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CUAIRT-LITIR SHEACHDAINEACH/WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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USEFUL WEBSITES

Parentzone - <https://education.gov.scot/parentzone>

Read Write Count - <http://www.readwritecount.scot/>

Future Me Scot - <http://futureme.readwritecount.scot/>

Gaelic4Parents - <http://www.gaelic4parents.com/>

RED NOSE DAY / WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day as part of our Red Nose Day celebrations **tomorrow!** We are asking all children to dress up as their favourite book characters and bring along their favourite book to school. We will be having a very special parade during morning assembly as well as asking some of the older children to read some favourite stories to our younger children. We would ask families to donate £1 towards Comic Relief who make such a huge difference. We will also be selling red noses to help fundraise - £1 per nose.



SCHOOL CÈILIDH

Date for the diary - our next School Cèilidh will take place on Thursday 30th March from 7pm - 8.30pm. Artists will include Robert Nairn on the box, Lochaber Pipe Band, BSGLA Choir, Còisir Òg and children who were participating at this year's Music Festival. There will be a small raffle with some very exciting prizes. Donations at the door for entry. Please spread the word and share our Facebook event.

LOCHABER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Huge well done to all our children who took part in the Lochaber Music Festival this year! The marks were particularly high with a number of our children getting distinction and outstanding marks. Thank you to all our staff members and parents for supporting children with learning of the pieces. Well done to our School Choir who came 1st in their competition. Thank you to Miss Delaney for all her work with the choir. Well done to our Strings Group as well who did very well in their performance. Thank you to Mrs Fielding for all her support. Photos have been uploaded onto Class Dojo and Facebook.



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SPEED

Reminder - on entering Ardgour Road the speed limit is 20mph. On passing the roundabout at the school, the speed limit reduces to 10mph. Please ensure that you follow these limits for the safety of all. Ceud taing.

CLASS DOJO

If you require a copy of your code again, please pop a note into the class teacher. Please bear with us as we get to know the system! There have been a number of technical glitches but we are getting there. The feedback so far has been extremely positive.

EASTER SERVICE

Our Easter Service will take place on Wednesday 5th April at 10am. This will be followed by tea, coffee and hot cross buns!

FETE MEETING

There will be a short Fete Meeting on Monday 27th March at the school at 6pm. This will be to discuss plans for the Fete. This is our biggest fundraising activity in the year so please come along and share your ideas!

HIGHLAND COUNCIL - ELCC SURVEY

Highland Council are undertaking a consultation with parents around their early learning and childcare needs for children aged 2-12. This is not school specific but a general consultation with all families across Highland.

Please find the link below to the West Area, Early Learning and Childcare Survey monkey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RLHQKPP>

Thank you for your time - your opinions are really important to us.

EASTER HOLIDAYS - OUT OF SCHOOL CARE SERVICE

Please find attached a leaflet about the Out of School Care Service provision at Inverlochty over the holidays. For more information, please contact 01397 701287 or e-mail:

inverlochty.primary@highland.gov.uk.



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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

We have issued our community newsletter to all our neighbours to keep them up to date with school events and developments. All newsletters can be found on our website.

DESIGN A HAGGIS COMPETITION

Huge well done to Ruaraidh (C4) who won the recent 'Design a Haggis Competition'. His design will feature on one of the gondolas at Nevis Range. C3/4 have also been invited to Nevis Range for a Tea Party as part of Ruaraidh's prize! We shall keep you posted about dates! Abair deagh naidheachd.

FAIR PLAY AWARD

We have received a letter from the Chair of the Education, Children and Adult Services Committee - Drew Millar, as well as Director of Care & Learning - Bill Alexander, congratulating us on the award for Fair Play collected by our C4/5 Shinty team a number of weeks ago! Nach math a rinn iad!

FUNDING

We are delighted to inform families that we have secured funding from Bòrd na Gàidhlig to record a Christmas CD. A timetable for this project will be issued to families in due course. The CD will be an amazing experience for learners and will hugely contribute towards the skills they are developing for life, learning and work. The CD will also generate a lot of money for the school!

PRIMARY SURVEY

Our Primary survey is now open. Please complete this short survey online by going to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/L59H8VW>

The feedback we receive will be used to help shape our School Improvement Plan for next session. Your feedback is so important to us and we thank you in advance for your continued support. Please note that a separate survey will be issued to Sgoil-àraich families. We are still awaiting the relevant codes but this should be issued early next week.



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CHIP (Children in the Highland Information Point) provides information, support and advice to the parents/carers of children and young people with additional support needs and to the professionals supporting them. CHIP are running 3 FREE workshops for parent / carers of children and young people with additional support needs in Lochaber.

Workshop 2
Responding Positively to
Difficult Behaviour
What winds us up?
How does this affect us?
Calming and diffusing
techniques
Do's & don'ts
Positive behaviour support

4th April 2017
At Sugar & Spice

Workshop 3
Your Child's Rights in
the Education System
An introduction to
parents and pupils rights
in education law
Additional support for
learning

2nd May 2017
At Caol Community
Centre

Each workshop will cover:

Introductions & coffee
Main content of the workshop
Questions & answers
Buffet lunch & refreshments
Looking after yourself / Managing stress /
relaxation techniques / mindfulness
CHIP information & networking

**To get more information or to book
your free place on any of the
workshops please contact Izzy on
07753958149**

**or email
chip.lochaber@chipplus.org.uk**



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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 / 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
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, Shinty & Football Tournaments
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

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