

The Shapinsay Sound



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The Nursery children have started a mini-beasts topic. They are planning on making a wormery and investigating mini-beasts that they find in the garden. They have even made themselves into spiders!

P1 – 3 children have been learning about stories. They have found out about the different genres of stories, identifying the features of story types. Chris Perry has been coming in to work with the children to learn about oral story telling, and the children have been working on their listening and talking skills. They have started looking at the story of the Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch and will be making their own lighthouses that light up.

In English, **P4-7** pupils have been learning about different types of fiction hooks to begin stories. In **French**, they have been using phrases to do with the weather. In **Spanish** they have learnt how to talk about birthdays. Science work has been about investigating viscosity and surface tension. The children are currently exploring the substances which make up the Earth's surface, comparing some of their characteristics and finding out about their uses. RME work has involved discussing moral values such as honesty and integrity.

In PE both classes have been doing dancing and gymnastics with Mrs Bews. We are really pleased that Leanne Bews has once again been nominated by Active Schools for the School Sport Volunteer category in the Orkney Sports Awards 2019. Well done Leanne!

The primary children enjoyed Burns Lunch on the 23rd January, with the older children performing the address to the haggis.

Finally, we are delighted to announce that **Anita Angier has been recognised as an outstanding primary science teacher by the Primary Science Teaching Trust**. She was nominated for this last summer by the staff and pupils and was visited in the autumn by the Trust who observed a science lesson and learned about the fantastic things that Anita is doing to develop science not only in our school, but across Orkney.

This year Anita is the only winner from Scotland in this national award. Anita is now a member of the trust and will be able to access more training, resources and funding to allow further development. Well done Anita!

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Shapinsay Playpark

Playpark News

You may have noticed that the playpark is changing! We are delighted that the planned changes are now going ahead. Work is due to start from the 18th February and the playpark will be closed from that date. We hope that the work will be complete at some point in the spring, and will be usable for the summer.

We will keep you updated as we will have some events to celebrate our new playpark.

Shapinsay School

Part 2

We are all delighted that the new climbing wall and Freedom Climber have been installed. The children have helped to create the risk assessment and will be using the climbers in PE lessons and for fitness activities.



Shapinsay Heritage Arts and Crafts



Shapinsay Heritage Arts and Crafts AGM

2.30pm Sunday March 3rd

Community Centre

followed by vintage style
Afternoon Tea & cakes

Free for members, non
members £3 but why not
join SHAC on the day and
get your first membership perk!



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Mobile Library

Mobile Library Timetable 2019

Shapinsay	
School	10.15 - 11
North School	11.15 - 12.15
Astley	12.30 - 1
Wester	1.15 - 2.15
Bofour Village	2.30 - 3.15

Thursdays on
28th February
25th April
20th June
15th August
10th October
5th December

I Love
the library



So much books

Jigsaws

Books

It's free

Audio books

Red Cross

RED CROSS ABERDEEN

Just to make folks aware that the Red Cross in Aberdeen
are now charging £50 per room per night and must be paid in cash

Your Island, Your Choice 2

There are **3 projects** vying for your votes in the Your Island, Your Choice 2 participatory budgeting, funding scheme.

Here are the project details.

Project 1

GAME ON Shapinsay! is a project to set up an inclusive lending library of board and card games on the island which can be borrowed and played by residents at public venues of their choice around the island, or with friends, family and neighbours at home. The library would be managed by the Kirk and accessible at the Boathouse between 10am and 2pm on weekdays with a donation per item borrowed, to help the library become sustainable in the longer term.

Project 2

The Shapinsay School Eco-group's project is to make Shapinsay a more pleasant place, by planting wild flowers in various locations throughout the island and by being able to collect litter. Community involvement to help plant the wildflowers and collect litter would be encouraged. This environmental project would encourage pollinating insects and bees.

Project 3

Following the recent installation of a traverse climbing wall in the hall, Shapinsay Community Association would like to further develop and sustain the use of the climbing wall by purchasing more holds for the wall, funding a trained route-setter to change these regularly and funding training sessions with a climbing instructor for adults and children.

Everyone from P4 upwards is entitled to a vote but please note there is strictly no proxy voting. Everyone will get 3 pieces of Lego to place in the voting jars. How you distribute your vote is up to you. You can place all 3 bits on one jar or put 2 in one and 1 in another or 1 in each. Voting is private. You have a choice of times and places to vote.

You can vote at the YIYC2 event on 10th February.

You can vote any time from 1st February in the Boathouse.

Lunch Club will be able to vote at Lunch Club on 6th February

Primary school children will have the opportunity to vote through the school.

You can also ask for the vote to be taken to you, if you are unable to vote any other way. Please contact Emma Clements before 6th February to arrange this.

On 10th February at 3pm in the clubrooms there will be a presentation from each of the three groups involved and the votes will be counted once all voting is complete.

Refreshments will be available while the counting is going on.

We look forward to everyone's participation.

Thaw

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**The British Gas
energy trust**

Shapinsay Agricultural Association

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Ploughing Match

Friday 15th February



At

Howe and Steaquoy

**Entries to Gemma Leslie
711229/07776010225**

Kirk News

Through the church our small community supports a lot of different projects and I thought it was time to tell you about it.



The Church of Scotland
World Mission Council

We collect used stamps for the benefit of the World Mission Council of the Church of Scotland. This year the Stamp Appeal will support centres for young people with learning difficulties and disabilities in the Ukraine.

RNIB



We give small change for RNIB - the Royal National Institute of Blind People, one of the UK's leading sight loss charities and the largest community of blind and partially sighted people.

In the last few years we began gathering pennies for Malawi – in support of the Malawi Music Fund, the project which set out to use music and the arts to enrich the lives of some of Malawi's most needy and vulnerable orphaned children. It has been founded and is run by Glenys Hughes, director of praise at Kirkwall East, our sister church. We are a collection point for Foodbank – we take both food stuffs and money and deliver everything to their base in Kirkwall.



At Christmas time we, with your generous help and in partnership with the Shapinsay School, make up shoeboxes for Blythwood Care's Shoe Box Appeal. The shoeboxes received in Shapinsay are distributed in countries like Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Pakistan, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine.

At our coffee afternoons at the Boathouse we usually choose a local charity to give your donations to. This month it will be RNLI, a well supported charity in Orkney.



**Royal Air Force
Benevolent Fund**
THE HEART OF THE RAF FAMILY

Every year we hold a retiring collection at the Remembrance Sunday service for the benefit of the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, the Royal Air Force's leading welfare charity, providing financial, practical and emotional support to serving and former members of the RAF – regardless of rank – as well as their partners and dependents.

We have retiring collections at other times of the year too for various charities – for example at Harvest Thanksgiving service.



We buy fairly traded tea and coffee as well as other goods from Traidcraft, a UK-based Fairtrade organisation, established in 1979. Thus we make sure that the poorest of this world get a fair price for their produce and products.

To top it off some of you knit Teddies for Tragedies which are given to children around the world to alleviate some of the stress that prevails when catastrophes occur.

That's a lot for a small church in a small community! Thank you for your ongoing support and good will. If you'd like to know more or support any of the above, please contact myself or any other member of the church.

With best wishes,

Julia

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