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### CUAIRT-LITIR SHEACHDAINEACH/WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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#### ENROLMENT WEEK

Please spread the word about our enrolment weeks for primary and nursery pupils:

**Primary School Enrolment - w/c Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January**

**Nursery Enrolment - w/c Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

Parents/guardians can come into the school office between 9.15am and 3pm with their child's birth certificate and proof of address. If your child is remaining in Sgoil-àraich, you do not need to fill out a new enrolment. Please spread the word and help promote our wonderful school community. Please like and share our posts on Facebook.

#### LEARNING SNAPSHOTS/TERMLY PLANS

Thank you to all our families who have returned learning snapshots. Please return these **as soon as possible** to allow us to update your child's learning journey and assessment folder.

#### UNIFORM

After discussing the uniform at our Comhairle nam Pàrant meeting this week as well as feedback received from families, the following decision has been made in regards to formal uniform. **Formal uniform (shirt and tie) will only be worn for more formal events and participating outside the school (i.e. - Mòds).** Children will wear the normal uniform for school photos including class photos.

I would also like to remind families of the points I raised in last week's newsletter:

- Please ensure all children have soft shoes for indoor use. Children must wear footwear (soft shoes inside/outdoor shoes for outside) at all times for health and safety reasons.
- Please can I also remind all families to ensure that all clothing and shoes are **clearly** labelled - this is becoming a big problem when jumpers and polo shirts go missing. It would also be very helpful if families could check that children are going home with the correct jumpers/polo shirts.
- Some children are wearing multi coloured trousers and/or trousers 'ripped at the knees' - this is not acceptable. Children should wear grey/black trousers/skirts.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter. *Mr MacNeil*

#### ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to all our children who received 'sàr-sgoilearan' this week. Remember you can see lots of photos and information on our school website and Facebook page.



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### WET WEATHER

You may have noticed last week that when the children arrived at school in the morning, we took them in the dining room door instead of the gym hall door. This was a trial run and worked very well. Therefore, in the morning, we will use the dining room door in the morning instead of the gym hall door if there is bad weather.

### SHINTY TRAINING

We have sent letters home to families with information regarding the new Shinty times. As well as all the reasons stated, this also works better for Miss Delaney. The new times are C1-3 from 2.45pm until 3.45pm and C4-7 from 3.45pm until 5pm. Thank you to Miss Delaney for all her coaching and support.

### INCAS TESTING

Over the next few weeks, children from C5-7 will take part in INCAS testing to help us assess and track their progress in numeracy, literacy and developed ability. This will give us a very clear picture of children's strengths and areas for improvement.

### DRUMFUN

We welcome Steve from DrumFun into the school next week.

### FAMILY LEARNING WEEKEND

This weekend will take place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March. The purpose of the weekend is to help parents/guardians, family members and the whole community of the school to learn Gaelic. Two highly experienced tutors - Alec (Valtos) MacDonald and Peter Murray will be tutoring Gaelic. There will be a class for complete beginners as well as a class for those with some level of Gaelic. Activities for the children will include a crèche, sports and music session.

We are looking for volunteers to run a community café. Parents/guardians who are interested in helping with the café should email or contact the school as soon as possible. This will allow us to see if this is viable. Flyers will be going out to families in the next few weeks.

This is a fantastic opportunity for all our families so please spread the word.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please find attached our school calendar for the next number of terms. An updated calendar will be sent home if there are any changes.



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16 <sup>th</sup> January	After-school Clubs commence
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	INCAS Week
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Comhairle nam Pàrant Meeting - 7.30pm
30 <sup>th</sup> January	School Enrolment Week
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Nursery Enrolment Week Open Afternoon for all families
17 <sup>th</sup> February	Youth Music Initiative starts for 6 weeks.
20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> February	February Holiday
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	In-service Training
27 <sup>th</sup> February - 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Skiing Week
27 <sup>th</sup> February - 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Fairtrade Fortnight
6 <sup>th</sup> March - 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Survey Week for Pupils, Families, Staff and Community Members
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Fairtrade Football Match with St Columba's
20 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Lochaber Music Festival After-school Clubs finish
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Learning Weekend
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Fete Meeting
30 <sup>th</sup> March	School Cèilidh
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Service - 10am
6 <sup>th</sup> April - 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Holidays
24 <sup>th</sup> April - 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Short Topic Focus - Year of History, Heritage & Archeology
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Comhairle nam Pàrant (Parent Council) Meeting - 7.30pm
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Cuach na Cloinne (Football Tournament)
1 <sup>st</sup> May	May Day Holiday - School Closed
4 <sup>th</sup> May	In-service Training
15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Digital Learning Week Walk to School Week - Big Whole School Walk
18 <sup>th</sup> May	School Fete
22 <sup>nd</sup> May - 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Short Topic Focus - Food Week
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Open Afternoon for all families
24 <sup>th</sup> May	UNICEF Day for Change
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Reports home to Parents/Guardians
29 <sup>th</sup> May - 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Short Topic Focus - Career Fortnight Career Afternoon (5 <sup>th</sup> June)
30 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Pupil Progress Evenings/Book Fair
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Oban Local Mod
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Wateraid Pipeline Challenge
9 <sup>th</sup> June & 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Lochaber Local Mod
12 <sup>th</sup> June - 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition Week for C7 at LHS / Cycling Proficiency Week C6

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13 <sup>th</sup> June	Moving on Morning (All Children will go into new classes) New P1 Transition Visit - 9.30am - 12.30pm Parent Information Presentation for New P1's - 9.30am - 10.30am
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Information Evening for Sgoil-àraich families - 6.00pm
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Sgoil-àraich Trip
16 <sup>th</sup> June	End of Term Ceilidh
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School Trip
20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> June	C7 Residential Trip to Skye
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Induction Day in Sgoil-àraich - 10am
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Sports Day - 1pm
27 <sup>th</sup> June	House Netball Tournament House Shinty Tournament House Football Tournament
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Moving on Afternoon/New P1 Visit - 1.30pm
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Leavers' Assembly - 10am
30 <sup>th</sup> June	School Closes for Holiday at 12pm