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CUAIRT-LITIR SHEACHDAINEACH/WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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NEW ENROLMENTS

We are currently experiencing some technical issues with our enrolment system and letters to confirm C1 and new Sgoil-àraich enrolments have been delayed. We are working to get these confirmation letters out by the Easter holidays. Ceud taing.

FÀILTE/WELCOME

Fàilte/welcome to all our new families that have joined our Sgoil-àraich and school community over the last number of months. Tha fàilte bhlaith romhaibh.

Good luck to Grace (C7) who moves to Skye - bidh sinn gad ionndrainn!

AFTER OFFICE HOURS CONTACT DETAILS

In the event that you contact the main number of the school after 3.15pm and you are unable to get an answer, please leave a message and we shall return your call as soon as possible bearing in mind this maybe the next day. If you need to urgently contact the school after office hours, please call the Early Learning and Childcare Care Number - **01397709724**. Our office is manned from 8.45am until 3.15pm (Monday to Friday).

SCHOOL CATCHMENT AREA

Thank you to the families who came along to the public meeting on Tuesday evening. The consultation for the school's catchment area is still open until Friday 16th March. We would encourage both positive and constructive feedback regarding the school catchment area to be submitted by this date. We will also be consulting with pupils over the next few weeks regarding their views on the proposal. Details of the consultation can be found at: https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/893/schools_-_general_information/24/school_consultations_and_closure_proposals

C6/7 SKIING

A very mixed week of skiing! We managed to get up for two days but due to weather conditions never managed the four days! The children had a great time. We are currently working with Nevis Range to come up with two more suitable days in March. More information will be sent home to families in due course. Lots of pictures on Class Dojo and pictures will be uploaded onto social media shortly.



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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. Nach math a rinn an triùir seo a tha air a bhith bruidhinn Gàidhlig fad na h-ùine - fhuair iad duais a' cheannard! Well done also to the children who received a Head Teacher's Award for excellent Gaelic.



WORLD BOOK DAY

Well done to all our children who came dressed up for World Book Day and brought in lots of exciting books! We discussed at assembly this morning the importance of reading for enjoyment. Lots of pictures on Class Dojo. Why not pop some pictures up on Dojo of your child reading for enjoyment?

NAME A STAR

Thank you to Lochaber Cinema Group who gave us a 'Name a Star' gift box. The children picked the name 'Gleansach' which means shiny! We are awaiting our certificate which will be on display in our foyer.

SCHOOL FETE - PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Our next Parent Council meeting will be on Thursday 22nd March at 7.30pm. The main focus of the meeting will be organising our School Fete which will be on Thursday 17th March. Please come along if you are able to help or assist in anyway - many hands make light work! Ceud taing.

LOCHABER GAELIC CHOIR CÈILIDH

Come along to the cèilidh this evening at Caol Community Centre at 7.30pm.



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SCOTTISH NATIONAL STANDARDISED ASSESSMENTS

Our C7 children sat the new Scottish National Standardised Assessments this week. We are delighted with the results and very proud of all our children for the great effort they showed sitting these assessments. The SNSA's are also to be completed in C1 and C4. This year, however, we are not completing these assessments at these stages as we await the Gaelic assessments to come out in August 2018. Other assessment news - C5 and C6 are still in the process of sitting INCAS assessments.

MODERATION PROGRAMME

Before the holidays, our teachers met with staff from Mallaig Primary School and Acharacle Primary School to put together a plan for working together moderating Gaelic writing at all levels. During this term, our children were set a writing task and now we will meet next week to cross mark these pieces to ensure we have a shared understanding of using the benchmarks provided by Education Scotland.

JOHN MUIR POETRY COMPETITION

Congratulations to our children who received certificates for 'Commended' and 'Highly Commended' pieces of poetry in the John Muir Trust Competition. Math a-rinn a h-uile duine. Special well done to Ciara (C7) who came 3rd in the competition. Sin thu fhèin Ciara!



FAIRTRADE FOOTBALL - THIS AFTERNOON

Stay tuned to Class Dojo and social media for more information!

DATES FOR DIARY

12/03/18 - C4/5 Skiing Week

19/03/18 - Sports Relief - more information coming next week!

22/03/18 - Comhairle nam Pàrant Meeting - 7.30pm

28/03/18 - Last day of term.