



## Bun-Sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar

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### CUAIRT-LITIR SHEACHDAINEACH/WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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#### ENROLMENT WEEKS

##### Nursery Enrolment - w/c Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Parents of children due to commence nursery for session 2018/2019 are invited to come and enrol at Bun-Sgoil Ghaidhlig Loch Abar (Lochaber Gaelic Primary) between Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018 from 9am to 3pm. If you are unsure whether your child is eligible or/and would like to find out when your child's funded place would commence, please contact the school office.

For all enrolments—please take along your child's birth certificate and a proof of address.

We would encourage all families to enrol online by going

to: [https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/11/school\\_enrolment/](https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/11/school_enrolment/).

If you would like to find out any more information about the school or/and come for a tour, please contact the school office on 01397709720.

#### 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 12<sup>th</sup> February between 1.45pm and 2.45pm. Come along to see what your child has been learning in class.

#### 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).



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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.

### REMINDER

Please remember that we are a nut free school and therefore snacks containing nuts should not be taken into the school. We have a number of children with severe allergies to nuts so please ensure you check all snacks and packed lunches to ensure they are nut free. We thank you for your support in this matter. Ceud taing.

### DRUMFUN

Thank you to Steve at Drumfun for a fantastic session with all our children developing rhythmical skills using a variety of drums and percussion. The children had a fantastic time. Pictures on Class Dojo.



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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.



### ROADWORKS

Please be aware that there are planned roadworks with road closures in Fort William over the February weekend. See the BEAR Scotland website for more information.

### C4-7 SKIING

Last call for skiing returns!

### OUT OF SCHOOL CARE BILLING

Ad hoc users of the service will be aware that there has been a requirement to complete a direct debit form even if you are only using the service sporadically. Highland Council have now introduced a new system that parents can pay one off payments by debit or credit card. For more information on how to book the service or/and about billing, please contact the school office.

### DATES FOR DIARY

- 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
- 26/02/18 - C6/7 Skiing Week
- 05/03/18 - C4/5 Skiing Week