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CUAIRT-LITIR SHEACHDAINEACH/WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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CD - AIR OIHCHE NOLLAIG

Available to buy from the School Office at just £10! A great gift for family and friends. Please keep spreading the word!



HOLIDAYS

The school will close at 2.45pm/3.15pm tomorrow and will reopen at 9am on Monday 8th January 2018.

Bu toil leinn an cothrom seo a ghabhail gus Nollaige Chridheil agus gach beannachd airson 2018 a ghuidhe dhuibh! Tapadh leibh airson ur taic, foighidinn agus deagh ghean thar 2017.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy Christmas and all the best for 2018! Thank you for your continued support, patience and goodwill over 2017.

CAROL SINGING AT SAMMY'S CHIP SHOP

We have been invited to join Caol Primary School and St Columba's Primary School tonight at 5pm outside Sammy's Chip Shop to sing Christmas Carols. After our carolling, Sammy will be giving all the children a free bag of chips! Please come along as this will be a lovely event.

AILEAG

Some of our C6/7 children will be on Aileag (BBC Radio nan Gàidheal) tomorrow at 2pm talking about our new Christmas CD.





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CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Thank you to all our staff members for organising fantastic Christmas parties for our children. Photos on Class Dojo. Special thank you to Santa for coming all the way to visit us!

CAROL SINGING AT MOSS PARK

We had a lovely time visiting Moss Park singing some Gaelic Carols. Photos on Class Dojo.

65 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

Last week, two of our children called in on Betty and Tavish Cameron across the road to congratulate them on 65 years of marriage! The children presented Betty and Tavish with a lovely bunch of flowers.

FIRST MINISTER'S HOLIDAY MATHS CHALLENGE

P6 children have been issued with booklets for the 'First Minister's Holiday Maths Challenge'. We would encourage all children to participate.

CARE INSPECTORATE

We are delighted to have been awarded a VERY GOOD for both care and support, and environment by the Care Inspectorate. This is a credit to our fantastic staff team, children, families, partners and wider community. The full report is available on the Care Inspectorate website.

TERM 1 & TERM 2

We have had many successes and highlights over the last two terms:

- We shared our School Improvement Report and Plan and continue to work on our priorities for this school year.
- We continue to keep all our families and community members well informed through our weekly newsletters, our community newsletters, Facebook, Twitter and our website.
- Class Dojo continues to be a great success for sharing learning and news within our school community.
- We continue to celebrate wider achievements across the school.
- We have updated our Early Years and Out of School Care Service policies.
- We organised an open afternoon for families as well as our pupil progress evenings.
- We uploaded a number of learning snapshots to inform families of how learners are progressing and their next steps in learning.





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TERM 1 & TERM 2 (CONT..)

- We launched a revised tracking system in the school to ensure that we are meeting the needs of all learners.
- Our new school handbook is online.
- We welcomed Alan Bruce, our Quality Improvement Officer, into the school for a visit.
- We put together a fantastic extra-curricular programme for children through the medium of Gaelic.
- We welcomed NSPCC into the school to talk about the importance of internet safety and types of abuse.
- Our C6/7 children took part in the peer mediation programme.
- Our children took part in a number of TV/Radio programmes including Dè a-nis and Leugh ri Linda.
- We had a number of dress-down days including our Super Hero Day for NSPCC raising £92!
- We had a very successful Mòd in Loch Abar!
- Our shinty team took part in Cupa Iomain na h-Òige/Youth Shinty Cup.
- We welcomed the Deputy First Minister of Scotland and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, John Swinney MSP into our school.
- Our children enjoyed taking part in many events including Dance Platform, Inter Primary School Triathlon, Basketball and Badminton.
- We took part in a vlogging project with Theatre gu Leòr.
- We welcomed Fèisean nan Gàidheal into the school with their show about Bonnie Princes Charlie as well as their fantastic Christmas panto!
- We recorded and produced our own fantastic CD - Air Oidhche Nollaig.
- We collected lots of items for Lochaber Supports Refugees.
- We took part in a number of events over Christmas including the Rotary Christmas Festival, Gary Innes' Nevis Centre Concert and many school events.
- Our Pyjama day raised £147.94 for Children in Need.
- Our School Cèilidh raised £350.74.
- We raised £610.00 from tickets for our Carols by Candlelight and £373.00 on the raffle.
- We raised 236.80 on our Sgoil-àraich nativity raffle.
- Well done and thank you to all our children for singing so well on our CD and at Carols by Candlelight as well as our Sgoil-àraich nativity. Thank you to all our families for such generosity. It has been a very busy couple of terms! ☺





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TERM 3

Some of the exciting plans ahead:

- Our C7 children will work on a range of transition activities with Lochaber High School.
- Our C6 children will attend swimming lessons.
- We will have more information for families about skiing lessons.
- Questionnaires and learning conversations will take place with our children, families, staff and community members to help us continue to shape our improvement goals for next year.
- We will welcome Anne Glennie into the school who will be helping us launch a new phonics and spelling programme across the school in both English and Gaelic.
- Our committees will begin to meet again to work on developing various projects.
- We will be reviewing our school vision, values and aims as we reach the end of our third year in the building!
- We shall also be preparing for Lochaber Music Festival and local Mòds.
- We shall welcome a number of new families into the school community with their children starting in Sgoil-àraich.

FRANCES' PROGRAMME

As many of you will know, our clerical Frances has been battling with MS. Hear more about her story on BBC Alba on 31st December at 9pm and repeated on 2nd January at 10pm.

