



St Andrews School News: Mr Taylor

Spring is here at last, and here at the school it's heartening to see the children outside enjoying some better weather at break times.

At the end of last term, we were glad to be able to share our Easter Service with so many parents and friends. Later that afternoon, P 1 – 3 took part in an Easter egg hunt around the school, P 4 – 5 created posters about the Easter story and P6-7 made Easter bonnets – all reinforcing their learning about the Easter story.



As I write, our Primary 6 children are arriving back from a beach clean in the sunshine; the second one that the school children have done this year. P6 went to Lamb Holm today and our P1 and P5 classes cleaned Dingieshowe beach on 27th April along with parent helpers. They commented that the beaches were cleaner than in previous years – good news indeed!

There have been several more school trips since the last newsletter – P2 travelled to the new hospital site to view the construction as part of their 'Houses and Homes' project; P3 visited St Magnus Cathedral while learning more

about Orkney; P4 travelled to Milburn Farm where they learned about farm animals and the crops grown to feed them through the winter; P5 children visited the Orcadian newsroom and got a tour of the workshop and then a writers session with the editor. The staff at the Orcadian made this mock front page for them – doesn't it look great?!

Across Orkney during May, school children are learning about Japan. Here at St Andrews our children have been taking part in lots of different activities including designing mini kimonos, making sushi, learning karate and origami. There were 1500 origami birds folded at the school on Thursday after school!

These will be made in to an installation for display in the school. Keep an eye on the school Facebook page for a photograph.



Following on from last term's topic

'Discovering Democracy' primary 6 had a fantastic trip to the Council offices. The children discussed the use of plastic in the school meals service with Councillors Andrew Drever, Leslie Manson, Harvey Johnston and Karen Greaves and Gavin Barr. They loved being in the chambers and having the chance to use the microphones!

This is an exciting term for our P7 class as they prepare for their transition to Kirkwall Grammar School. They are off to the Lagganlia Outdoor Centre later this month and they will take part in the 'Transition Sports' event with P7 pupils from other Orkney schools, followed by two 'transition days' at KGS in June. We wish them well for the future; we are proud of everything they have achieved here at St Andrews.



Fundraising update

The first of the Summer events will be the Savoury Teas in Deerness on 3rd June. This popular event runs like a well oiled machine! Everybody knows what they are doing and it is always very well done.

Plans are well underway for the Floral and Art Exhibition in June/July. The exhibition starts on Saturday 30th June and runs till Wednesday 4th July. Cream teas will be served on the Saturday and Sunday and tea and biscuits on the Monday till Wednesday. There is also a ‘Songs of Praise’ on the Sunday evening at 7pm with entertainment provided by local artists. Posters will be going up shortly and volunteers will be sought to help with baking and duties in the church nearer the time. Anyone who has artwork that they would like to display can get in touch with Hilary McIntosh on 781352 for details.

Isobel Clouston has been busy getting quizzes ready to sell at the Savoury Teas and the Exhibition.

If you are having a spring clean or a declutter please bear in mind that we have the Blue Door the week beginning 23rd July. If you are available to do a duty that week please let Jack and Hilary McIntosh know as they will be making up a rota.

The last of the Summer events will be the sponsored walk on the 26th August. A suggestion was made that we could do a part of the St Magnus Way. It was discussed at the last meeting but a final decision has yet to be made.

Sunday School

The Sunday School held a sale of handmade Easter cards again this year. £59 was raised, part of this has been put towards some outdoor games.



Sheena’s Easter Chicks

Fund raising efforts are always welcome and Sheena Ritch has, for the second year, been very busy with her Easter Chicks production line. Sheena said “I have enjoyed knitting the little chicks over the winter and it is also a nice way to make some money for the church. Every little helps”. A special thank you is due to Sheena as her hard work producing the beautiful chicks raised £85 in 2017 and £121 in 2018.

Out of the Life

Doris Cromarty 27/03/18

Also Remembered

Andy Lennie 10/02/18

Cliff Cooper 25/02/18

Mary Baillie 24/03/18



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GUILD NEWS

6 March 2018 Annual General Meeting

This was chaired by Margaret Sparkes and opened with a Prayer which was also part

Meditation.

The reading was from Psalms 31, vv 1-6 and the first hymn was 530, One more step along the world I go.

Minutes of the 2017 AGM were read and approved as were the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports.

A considerable amount of business was discussed.

Joyce gave a fascinating talk on the McNeil family and their local connections. Dr McNeil was a Doctor of Medicine as well as Minister of the West Kirk.

Margaret read some religiously themed howlers from a book called 'You really couldn't make it up'.

Thanks were given to all who have helped in so many ways throughout the Guild year.

The closing hymn was 237, Look forward in faith, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting 4 April 2018

Morag welcomed 11 members and a most welcome visitor.

The opening hymn was 410, 'Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia' and Isobel played for us.

Mabel did the reading from John 20, vv 1-18 and then Maureen gave the Prayer, from Psalms 139, from the Good News Bible.

It was decided, on a show of hands, to continue with 4 members, Joyce, Maureen, Morag and Margaret leading future meetings.

Margaret was Speaker for the evening, on the subject of 'Past Life Experiences' - varied experiences from her time as a Customs & Excise Officer.

She brought along a (now-cancelled) Commission, outlining powers and responsibilities.

Joyce gave the Vote of Thanks and Jean & Nancy served teas.

The evening closed with Hymn 419 'Thine be the Glory' and Morag led us in the Lord's Prayer to close the evening.

Meeting 2 May 2018

Joyce opened the meeting and welcomed everyone including visitors.

Joyce changed the order of the meeting to accommodate our Speaker, who would arrive later and discussion was held about the Spring Roadshow and Rally, which our Guild is hosting on 10 May.

Our opening hymn was 522, 'The church is wherever God's people are Praising', followed by Joyce reading a Reflection 'The World is a Book', a prayer and The Lord's Prayer.

We enjoyed a fascinating talk from Sarah Hider about airport rules and flight safety, including asking us to identify which were and were not acceptable items for cabin baggage.

She gave advice on how to go through security and explained that, although Kirkwall is only a small regional airport, it is, actually, a gateway to the world.

Julia gave the Vote of Thanks and tea was served by Maureen and Nancy.

The closing hymn was 237, 'Look forward in faith', followed by the Irish Blessing.

Margaret Sparkes

World Day of Prayer 2018

The World Day of Prayer service this year was cancelled due to snow. However, the congregation of the East Mainland Church gave a retiring offering the following Sunday. This means that the sum of £105.00 has now been sent to the World Day of Prayer (Scottish committee).



Have a go at colouring in the picture below.





Month	Date	Time	Event
June	3 rd	11:00am	Worship & Sunday School + Tea in the East Mainland Church
	3 rd	3:00 – 6:00pm	Savoury Teas and Sales Table in the Deerness Community Centre
	6 th	7:30pm	Guild in the Session Room
	10 th	11:00am	Worship & Sunday School in the East Mainland Church
	17 th	11:00am	Worship & Sunday School in the East Mainland Church
	24 th	11:00am	Worship & Sunday School in the East Mainland Church
	30 th -4 th July		Floral and Art Exhibition with Cream Teas (Sat & Sun), a Songs of Praise (7:00pm Sun) and Tea & Biscuits (Mon – Wed) in the East Mainland Church. More details on Posters.
July	1 st	11:00am	Worship + Tea in the East Mainland Church
	4 th	7:30pm	Guild in the Session Room
	8 th	11:00am	Worship in the East Mainland Church
	15 th	11:00am	Worship in the East Mainland Church
	22 nd	11:00am	Worship in the East Mainland Church
	23 rd – 28 th		East Mainland Church in the Blue Door
	29 th	11:00am	Worship in the East Mainland Church
August	5 th	11:00am	Worship + Tea in the East Mainland Church
	12 th	11:00am	Worship in the East Mainland Church
	19 th	11:00am	Worship in the East Mainland Church
	26 th	11:00am	Worship with Guild Rededication Service & Sunday School in the East Mainland Church
	26 th	TBA	Sponsored Walk (Location TBA)
	TBA		Guild Outing

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