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CUAIRT-LITIR SHEACHDAINEACH/WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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REMINDER

We are still missing a number of data check forms. Please ensure you return Data Check Forms as soon as possible. ☺

Gaelic4Parents

This is a fantastic website to support with homework tasks and reading. Audio files are also available to support reading at home. An online interactive chat service is also available Mon - Thurs from 5pm.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

During term one, Còisir BSGLA will meet every Tuesday from 6pm - 7pm for Mòd rehearsals. More information regarding the choir singing at the Mòd will be issued to families fairly soon. We are awaiting information on Dance Platform and will write to families in due course. Our after-school programme will start in term two.

OPEN AFTERNOON

We will hold our first open afternoon for families in the Primary School on Tuesday 12th September at 1.45pm. Parents and families members who are able to attend should report to reception. This will give you an opportunity to see your child's new classroom and meet your child's teachers as well as take part in a range of activities. We look forward to welcoming you. Tha sinn a' dèanamh fiughair ris!

BRASS DEMONSTRATION

We will be welcoming Mark Reynolds into the school next week to showcase some brass instruments to children in C4-7!

NSPCC

NSPCC will be coming into our school to present a number of assemblies and workshops based on abuse on Friday 15th September. All workshops and assemblies are age specific and for primary children only. A copy of the school letter is attached at the back of the newsletter. To help raise money for all the fantastic work NSPCC do, we will be having a dress down on Friday 15th September. The theme for our dress down day will be 'super heroes' and we ask children to bring in a donation that we will donate to NSPCC. We recommend £1.



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SÀR-SGOILEARAN

Seallaibh air na sàr-sgoilearan againn! Nach math a-rinn sibh! Well done to our children for getting excellence awards this morning at assembly.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 12th September - Open Afternoon - 1.45pm

Friday 15th September - NSPCC Assembly and Superhero Day

TBC - MacMillan Coffee Morning



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NSPCC Parental Letter:

Dear Parent/Carer,

The NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme is visiting our school to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse.

I'm pleased to tell you that we will be working with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, who'll be delivering their ***Speak out. Stay safe.*** programme on Friday 15th September. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they'll be presenting an assembly to the children in our school.

"NSPCC has helped me to build the confidence to tell people about my worries and problems." Child's feedback

What is the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme?

Through child-friendly, interactive assemblies and workshops their specially trained staff will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues like bullying and abuse, without using scary words or adult language.

We have studied the content of the materials and heard from other schools who have participated and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of their visit, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

If you would like any more information about the NSPCC ***Speak out. Stay safe.*** programme, including frequently asked questions, you can find it on the NSPCC website nspcc.org.uk/schools.

Talking about the Underwear Rule with your children

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe – and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'The Underwear Rule', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse – without using scary words or even mentioning sex.

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at nspcc.org.uk/pants

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/

Dùrachdan,

Mgr MacNèill