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CUAIRT-LITIR SHEACHDAINEACH/WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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ENROLMENT WEEKS

Our enrolment weeks are now over and we are in the process of confirming all places. Letters will be issued to all families in due course. **Existing Sgoil-àraich families - please note that a letter will also be issued to you to confirm your hour requests starting August 2018.**

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

Thank you to all our families who came along to our open day this week. Ceud taing dhuibh uile.

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).

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.

HOLIDAY WEEKEND

We hope you have a very nice and relaxing holiday weekend. The school will be closed (including Sgoil-àraich and Out of School Care) on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th for holiday as well as Wednesday 21st for in-service training. The school will reopen on Thursday 22nd February at 9am. Please note there will be no clubs next week. Please also note that there will be no newsletter next week.



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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.

SKIING

C6/7 skiing will be the week of 26th February as planned. **Please note that C4/5 skiing will be on week commencing 12th March and not as stated in the letter.** We apologise for any inconvenience this date change may cause. If you are able to help with the C4/5 skiing week, please get in touch.

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.



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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.



PUBLIC MEETING - SCHOOL CATCHMENT AREA

The meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th February at 6.30pm in our Community Room. Please come along.

DATES FOR DIARY

- 19/02/18 & 20/02/18 - February Break
- 21/02/18 - In-service Training / School closed
- 26/02/18 - C6/7 Skiing Week
- 27/02/18 - BSGLA Catchment Area - Public Meeting
- 12/03/18 - C4/5 Skiing Week