

About Us

This school has 3 main rooms; they are quite big. The middle room has a whiteboard and a PC and some of our musical instruments. It is a split level school so we have our ramp in this room. We have our lunch in the top bit. We have a really good cook called Elsie. She makes really good dinners so we have a good appetite. She gives us lots of vegetables every day. We can choose our favourite dinner when its our birthday. We have fruit everyday at piecetime as well as at lunchtime. The school has a big kitchen. Our classroom is split level too. We work in the lower level and have our wet area for art and waterplay. We have a wireless network and have enough laptops so we can have 1 each and use them where we like. We have 2 interactive whiteboards as well. We use our 3rd room as a space for more active play and for our library. We have a pre-school group who use the room on Fridays. We have 10 children in the school. Miss Breyley is our teacher, Jennifer is our teaching assistant and our secretary and Hazel is our playground assistant.

Outside we have a zipline and it is really awesome. We have swings, a slide and other equipment; the playground is always open as it is for everyone and not just for school. We want to have a new football pitch because our field is very wet. We had the goalposts taken down because they were full of woodworm and they were squint. We have planted some trees which will only grow to about 1 metre high because trees don't grow very high on Yell because there is so much wind and the soil is bad. Most of Yell is peat. We have lots of pots for growing flowers and vegetables; we grow vegetables and herbs in our raised bed.

Yell is an island. It is about 17 miles long and about 5 miles at the widest point. It takes 20 minutes to get to mainland Shetland on the ferry. About 850 people live on Yell. There are a lot of sheep on Yell. There are cows and Shetland ponies and a few horses. We have lots of wildlife including otters. We have puffins in the summer. Sometimes, in the summer, we have killer whales swimming around the island. There are a lot of old croft houses because most people on Yell were crofters

and fishermen. Some people are still crofters but now most of them live in new houses. There are 5 shops on Yell, one in each community. Most of our roads are single track, some are straight and some are very bendy. It's a healthy environment because we eat lots of meat, fish and vegetables. Our nearest MacDonalDs is in Aberdeen. There isn't much traffic so we can do lots of cycling and walking. We nearly all cycle to school in the summer. We get lots of peerie boats, people go fishing and relaxing in them. The sea is often quite rough. We have 2 beaches in Burravoe but the best beaches in Yell are at West Sandwick and Cullivoe. We have a leisure centre in Mid Yell, we go there on Thursday for PE and swimming. There is a swimming pool, squash court, sauna, solarium and a fitness suite. There's a pool table upstairs. It's the place where you get fit. The junior high school is in Mid Yell; people go to school there until they are in S4, after that they have to go to school in Lerwick; it is too far to come home every night so they stay in the hostel during the week.

The cinema is in Lerwick; films are on for a week, once a month. We go to Lerwick for shopping, it takes about an hour and a half. There is a Co-op supermarket and a Somerfields. Harrys is a big toyshop. We have a shopping centre called the Tollclock but it is very small compared to city shopping centres. There are 12 shops there. There is a big leisure centre in Lerwick called Clickimmin. There is a big pool there with flumes and rapids. There are springboards and diving boards and you can swim to an outside pool.

There are lots of parks (fields) on Yell and not many buildings. It is very windy here and there are not many days when there is no wind. When it is really windy the ferries can't run and then we can't go anywhere. We have no amusement parks, circuses, ice-rinks, ten pin bowling alleys and only very little theatre. We don't have an ice cream van but there is one in Lerwick.