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CUAIRT-LITIR SHEACHDAINEACH/WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

08.09.17

OPEN AFTERNOON

We will hold our first open afternoon for families in the Primary School next week - 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!

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.

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.***

SCOTLAND'S NATURAL LARDER

As part of the National Mod fringe events, Scotland's Natural Larder invite you to join foraging tutor Alasdair Taylor to learn about the edible plants, fungi and berries which can be found all around us. Event conducted in Gaelic at 11.00am and bilingually at 1.30pm. The event will last about 1.5 hours. The event will start at Old Inverloch Castle Carpark. The event is free but pre-booking essential.

www.foragingwalk1.eventbrite.co.uk

ELCC BOOKINGS

Please note that due to the new database system we are working with, we need 48 hours' notice for all bookings and cancellations for Sgoil-àraich children or children attending wrap around.



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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.



SCHOOL VISION AND AIMS

As you will know, our school vision is:

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Last year we worked with all stakeholders to come up with a set of aims for our school community.

These were:

- *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.*

We worked with a group of children last year to make these aims more child friendly and we are about to launch these shortly.

If you have any comments or suggestions on anything we should add or take away, please contact us.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 12th September - Open Afternoon - 1.45pm

Friday 15th September - NSPCC Assembly and Superhero Day

Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th September - School and ELCC closed - In-service Training

Monday 25th September - Comhairle nam Pàrant AGM - 7.30pm

TBC - MacMillan Coffee Morning



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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT REPORT AND PLAN

Our School Improvement Report and Plan is available for all parents/guardians and stakeholders to view online at <http://www.bspla.co.uk/key-information/school-improvement-plan/>. The report looks at where we currently are within our school community in line with 'How Good is our School/Early Learning and Childcare' toolkit. The plan looks at our priorities for this school year. These are:

- Raising Attainment in Literacy and Numeracy
- Improvement through self-evaluation
- Development of Digital Learning across all areas of the Curriculum

The document is very detailed and if you have any feedback or comments, please contact Mr MacNeil.
Ceud taing.

NEW CHRISTMAS CD

As some of you may be aware, we are hoping to produce a Christmas CD with the help of Old Laundry Productions in Glenfinnan. We have been successful in securing money from Bòrd na Gàidhlig to pay for the initial production of the CD. Information about the CD as well as permission slips will be sent home to families next week. All children will take part on the CD.

STÒRAS

This is fantastic project that has been set up by funding we received from Bòrd na Gàidhlig and Fèisean nan Gàidheal. The project will begin with C6/7 going out into the community to meet local Gaelic speakers and listen to old stories and songs from across the Lochaber area. C4-7 will then work with a team of drama tutors from Fèisean nan Gàidheal to put together a showcase of these stories and songs using drama and multimedia. C1 -3 will also take part in this project. The plan is that this will be showcased to families in January.

LITERACY COMPETITION / WIDER ACHIEVEMENTS

Massive well done to Ciara MacDonald (C7) who has been awarded 3rd place in the Literacy Competition at the Royal National Mod. This is a fantastic achievement. Math fhèin Ciara.
Please remember that if you have any wider achievements to share, you can do this yourself by uploading the information onto Class Dojo or by contacting the school office.



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LOCHABER LEISURE CENTRE JUNIOR TRIATHLON

Sat 16th September 2017 10.00am to 3pm



- Cat 1 4-6 Years – 12.5m Swim, 250m Cycle, 150m Run (Non Timed)
- Cat 2 7-8 Years – 25m Swim, 450m Cycle, 250m Run
- Cat 3 9-10 Years – 25m Swim, 900m Cycle, 250m Run
- Cat 4 11-12 Years – 50m Swim, 900m Cycle, 250m Run

BOOKING

Visit <https://booking.highlifehighland.com/>

Cost Cat 1 £5 High Life Members and £10 Non-Members (Non Timed)
Cost Cat 2-4 £10 High Life Members and £20 Non-Members

REGISTRATION AND RACE BRIEFING TIMES (Essential)

10.00am registration and brief 10.30am

Cat 1 – Guardian may escort round course

Timed event timing chips will be provided