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LÀITHEAN-SAORA/HOLIDAYS

Fàilte oirbh air ais! Tha sinn an dòchas gun robh deagh làithean-saora aig a h-uile duine. Welcome back to a very busy term! We hope you had a very enjoyable holiday.

SGOIL-ÀRAICH NEWS

Welcome - we welcome Angela MacIsaac to our team as our new Early Years Practitioner. Angela has a vast experience working with children and is a fluent Gaelic speaker from Uist.

Policies - over the next few weeks, our new Sgoil-àraich policies will be available online on our website as well as being available in the setting. There are very small changes to policies to reflect local council and government updates. Our policy of the month is available on the Sgoil-àraich notice board.

Questionnaires - to help us continue to maintain a very high service, over the next few week's staff will be asking families key questions regarding the service provision during drop off and collection.

Invoices - we have been advised by the Finance Team that there is still a backlog of invoices to go out for nurseries and Out of School Care facilities across Highland. We have been advised that August, September and October invoices will go out in one batch!

Safe, Strong and Free - workshops will take place in early January with pre-school children. The Safe, Strong and Free team have withdrawn the Parental Meetings but you are able to preview the 3 children's workshops by going to - <http://safestrongandfree.org.uk/resources/for-parents-and-carers/>. If you require any further information or assistance, please speak to our Sgoil-àraich team.

CLUBS

LAST CALL - please return any forms for Club Spòrs or after-school clubs by Friday. Club Spòrs will commence this Saturday and after-school clubs will commence on Monday.

NUTS

Please remember that we are a nut free school. Please avoid sending in any form of nuts or nut products within packed lunches - this includes peanut butter. We appreciate your support in this matter.



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HALLOWEEN

Halloween is fast approaching and we will be asking children to come in dressed up on **Monday 31st October**. There will be Halloween activities on all day including games and a competition for the best costume! Stay tuned to our website for the announcement of the winners!



HOMEWORK

Thank you to all those parents/guardians who took part in our homework survey. From the feedback we received from the survey and from conversations with parents/guardians, we are now going forward with our new home learning policy to help raise attainment in numeracy and literacy in a more manageable way. The key pieces of information you need to know:

- Children will be issued with a booklet at the start of term. Within the booklet, there will be activities and recording sheets for mental maths, reading for enjoyment, spelling and technology tasks.
- Teachers will ask to see booklets at specific times of the term and children will be asked to share some of their home learning with staff and peers e.g. a particular book they enjoyed reading.
- On occasion, we will send out personal research projects for C5 - 7.

There are no consequences for not completing homework but we would like to reiterate the importance of supporting your child's learning at home to help with their development of literacy and numeracy. *Booklets for this term are currently at the translators and will be available shortly. In the meantime, please continue to work on multiplication, spelling and reading at home. Ceud taing.*

TERMLY PLANS

Termly plans will be issued next week to all families.

PUPIL PROGRESS EVENINGS

Pupil progress evening letters have been distributed today. Please return the slip as soon as possible.

SNAPSHOTS

Learning snapshots for numeracy, writing and interdisciplinary learning will be issued next week in poly pockets. We would ask that parents/guardians comment on the three sheets and return to the school as soon as possible. An information letter will accompany the snapshots.



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FIRST MINISTER'S READING CHALLENGE

As part of the First Minister's Reading Challenge, booklets have gone home to all children in C4 - C7 to encourage children to read for enjoyment. Please help and encourage your child to read in any language and encourage them to complete the booklet. Children in Sgoil-àraich to C3 should also be encouraged to read and please share feedback and successes in the homework diary.

COISIR ÒG

Coisir Òg starts up again next week to prepare for the National Mod coming to Lochaber next year! Please spread the word about the choir and like our Facebook page - Coisir Òg Loch Abar.

DANCE PLATFORM

Our Dance Platform performances this year will be on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th November. We hope as many families can make it along to support our dancers. Thank you to Lauren for all her hard work in preparing our dancing team! More information about tickets will be available next week.

GAELIC TUTORS

If you are interested in becoming a Gaelic tutor for Gaelic classes, please contact Margaret Mulholland on 01463 703690.

MOD 2016

If you have any expenses to claim for Mod 2016, please email bsgla@highland.gov.uk. There is only a very small budget this year from An Comunn.

SHINTY

Next week, we will be commencing weekly training sessions for shinty throughout the school. Miss Delaney will be leading these sessions on a Wednesday morning. Please contact the school if you do not wish your child to take part in these sessions. These sessions will be delivered on top of the two hours of physical education we are currently delivering.

MEETING LEARNERS' NEEDS

Letters have been issued for children who currently have a plan in place to help with their learning and development. If you have not received a letter, please contact the school.



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CÈILIDH

Please spread the word and come along to our cèilidh on Thursday 3rd November. We will have live music, our choir will be singing, the Pipe Band will be playing some sets, soloists from the school including some Mod competitors as well as a small raffle. £5 per ticket with children free! A great wee night to get a very busy term underway - 7pm to 9pm. Thigibh a chèilidh! ☺

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 31st October - Halloween Parade

Thursday 3rd November - School Cèilidh

Monday 14th November - Remembrance Day Service at 10am

Monday 14th November - Parent Council Meeting at 7.30pm

Friday 18th November - Children in Need Fundraising Day - dress up as your favourite book character!

Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd November - Pupil Progress Evenings

Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th November - Dance Platform

Saturday 3rd December - Open Day for Gaelic Medium Education

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

Friday 16th December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 22nd December - Christmas Service at 10am

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

Halloween in Uist in the 1930's! Very scary costumes!



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