McDonald and the Pupil Council; Mr. Nield and the Parent Council; Mrs. Munro; the Primary staff and children; local businesses, parents and staff for prizes and home bakes; and to everybody who supported the event.



The total amount raised so far is **£692.99**

THANK YOU!

Mrs. Rachel Bell - Acting Depute Head Teacher

Some of the contestants, deliberating their answers!