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CUAIRT-LITIR SHEACHDAINEACH/WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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ENROLMENT WEEK - SGOIL ÀRAICH

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 note that we will be issuing flexible childcare forms to all families at the end of next week. Families should ensure that they return forms as soon as possible to be guaranteed preferred slots.**

SKIING

Unfortunately, we have heard this morning that we have been unable to secure funding to take the whole school skiing. We will revert back to taking the older classes as the arrangement has been in the past. Whilst we appreciate that this is not the best news, we have to take many elements into consideration when making this decision - the cost for larger families, substantial bus costs and impact on supervision up the hill and in school.

On a very positive note, we have spoken to Comunn na Gàidhlig and they are working with us to create a funding package to set up a Ski Academy for next year. This will ensure that all children will have the opportunity to learn essential skiing skills from a young age.

MÒD NEWS

We would like to say a huge thank you to Joyce Mathers, Jimmy Cameron and the other committee members who helped raise £500 for the school towards Mòd costs. The money will be used to pay for transport, photocopying and general Mòd costs. We are also delighted to inform families that Katrina MacLean will be coming into school on Thursday morning to support children with Mòd preparation. Audio files will also be available online shortly to support home learning.

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.



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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.

OPEN AFTERNOON

All families are invited to come along to our open afternoon on Monday 13th February at 1.45pm. This will be a further opportunity for you to engage in your child's learning within the classroom. This is not a formal meeting and if you have any specific comments or concerns, please make an appointment with the office to meet with your child's teacher or/and Head Teacher. P1-3 parents/family members will be taken through to the Sgoil-àraich reception area to wait for children to get ready at the end of the day. We look forward to welcoming you all.

FEBRUARY BREAK

Our February break is just round the corner! Children will be off school on Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd February (In-service training for staff). All children will return to school on Thursday 23rd February.



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| 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 |