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CUAIRT-LITIR SHEACHDAINEACH/WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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OPEN DAY FOR GME - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We need your help! Please spread the word about our Open Day for Gaelic Medium Education on Saturday 3rd December (1pm - 3pm). There will be lots of information stalls about the Gaelic education journey, tours around the school as well as lots of children's activities including a bouncy castle and outdoor play! Please encourage any parents you know that may have children starting in nursery or school to come along. Do you need more leaflets to help spread the word? More leaflets are available at the School office. Please like and share our event on Facebook.

Are you free to help on the day? We need volunteers for teas and coffees, giving tours of the school and helping at the school parents stand! The more volunteers we have the easier the day! We also need donations of home baking. Please can you email bsgla@highland.gov.uk and let us know if you can volunteer/help with baking. Thanks in advance. All volunteers should meet at the school at 12.15pm.

RAFFLE

Christmas is coming! We are looking for donations for our two raffles which will be drawn at our school shows on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th December. All donations would be greatly appreciated. Please drop off donations to the School office. Please note we are not doing hampers this year.

SGOIL-ÀRAICH NEWS

- Our children had a lovely visit to the library and the Community Centre this week to mark Scottish Book Week. They had a brilliant time.
- Our Sgoil-àraich St Andrew's Day Cèilidh will take place on Wednesday 30th November at 11.00am. Please use the Sgoil-àraich entrance. We shall have tea and coffee after the cèilidh. A donation box will also be at the door and all monies raised will go towards Sgoil-àraich funds.
- Our children will be performing their nativity on Thursday 15th December at 10.00am. A warm welcome is extended to all families.

MANNEQUIN CHALLENGE

Make sure you visit our Facebook page and watch our Mannequin Challenge which we completed last Friday as part of our Children in Need celebrations.





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ARCHITECTURE AWARDS

We are delighted that the school was highly commended for our building design a few weeks ago. Well done to our architects, builders and all in the Development and Infrastructure Team at Highland Council.

CLUBS UPDATE

Art Club - the next club will take place on Tuesday 6th December.

WET WEATHER

We would like to remind families that sensible clothing (waterproofs, trousers, appropriate footwear etc) should be worn daily by children. Unless the weather is classified as bad (very heavy rain, storm force winds, ice or any other dangerous conditions), children will go outside to play. We feel that when children get regular opportunities to go outside and play, they come back in ready to learn and are more focused in the classroom. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

CHILDREN IN NEED - FUNDRAISING DAY

Thank you to all our families who help raised £208.05 for Children in Need. Thank you to everyone who contributed. Mìle taing.

ROTARY CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Due to a change in circumstances, we are no longer singing at the Rotary Christmas Festival this Saturday. C5-7 will be singing at Morrisons in the next few weeks - we await a date. C5-7 will also be recording a carol for the Oban Times which will be available on their website - information will be sent to families next week.

SCHOOL SHOWS - CINDERELLA

Show ticket letters have now been sent home. Please come along and encourage family and friends to attend. Instantaneous translation will be available. Young children should attend the afternoon show on Tuesday. **Tickets are going fast so please return slips and money as soon as possible.**

CHRISTMAS LUNCH LETTERS

Letters have been sent home to families. Please return to the school as soon as possible





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CHRISTMAS SERVICE

This year we have been invited to Kilmallie Church as a venue for our Christmas Service. The service will contain religious and non-religious readings, Christmas songs and carols. The service will be followed by a wee party with juice or water and mince pies for the children and tea/coffee and mince pies for the adults. Please come along. If you do not wish your child to attend this service, please contact the school and alternative arrangements will be made.

CINDERELLA

Cinderella is just around the corner so here is a list of props and characters children are playing:

C1/2 - Children are playing Cinderella's cousins. They should wear party clothes.

C3/4 - Children are the guests at the Prince's ball. They should wear party clothes.

C5 - Children are carol singers as well as guests at the Prince's ball. They should wear party clothes along with winter coats.

C6/7 - Children will be issued with costume letters next week.

We are looking for:

- 10 Lanterns
- Wigs (any shapes or sizes)
- Two identical red dresses (adult size)
- Glitter ball
- Ironing Table and iron
- Massive bottle of perfume
- A sparkle ball gown dress (adult size)

There may be more! Please phone the school and let us know if you have any of these costumes or items.

Meeting - there will be a costumes and make up meeting on Monday (28th November) at 2pm in the meeting room. Please come along if you can make it!

DANCE PLATFORM

Well done to all our children who took part in Dance Platform this week. You were all a credit to the school. Anyone who missed the performances will see the children perform again at our School Show.





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TEMPEST

At the time of going to press, we are still awaiting a date from Tempest Photography to come into school to take pictures. It is still their hope to come into the school and have the photos ready for Christmas. The minute we have a date we will issue a letter. As always, we would ask that children come in wearing full school uniform including shirt, school tie, jumper, trousers/skirts and appropriate clothing. We would ask that all shirts are tucked in! Thank you for your help in this matter.

PUPIL PROGRESS EVENINGS

Thank you to all our families who came along to our pupil progress evenings this week. We hope you found these useful and that these meetings will help you support your child at home. Thank you to all our staff who work so hard all year round. Ceud taing dhuibh uile.

BOOK FAIR

We made a fantastic £580.72 of sales at our Book Fair with a commission of £202 which will buy us a range of books for our school library. Ceud taing.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 29th November - Fèisean nan Gàidheal Panto

Wednesday 30th November - Sgoil-àraich St Andrew's Day Cèilidh

Saturday 3rd December - Open Day for Gaelic Medium Education

Tuesday 6th December - Christmas Unwrapped - C6/7

Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th December - Whole School Christmas Show - Cinderella

Thursday 15th December - Sgoil-àraich Nativity at 10am

Friday 16th December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day*

**Please note that Out of School Care will close early on this day -please contact us for more information.*

Monday 19th December - Christmas Parties

Thursday 22nd December - Christmas Service at 10am at Kilmallie Church

Friday 23rd December - School closes at 2.45pm/3.15pm for Christmas holidays.*

**Please note that Out of School Care Service will be closed at 3.15pm.*

