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CUAIRT-LITIR SHEACHDAINEACH/WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

09.09.16

BLAS EVENT - ANDREW MACDONALD'S CEILIDH BAND

There will be a cèilidh this Saturday as part of the Blas Festival with the Andrew MacDonald Cèilidh Band. The event will commence at 1.30pm. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

OPEN AFTERNOON

Following the feedback we received from families last year regarding our Parent Information Evening, we have organised an open afternoon instead this year for all classes on **Monday 19th September**. This will be a great opportunity for you to come along and spend some time with your child/children in their learning environment. It will also be an opportunity for you to ask staff any questions regarding class structure, homework etc. *Parents with children in Sgoil-àraich are invited to come along from 9.30am - 10.30am. Parents with children in C1-7 are invited to come along from 1.45pm - 2.45pm. Tha sinn a' coimhead air adhart ri fàilte a chur oirbh.*

COINNICH RIS A' CHEANNARD/MEET WITH THE HEADTEACHER

On **Tuesday 20th September**, Mr MacNeil will be available between 4pm - 5.30pm to meet with any parents/guardians who wish to discuss their child's progress. Please contact the school office to make an appointment. As always, we operate an open door policy and appointments can be made at any time.

WHOLE SCHOOL PLEA

We are looking for a range of board games and toys to help us create a resource bank for wet break! If you have anything you are willing to donate that you think might be appropriate and in good condition, please send any items into the office. Thank you in advance. Ceud taing dhuibh uile.

CLERICAL POST

We currently have a temporary clerical post in the school for five hours (Thursday/Friday) until June 2017. Please spread the word.

KELPIES

Thank you to all the parents who came along to walk with our children to the Kelpies. Mìle taing dhuibh uile.



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RAISING ATTAINMENT IN NUMERACY

To help us raise attainment across the school in numeracy, we have attached a handy maths 'app' guide. We continue to encourage all families to work with children at home on mental maths and multiplication to consolidate learning from the classroom. The following websites are also very helpful and have a number of great resources on them:

Parent Zone - <http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/parentzone/learningathome/supportingnumeracy/>

Highland Numeracy Blog - <https://highlandnumeracyblog.wordpress.com/parents-supporting-numeracy-at-home/>

PYJAMA DAY

On Friday 30th September, we will be asking all children to come in their pyjamas to help raise money for class and school funds. We are currently trying to raise money for the following items:

- Art and Craft materials for all classes and Sgoil-àraich
- Musical instruments including Ukele's, keyboards and percussion instruments
- New Nelson Handwriting, Grammar and Comprehension books for children from C4 - C7 - the ones we have are very old!
- More outdoor equipment including an orienteering route as well as more playground equipment
- Gardening equipment and a Polygrub (a sturdy polytunnel).

We would ask for a donation (small or large!) to help with our campaign! Thank you in advance!

BSGLA'S GREAT GAELIC BAKE OFF

As part of our MacMillan Coffee morning, we are inviting children, parents and staff to take part in the Great Gaelic Bake Off! An expert judging panel will be on hand and the winners will be crowned Baking Champions 2016. The rules and competitions:

Sgoil-àraich to C3 - create six small individual fairy cakes with an icing on top!

C4-7 - create six Salted Carmel Chocolate Brownies or Chocolate Carmel Shortcakes which must be the same size!

Parents/Staff - create a show stopper of a Chocolate or Carrot Cake! You may flavour it with anything you like. This cake should demonstrate skill and perfection!

There will be a charge of £2 per child entry and £3 per staff/parent entry - all for a great cause and great fun!

We hope to have live music and there will be plenty tea, coffee, cake and craic from 11am - 12.30pm.

Please spread the word! Donations of home baking would be amazing!



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 19th September - Open Morning for Sgoil-àraich - 9.30am / Open Afternoon for C1-7 - 1.45pm

Tuesday 20th September - Coinnich ris a' Cheannard/Meet with the Head Teacher - 4pm

Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd September - In-service Training for Staff

Please note that out of school care services will also be closed for these days.

Saturday 24th September - MacMillan Coffee Morning and the Great Gaelic Bake Off

Friday 30th September - Pyjama Day

Thursday 6th October - School Cèilidh



Some pictures from 'Le Meas' - the C4-7 drama. Pictures also from a visit from Nuallan (Cape Breton Band) and our visit to the Kelpies. More pictures/videos online.

