



Weekly Update

Today's Notices:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football and Netball Updates • Conduct in the community • Downs Syndrome Awareness Week | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Deaf Children's Society • Pier Arts Centre exhibition • Safe Drive and Stay Alive programme |
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Spring Holidays: Monday 1st April – Friday 12th April

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your continued support this week.

We are incredibly proud of our senior football team who played yesterday in the North of Scotland semi-final against Gordonstoun. After a brilliant match by both teams, our KGS team won 4-0 and are through to the final which is likely to be against Ellon Academy or Dingwall Academy. Well done to everyone involved.

We are currently sending all the very best of luck to our senior netball team who are playing in the final of the Scottish Schools cup @ Glasgow Emirates which started at 11.30am today. This is the second year in a row that our netballers have reached the final which is a sensational achievement! Good luck to the team and thank you to everyone who has supported them along the way!

Please can we ask for your support in reminding our young people about the importance of respectful and considerate behaviour whilst in the community. There have been instances where some young people have dropped litter during lunchtime and their behaviour hasn't always been considerate towards our neighbours. We will be reminding pupils about this next week, but your help is very much appreciated.

Next week is Downs Syndrome Awareness week and there will be information shared with pupils and staff each day through the pupil bulletin. We are inviting all pupils and staff to join in Lots of Socks Day on Thursday (21st March) where they can wear odd socks. More information can be found here: Awareness Week - Downs Syndrome Association (www.downs-syndrome.org.uk)

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's Guidance Teacher.

We hope you have a fantastic weekend,

Miss Claire Meakin, Head Teacher (claire.meakin@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk)



Hearing Support



National Deaf Children's Society

Great News! Great News! Great News!

NDCS visit to Orkney 2024, along with representation from Phonak and GNHearing.

Visitors:

Anne McRae - NDCS Advice and Guidance
Alison Lawson - NDCS
Betty Deeny - Phonak
Ziomarie Diaz - GN Hearing

When?

Tuesday 26th March, Wednesday 27th
March and Thursday 28th March.

Where?

Tuesday and Wednesday – KGS
Conference Room. 10am til 4pm
Thursday - Orkney Library, Kirkwall
10am til 4pm.

What's Happening?

	Morning	Afternoon
Tuesday Alison Anne Betty Barbara	Venue: KGS Drop in for pupils, parents, families, professionals where you can meet NDCS and Phonak staff.	Venue: KGS Drop in for pupils, parents, families, professionals, meet NDCS and Phonak staff. 2.15pm Anne – lip reading/ signing session. Phonak Technology session.
Wednesday Alison Anne Zio Barbara	Venue: KGS Drop in for pupils, parents, families, professionals. Members of OCHSWG and BSL Plan invited to come. Zio: GN Hearing technology session for young people, parents and professionals.	Venue: KGS Anne and Alison: Activity for young people – social get together with simple activity/ refreshments. ODCS members invited to come by. Zio: GN Hearing technology session for young people and parents.
Thursday Anne Barbara	Venue: Orkney Library Drop in session for parents and family to see Anne.	Venue: Orkney Library Drop in session for parents and family to see Anne.

Please contact Barbara at Barbara.balcombe@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk for questions and more information.

RESCHEDULED EXHIBITION EVENT
Join us on Saturday 16 March 3-5pm



Perspectives
Orkney's Recent Art Graduates
until 16 March 2024

Including work by: Wendy Barker; Elizabeth Bown; Dunstan Clackson; Jamilla Garrett; Sián Griffith; Sophie Macdonald; Beccy Mooney; Barbara Morrison; Vicki Redpath-Watson; Molly Shearer; Janine Smith; Fin Tams-Gray; Martin Turner; Eilidh Warnock; Sue Whittingham.

Join some of the artists for an informal Walk and Talk Saturday 2 March 3pm

Scan QR code to book or phone 01856 850209



Admission is free. Donations are welcome. The Pier Arts Centre is a registered charity. All purchases and donations are vital to support our work, enabling learning opportunities for young people, the creation of exhibitions, publications and events and allowing us to support artists and develop the arts in Orkney and beyond.

Showcase
Orkney Schools' Senior Art Pupils
until 13 April 2024

This exhibition highlighting work by senior pupils in the art departments of Kirkwall Grammar School and Stromness Academy has been extended until Saturday 13 April 2024.

COMING NEXT

Luke Fowler
Being in a Place
A Portrait of Margaret Tait
30 March - 8 June 2024

the spaces between
Richard Welsby (1953-2022)
Artist Photographer
30 March - 8 June 2024

Exhibition Sponsored by



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:
EXHIBITION PREVIEW FRIDAY 29 MARCH 7:30pm

The Pier Arts Centre, Stromness, Orkney
www.pierartscentre.com | Tel: 01856 850209
Tuesday-Saturday 10.30am-5pm | FREE



SAFE DRIVE STAY ALIVE

On behalf of Orkney's Road Safety Forum (partner agencies: Orkney Islands Council, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service and Scottish Ambulance Service), I am delighted to inform you that our Pre-Driver Education Programme, **Safe Drive Stay Alive**, will be presented in PSE by the end of this term in digital format.

Based on national statistical publications, young novice drivers (17-24 year olds) are at a higher risk of being killed and seriously injured than any other category of road user. Therefore, we consider pre-drivers to be a group considered worthy of attention and intervention and **Safe Drive Stay Alive** aims to educate young drivers on all aspects of driver responsibility at a time they need it the most.

The format is a film developed and produced by Aberdeenshire Council, and depicts youngsters involved in a fatal Road Traffic Collision (RTC). The film is interspersed now with recorded speeches instead of the normal live presentation from Police, Fire Brigade and Ambulance Service, which includes 2 local emergency personnel. They give their account of the procedures used when arriving at a RTC along with detail of their own experiences.

Safe Drive Stay Alive has been well received in previous years by the students and teaching staff, however, **it should be noted that the presentations are hard hitting, therefore, there is an opt-out opportunity. Please discuss this with your child's Guidance Teacher.**

If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to get in touch with your school or Yvonne Scott, Road Safety Officer, OIC at yvonne.scott@orkney.gov.uk.