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### CUAIRT-LITIR SHEACHDAINEACH/WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

09.03.17

#### SURVEY WEEK

We are still awaiting the relevant codes for our pupil, staff, parent and community surveys. We shall issue these as soon as possible.

#### USEFUL WEBSITES

Parentzone - <https://education.gov.scot/parentzone>

Read Write Count - <http://www.readwritecount.scot/>

Future Me Scot - <http://futureme.readwritecount.scot/>

Gaelic4Parents - <http://www.gaelic4parents.com/>

#### FAMILY LEARNING WEEKEND

This weekend will take place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 still need more volunteers.

#### SCHOOL CÈILIDH

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

#### RED NOSE DAY / WORLD BOOK DAY

As our C5-7 children were skiing, we will be celebrating World Book Day as part of our Red Nose Day celebrations on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March! We are asking all children to dress up as their favourite book characters and bring along their favourite book to school. We will be having a very special parade during morning assembly. We would ask families to donate a £1 towards Comic Relief who make such a huge difference. There will be other activities and games happening - more information next week.



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### LOCHABER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Please continue supporting learning of poems and songs at home. The final programme has now arrived and we are working on logistics - we will be in touch with individual families! 😊

### CLASS DOJO

The feedback so far has been extremely positive. Please contact us if you are having difficulties joining. The code you have been issued with is unique to your child and can be used by whoever you wish to have access to your child's information. If you need a copy of the code, please get in touch with us.

### EARLY LEARNING & CHILDCARE HOURS

Please can all families using Sgoil-àraich and the Out of School Care Service ensure that they contact the office directly with changes. At the moment, some families are reporting changes directly to Sgoil-àraich staff. To ensure that we are recording the correct hours and lunches purchased, please ensure that you either call or come to reception. Please ensure that you give 48 hour notice of any cancellations or changes, where possible. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

### VOLUNTEERS

We currently have a number of volunteers in the school who are supporting our children and staff. Caitlin Byrne and Lianne Stewart are both completing placements with us from University of the Highlands and Islands - they will be with us twice weekly up until May. Andrew MacDonald and Niamh Henderson have been with us the last few weeks from Sabhal Mòr Ostaig. Rachael MacGregor has been with us for a number of terms on a Monday/Tuesday from Sabhal Mòr Ostaig. Katrina MacLean continues to support us every Thursday morning. We thank all our volunteers past and present for their support. We are also very grateful to all our parents who support the school in so many ways from classroom support, supervision and transportation. Ceud taing dhuibh uile.

### SHINTY

Well done to our C1-3 children who took part in their first Shinty tournament on Friday!





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CHIP (Children in the Highland Information Point) provides information, support and advice to the parents/carers of children and young people with additional support needs and to the professionals supporting them. CHIP are running 3 FREE workshops for parent / carers of children and young people with additional support needs in Lochaber.

### Workshop 1 Exploring Disability

An informative blether about disabilities including autism, learning disability and mental health.  
The impact of stigma and prejudice and how to positively challenge it.  
Exploring support options

**21<sup>st</sup> March 2017**  
At Sugar & Spice

### Workshop 2 Responding Positively to Difficult Behaviour

What winds us up?  
How does this affect us?  
Calming and diffusing techniques  
Do's & don'ts  
Positive behaviour support

**4<sup>th</sup> April 2017**  
At Sugar & Spice

### Workshop 3 Your Child's Rights in the Education System

An introduction to parents and pupils rights in education law  
Additional support for learning

**2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017**  
At Caol Community Centre

#### Each workshop will cover:

- Introductions & coffee
- Main content of the workshop
- Questions & answers
- Buffet lunch & refreshments
- Looking after yourself / Managing stress / relaxation techniques / mindfulness
- CHIP information & networking

**To get more information or to book your free place on any of the workshops please contact Izzy on 07753958149**

**or email  
chip.lochaber@chipplus.org.uk**



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20 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Lochaber Music Festival / After-school Clubs finish
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day/World Book Day
25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Learning Weekend
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Fete Meeting
30 <sup>th</sup> March	School Cèilidh
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Service - 10am
6 <sup>th</sup> April - 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Holidays
24 <sup>th</sup> April - 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Short Topic Focus - Year of History, Heritage & Archeology
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Comhairle nam Pàrant (Parent Council) Meeting - 7.30pm
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Cuach na Cloinne (Football Tournament)
1 <sup>st</sup> May	May Day Holiday - School Closed
4 <sup>th</sup> May	In-service Training
15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Digital Learning Week /Walk to School Week - Big Whole School Walk
18 <sup>th</sup> May	School Fete
22 <sup>nd</sup> May - 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Short Topic Focus - Food Week
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Open Afternoon for all families
24 <sup>th</sup> May	UNICEF Day for Change
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Reports home to Parents/Guardians
29 <sup>th</sup> May - 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Short Topic Focus - Career Fortnight / Career Afternoon (5 <sup>th</sup> June)
30 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Pupil Progress Evenings/Book Fair
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Oban Local Mod
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Wateraid Pipeline Challenge
9 <sup>th</sup> June & 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Lochaber Local Mod
12 <sup>th</sup> June - 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition Week for C7 at LHS / Cycling Proficiency Week C6
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Moving on Morning / New P1 Transition Visit - 9.30am - 12.30pm Parent Information Presentation for New P1's - 9.30am - 10.30am
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Information Evening for Sgoil-àraich families - 6.00pm
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Sgoil-àraich Trip
16 <sup>th</sup> June	End of Term Ceilidh
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School Trip
20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> June	C7 Residential Trip to Skye
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Induction Day in Sgoil-àraich - 10am
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Sports Day - 1pm
27 <sup>th</sup> June	House Netball, Shinty & Football Tournaments
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Moving on Afternoon/New P1 Visit - 1.30pm
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Leavers' Assembly - 10am
30 <sup>th</sup> June	School Closes for Holiday at 12pm