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ENROLMENT WEEK

Please spread the word about our enrolment week for nursery children:

Nursery Enrolment - w/c Monday 13th February

Parents/guardians can come into the school office between 9.15am and 3pm with their child's birth certificate and proof of address. If your child is remaining in Sgoil-àraich, you do not need to fill out a new enrolment. Please spread the word and help promote our wonderful school community. Please like and share our posts on Facebook.

Primary enrolments have gone really well. If you know of any families that maybe interested in enrolling their child at the school for C1, please tell them to get in touch.

LEARNING SNAPSHOTS/TERMLY PLANS

Thank you to all our families who have returned learning snapshots. Please return these **as soon as possible** to allow us to update your child's learning journey and assessment folder.

SICKNESS

As many families will be aware, we have had a number of cold and sickness bugs within the school community. Please may I remind all families that if your child has a sickness bug (vomiting), they must have a clear 48 hours before they return to school. This is in line with NHS guidelines and Highland Council policy. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Mr MacNeil

DRUMFUN

Our children had a fantastic workshop with Steve from Drumfun this week. Photos to follow!

SKIING

We will be writing to all families next week in regards to skiing. Unfortunately, we have not secured the funding we were hoping for (plus very little snow) and therefore we will have to look at a Plan B.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to all our children who received 'sàr-sgoilearan' this week. Remember you can see lots of photos and information on our school website and Facebook page.



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TOOTH BRUSHING

As part of our health and well-being programme, we are introducing daily tooth brushing in C3 - C7. All children from Sgoil-àraich to C7 will now be brushing their teeth after snack or lunchtime. If you do not wish your child to be part of this programme, please email or telephone the school office. Ceud taing.

FAMILY LEARNING WEEKEND

This weekend will take place on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th March. The purpose of the weekend is to help parents/guardians, family members and the whole community of the school to learn Gaelic. Two highly experienced tutors - Alec (Valtos) MacDonald and Peter Murray will be tutoring Gaelic. There will be a class for complete beginners as well as a class for those with some level of Gaelic. Activities for the children will include a crèche, sports and music session.

We are looking for volunteers to run a community café. Parents/guardians who are interested in helping with the café should email or contact the school as soon as possible. This will allow us to see if this is viable. **We have had one volunteer so far!**

This is a fantastic opportunity for all our families so please spread the word.

SCHOOL CÈILIDH

Date for the diary - our next School Cèilidh will take place on Thursday 30th March at 7pm. Artists will include Robert Nairn on the box, Lochaber Pipe Band and our children - more acts to be confirmed.

STUDENT

We would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Roisin McArthur who has been in C5 along with Mrs MacLellan. We wish Roisin all the best with her studies.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

On Tuesday 7th February, we ask all families to make their children aware of the importance of staying safe on the internet - <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2017>.

GAELIC

This week we began a special award for classes who continually speak Gaelic out with the classroom. It was tough competition but well done to C5 for getting the award this week and getting extra break time! We are encouraging our children to speak Gaelic throughout the school day to strengthen their use of language with their peers.



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7 th February	Safer Internet Day
13 th February	Nursery Enrolment Week Open Afternoon for all families
17 th February	Youth Music Initiative starts for 6 weeks.
20 th & 21 st February	February Holiday
22 nd February	In-service Training
27 th February - 3 rd March	Skiing Week
27 th February - 10 th March	Fairtrade Fortnight
6 th March - 10 th March	Survey Week for Pupils, Families, Staff and Community Members
9 th March	Fairtrade Football Match with St Columba's
20 th - 23 rd March	Lochaber Music Festival After-school Clubs finish
24 th March	Red Nose Day
25 th & 26 th March	Family Learning Weekend
27 th March	Fete Meeting
30 th March	School Cèilidh
5 th April	Easter Service - 10am
6 th April - 21 st April	Easter Holidays
24 th April - 19 th May	Short Topic Focus - Year of History, Heritage & Archeology
24 th April	Comhairle nam Pàrant (Parent Council) Meeting - 7.30pm
26 th April	Cuach na Cloinne (Football Tournament)
1 st May	May Day Holiday - School Closed
4 th May	In-service Training
15 th - 19 th May	Digital Learning Week Walk to School Week - Big Whole School Walk
18 th May	School Fete
22 nd May - 26 th May	Short Topic Focus - Food Week
22 nd May	Open Afternoon for all families
24 th May	UNICEF Day for Change
26 th May	Reports home to Parents/Guardians
29 th May - 9 th June	Short Topic Focus - Career Fortnight Career Afternoon (5 th June)
30 th & 31 st May	Pupil Progress Evenings/Book Fair
2 nd & 3 rd June	Oban Local Mod
8 th June	Wateraid Pipeline Challenge
9 th June & 10 th June	Lochaber Local Mod
12 th June - 16 th June	Transition Week for C7 at LHS / Cycling Proficiency Week C6
13 th June	Moving on Morning (All Children will go into new classes) New P1 Transition Visit - 9.30am - 12.30pm Parent Information Presentation for New P1's - 9.30am - 10.30am
14 th June	Parent Information Evening for Sgoil-àraich families - 6.00pm

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15 th June	Sgoil-àraich Trip
16 th June	End of Term Ceilidh
19 th June	Whole School Trip
20 th & 21 st June	C7 Residential Trip to Skye
22 nd June	Induction Day in Sgoil-àraich - 10am
23 rd June	Sports Day - 1pm
27 th June	House Netball Tournament House Shinty Tournament House Football Tournament
28 th June	Moving on Afternoon/New P1 Visit - 1.30pm
29 th June	Leavers' Assembly - 10am
30 th June	School Closes for Holiday at 12pm