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ENROLMENT WEEKS

Nursery Enrolment - w/c Monday 12th February

PRIMARY ENROLMENT WEEK

We had a very busy primary enrolment week and we are currently processing all forms and requests. Ceud taing dhuibh uile.

C4-7 SKING

Letters have been sent home to all families.

LEARNING ZOO

We welcomed Anne Glennie from the Learning Zoo to the school during the week to introduce us to a different way of teaching phonics and spelling. Anne spent time in all the classes and we were delighted to have received excellent reviews on the practice we currently have within our classrooms particularly regarding the direct teaching approach we take as well as the progress our children are making. Anne shared the latest research with us on a synthetic phonics approach linked into reading and spelling strategies. We will now reflect on Anne's training and suggestions for going forward before updating our policy on phonics and reading.

LEARNING SNAPSHOTS

Learning snapshots have now been uploaded onto Class Dojo for term two. These documents highlight achievements and next steps in learning. We would encourage you to comment on the document using the comment box underneath the file. Thank you to all our staff members who contribute towards all the learning that goes on within our classes. Ceud taing dhuibh uile.

OPEN DAY

We will have an open day for all primary families on Monday 12th February between 1.45pm and 2.45pm. Come along to see what your child has been learning in class.

LEAFLET ON SOCIAL MEDIA

A leaflet from Highland Council is attached containing important and useful information on the use of social media.



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VISION, VALUES AND AIMS

As we embark on the last few terms of our third year in the new school, it is now time to reflect on our underpinning vision, values and aims within our school community.

Our Vision - our youngsters learning at the very heart of our language, culture and community.

Our Values - language, culture and community.

Our Aims -

- To create a secure, happy and friendly environment where our learners are valued and encouraged to develop academically, socially, emotionally and creatively to the best of their ability in and beyond the classroom.
- To promote, enhance, celebrate and immerse our children in Gaelic language and culture.
- To support our children to reach their full potential and be inspired to learn.
- To embed digital technology at the heart of our learning and teaching.
- To ensure our children take care of their environment and become responsible caring citizens.
- To work in partnership with our partners to develop the life and ethos of our school and community.

Is this the vision we want for our school community going forward?

Are our values appropriate and representative of the foundation blocks in our school?

Are our aims appropriate? Too complicated?

To what extent does our school community have ownership of our vision, values and aims?

Over the next term we will be holding a number of events with our pupil council to develop these further. A parental event will be held by the pupil council and we would encourage as many families to attend as possible. After the February break, our school questionnaire will go out to all stakeholders which will help shape our vision, values and aims as well as our ongoing school improvement.

SÀR-SGOILEARAN

Seallaibh air na sàr-sgoilearan againn agus na sgoilearan a fhuair duais a' cheannard! Nach math a-rinn sibh! Well done to our children for getting excellence awards and Head Teacher Awards this morning at assembly.





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SHINTY TOURNAMENT

Well done to all our children who took part in last week's Shinty tournament. Math a rinn sibh. Thank you to Miss Delaney for all her hard work with the team.

DATES FOR DIARY

06/02/18 - Drumfun

12/02/18 - Nursery Enrolment Week

12/02/18 - Open Day for all Primary families

19/02/18 & 20/02/18 - February Break

21/02/18 - In-service Training / School closed