



## Bun-Sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar

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### CUAIRT-LITIR SHEACHDAINEACH/WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

21.09.16

#### STAFF IN SERVICE

The school will be closed for children on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. We hope you have a lovely long weekend. The school will reopen on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

#### OPEN AFTERNOON

Thank you to all the parents/guardians and family members who came along to our open morning in the Sgoil-àraich and also our open afternoon in the Primary. Learning snapshots will go home at the beginning of term 2 for writing, numeracy and inter-disciplinary learning. Parent evenings will also be held in November. If you have any questions or concerns, we operate an open door policy so please get in touch.

#### 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.

#### DRAFT STATUTORY GUIDANCE ON GAELIC EDUCATION

Bòrd na Gàidhlig is issuing Statutory Guidance on Gaelic Education under the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 and expanding on the Gaelic provisions of the Education (Scotland) Act 2016. This Guidance is for everyone involved in Gaelic education in Scotland, providing information on how to request Gaelic medium education (GME), as well as recommendations and best practice in the delivery of all forms of Gaelic education. Please can we urge all families to go to <http://www.gaidhlig.org.uk/bord/en/home/consultation> and read over the draft bill and complete the small consultation survey. Thank you in advance.

#### LOCAL RESIDENTS' NEWSLETTER

This week we sent out our local residents' newsletter with lots of information for the local community.

#### TRIATHLON

Well done to our triathlon team who did a brilliant job and had many successes including coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the running event.

#### FOOTBALL STRIPS

Just a wee reminder that children should not come into school wearing football strips.



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### 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! 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! Entry forms will be going home in bags today.

Come along for plenty tea, coffee, cake and craic from 11am - 12.30pm. Please spread the word! **Please could you contact the office if you are willing to help with the setting up, teas, provide baking or help tidy up. We are particularly looking for home baking.** 😊

### WEBSITE

This week we received further training on our website and have asked for a number of changes to make it easier for families and to allow us to upload videos. These changes will be made this week and then we shall start populating the site with newsletters, videos, pictures etc. We thank you for your patience on this matter. Our website is also directly linked to Facebook and Twitter.

### SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITE CONSENTS

A number of families have not returned the 'additional data check' forms. We will take from this that you are happy for pictures, class work or videos to be uploaded onto our website or social media sites.

**If you do not want your child to be featured on these sites (and you haven't indicated this already), please contact the school by Monday.**

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** - School closed to children - In-service Training for Staff  
***Please note that out of school care services will also be closed for these days.***

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September** - MacMillan Coffee Morning and the Great Gaelic Bake Off

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September** - Pyjama Day

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October** - School Cèilidh

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October** - School closes for October holidays / **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October** - School reopens