



# Kirkwall Grammar School Newsletter

## May 2014

### Welcome...

We have welcomed a number of members staff at the start of this term:

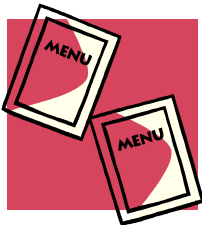
- ☺ Miss H Bichan who is Acting PT of English.
- ☺ Mrs L Gray who joins the English Department.



### Congratulations...

- ☺ To Mr G McDonald who has been appointed to the post of Acting Head Teacher. He will take up the this post in August 2014, when current Head Teacher, Sheila Dick, retires.

### School Meals Menus and Online System



If you use the online system of the cashless system you can view what your child has eaten on any particular day. It will appear in your child's history and read, for example '2 course option 2' or 'Main only option 2'. The different main course options are displayed on the School Meals menu which can be viewed on the KGS website under the Pupil Info section.

If you wish to use the online system log on to: [www.ipayimpact.co.uk](http://www.ipayimpact.co.uk) and use the information that was included in the letter sent home with pupils before the Easter holidays. Alternatively for log in details you can email the School Meals Service: [anne.harrison@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:anne.harrison@orkney.gov.uk).

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### is the Word!

Performances of the KGS production of Grease are on:

- Thursday 5 June at 7pm,
- Friday 6 June at 7pm
- Saturday 7 June at 2.30pm (audience participation sing-along)
- Saturday 7 June at 7.30pm.

Tickets are available for sale from the school office Monday-Thursday from 11am-1pm and 3pm-5pm. £10 for adults/£7 for school children.

### Dress Code Reminder

We again ask parents for their support in ensuring a high standard of dress code is maintained. Pupils are to wear a top with the school logo. School tops should not be worn under other clothing and should be seen at all times. There are various styles available: Sweatshirt, Polo shirt, Rugby shirt or Zip top. Pupils may wear a white shirt and school tie. **Plain dark trousers, jeans or skirts and plain navy, black or white layers are suitable under the school top (PLEASE NOTE—shorts are not appropriate).**

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## KGS Question Time & Whole School Mock Referendum

The annual KGS Question time debate took a slightly different format this year. With visiting speakers from both 'Better Together' and 'Yes Scotland' the questions came thick and fast from the audience of S4-S6 pupils and the large audience listened intently to the responses from the panel.

With less than 6 months until the Independence Referendum, KGS held a whole school referendum so that pupils could experience the processes and excitement of casting their ballots. With pupils in S4-S6 voting for the first time, this was a reassuring opportunity to experience the process of the vote, from being checked off the electoral register to dropping their ballot in the box. For S1-S3 pupils this gave them the opportunity to express their views in a secure environment and have a say in decisions that will affect them.

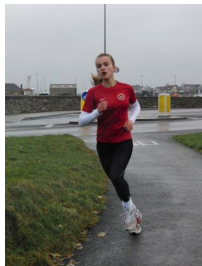


## UN International Happiness Day

In March KGS celebrated the UN International Happiness Day where KGS staff and pupils marked it with a number of activities. Central to the day was the KGS wall of happiness, where anyone could place a marker to celebrate anyone or anything which made them happy.

## Athletics Success

Very well done to Jennifer Bichan who has been successful in securing a place at the Glasgow School of Sport in August.  
Well done Jennifer!



## Sea Cadets Success

Very well done to Alex Baikie who has been selected to spend six weeks in Canada this summer training with the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps.  
Well done Alex!



## Young Enterprise Success

Kirkwall Grammar School's Young Enterprise team, Treecycled, have won this year's Young Enterprise Area Award at an event held in Orkney College last month. Treecycled's product was limited edition of handmade Orcadian wooden prints. They will now go forward to the Scottish finals which are held in Glasgow in June.  
Well done Treecycled and good luck in June!



## Dates for your Diary

S1 Excursion to Birsay  
S2 & S3 Activity Day  
New timetable begins  
End of Summer term  
Start of Autumn term

Thursday 29 May  
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Monday 2 June  
Tuesday 1 July  
Tuesday 19 August

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# Fereday Prize Results 2014

**OVERALL WINNER:** Stromness Academy - Emma Flett

## First prize

Stromness Academy - Emma Flett: How did tuberculosis affect my Westray family in the 1950s?

KGS - Lauren Poke: WR Tulloch: Orkney's Motoring Pioneer

## Second prize

Stromness Academy - Molly Anderson: Rupert Stanger Merriman: Who was the man behind the business?

KGS - Cameron Fraser: Why has the Barony Mill survived as a working mill when others have closed down?

## Third Prize

Stromness Academy - Gareth Flett: Woodwyn: Living in a croft in Harray

KGS - Robbie Thomson: How has fishing changed on Pharay and Eday over the past 170 years.

## Very Highly Commended

Jordan Brown - How has Heddle Quarry developed since it was opened in World War Two?

Craig Gauld - The Fereday project on the Fereday project

Arron Gibson - How has passenger travel across the Pentland Firth changed over the years?

Brandon Gillespie - Why were witches trialled and persecuted in Orkney?

Calum McArthur - Orcadian Folklore: What's it all about?

Bethin Macdonald - Where do you bide, beuy? An insight into houses in Kirkwall over the last 150 years.

Ewan Scott - The History of the Anderson Family at Quoyscottie

Harry Siderfin - How has the Highland Park Distillery changed over the years?

Orla Tait - Why did horses leave the land?

Lauren Walker - What purpose was Houton used for during World War One?

Dona Wayne - What's the story behind these elaborate gates of Orkney's famous Highland Park Distillery?

Rhiannon Wick - What was it like to live on Copinsay?

## Highly Commended

Sadie Balcombe: What is the history behind the Kitchener Memorial?

Joshua Brown - Viewforth: the study of a family home.

Allisia Burton - Working in the Balfour Hospital

Verity Cairns: 'As a new era dawns for the education at Kirkwall Grammar School, what was it like to be a pupil during the transition period in 1973-75? And how is it different from today?'

Jodie Collin-Ward: What makes Highland Park Whisky so popular?

Melissa Cormack: The Mystery of North Ronaldsay Sheep!

Isla Dowell: What was the Otterbank, how did she operate and what services did she provide for the islanders?

Chloe Drever - Orkney netball

Shannon Drever: Who do you think you are?: Sweyn Asleifsson

Alan Findlay: ORPHIR! In years gone by!

Karin Flaws - World War Two rationing in Orkney: What was the effect of rationing on people in Orkney?.

Leah Garriock: How was the Orkney Agricultural Society formed?

Henry Gordon: H.M.S Sparrowhawk. Air Station at Hatston during World War II

Eilidh Gorman - The Lifeboats of Longhope 1874-1969

Morgan Gunn - The Sinking of the Royal Oak

Jack Harcus - John and Iain Harcus' fishing careers

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## Fereday Prize Results 2014 (continued)

### Highly Commended (continued)

Emily Houston - Orkney Straw Crafts  
Ben Johnston - Orkney Wedding Traditions  
Anna McEwen - J&M McEwen's furniture shop, 76 Junction Road, Kirkwall  
Magnus Manson - The Hourstons at Mucklehouse and Swanney  
Niall Mackay - History of Orkney Herring Fishing  
Samantha Moonie - Did the Stronsay Monster ever exist?  
Claire Rendall - How has Orkney Pony Club become so popular?  
Tori Scott - How successful was the Orkney Pony Club?  
Abbie Sinclair - A unique tradition from South Ronaldsay - The Boys Ploughing Match and The Festival of the Horse  
Joanne Miller - How has the Peter Miller Shop in Westray changed in 101 years?  
Finley Tams-Gray - Yellow Cake: Orkney's Uranium Crisis  
Maria Waszyrowska: H.M.S Royal Oak. Could the loss be bigger or smaller?

### Commended

Harry Baird: Military involvement in Scapa Flow over the last 300 years  
Beth Banerjee-Richards: How is Orkney connected to the Arthurian Legend?  
Andrew Bell - The Ba'  
Lucy Broadhurst MacGregor - How much has South Ronaldsay and St Margaret's Hope changed over the past 100 years?  
Rhona Crocker Cater: How has Papa Westray changed in the last 50 years?  
Craig Dancy - St Magnus Cathedral  
Caitlin Drever - History of Orkney Hockey  
Nicola Drever - Scapa Flow's Shipwrecks  
Jordan Flett: St Magnus Cathedral-Why was it built?  
Caitlin Foran: What caused the sinking of HMS Royal Oak?  
Isla Garson - Historical Sites in Orkney  
Lucy Garson - Eday: Heart of Orkney  
Katie Gorn: How has the role of working horses in Orkney changed?  
Daniel Griffith: How has energy usage in Orkney changed since 1914?  
Shae Marcus - Orkney Motocross  
Brandon Kirkness: How has energy production changed in Orkney in the last 100 years?  
Jack Jamieson - East School House  
Macsen Johnstone - Seaweed Eating Sheep  
Caitlin Jones - The Italian Chapel  
Isla Leslie - The Cairns, Windwick  
Seumas MacDonald - The Hood and the Bismarck  
Jordon Mair: Tomb of the Eagles  
Beth Muir: The El Gran Grifon  
Emma O'Brien - The Battle of Clontarf and the Orkney Vikings

Very well done to all our prizewinners!

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