

# Primary 7 Class News

Month: October 2025



**Primary 7 with their Primary 1 Buddies**



**P6 and 7 at the Stromness Academy**

## Literacy News

This term, our writing has been inspired by *Star of Fear, Star of Hope*, a powerful story set during World War II. It is about a young girl, Helen, who reflects on losing her Jewish friend Lydia. Fear and misunderstanding led to a moment of regret that stayed with her forever. Pupils have developed key writing skills such as grammar, vocabulary, and sentence structure. They've explored themes of friendship, fear, and remembrance, leading to thoughtful and creative writing pieces, including flashback stories and reflective pieces. All the children have produced very good pieces of writing through out this term.

For reading as a class we have been reading *We Are Warriors*. A story of British children during World War II who show courage and resilience while facing air raids, rationing, and evacuation. Pupils have been developing comprehension skills: predicting, clarifying vocabulary, retrieving information, and explaining deeper meanings. The focus has been on understanding characters, themes of resilience, and how historical settings affect people's lives.

### **Maths News**

This term, Primary 7 have been diving into a wide range of mathematical concepts with enthusiasm. We've explored multiples and factors, tackled decimal fraction calculations, and applied our learning to real-life money problems. In shape, we investigated 2D shapes, including circles and polygons, and developed our understanding of area, perimeter, and angles.

A strong grasp of times tables remains essential, as it underpins much of our work in Maths—from division and multiplication to more complex calculations and problem-solving. Regular practice at home can make a big difference and help build speed and confidence.

We've enjoyed making connections, solving challenges, and building solid foundations for the year ahead!

### **Wider Curricular News**

Our Primary 7 pupils have done a fantastic job as buddies to our new Primary 1s. They have been caring, supportive, and full of encouragement, helping them settle into school life with confidence. From guiding them around the school to offering a friendly hand during playtime, P7 have shown great leadership and kindness—we are very proud of them.

We were very lucky to take part in a series of exciting sessions as part of the Orkney Science Festival. The children explored a wide range of fascinating topics, including botanical careers, floating and sinking, robotics, artificial intelligence, and even what the Kye can tell us! These hands-on experiences sparked lots of curiosity and gave pupils a great insight into the world of science.

For our World War II topic, we have been focusing on two key questions: What was the Holocaust? and What was life like in Orkney during the war? Through group investigations, class discussions, historical sources, and our reading and writing texts, pupils have gained a deeper understanding of this significant period in history. They have been presenting their findings in power point presentations.

### **Celebrations**

*Tea Party Winners: This term Oswin attended a Tea Party.*

*Stars of the Week this term were Connie, Josephine, Oswin and Teri.*

*Instrumental Course: Pupils from the class attended the Instrumental course at the Picky Centre. They all had a great four days practising and performing a concert.*

*Pupil Council: We are delighted to announce Primary 7s representatives for the Pupil Council are Alfie and Robin. Good luck and enjoy.*



Science Festival - What the Kye can tell us workshop. Katy, Cat and Brian came.



In music the class have been playing ukulele.



Alfie and Robin our Primary 7 pupil council members.