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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/>

HOLIDAYS

Welcome back for the final term! We hope you have had a nice relaxing holiday.

NIAMH HENDERSON

As many of you will be aware, last term we welcomed Niamh Henderson from Mallaig into the school on a placement from Sabhal Mòr Ostaig (Gaelic College on Skye). We were shocked and saddened to hear that Niamh passed away suddenly over the holidays. Niamh was 18 years old. Niamh's family, friends and colleagues are all in our thoughts. Fois shìorraidh gun robh aig a h-anam.

NEW SCHOOL MENUS

New school menus were placed in all school bags before the holidays. Menus (in English and Gaelic) can also be found on the Highland Council website.

SOFT SHOES/GYM KIT

Please ensure that your child has a pair of soft shoes in school as well as the correct gym kit.

PARKING/SPEED

Please ensure that you adhere to the correct speed limits when coming into the school carpark. The limit is 10 mph. Please also ensure that you do not leave your car running whilst dropping off children.

LAST CALL

This is the last call for Local Mòd entry forms! Please ensure these are returned to us by tomorrow. An entry form has been attached to this newsletter.



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MAY DAY HOLIDAY / IN-SERVICE DAY

Please note that the school will be closed on Monday (1st May) for the May Day holiday. We hope you enjoy your long weekend. The school will also be closed next Thursday (4th May) for in-service training. The school will be open as normal on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

A letter will be issued to all families regarding after-school clubs tomorrow. Please return the form to us as soon as possible. Please note that clubs are very limited this term due to a very packed calendar!

Next week:

Monday - no clubs.

Tuesday - Còisir BSGLA

Wednesday - no clubs.

Thursday - no clubs.

Friday - Shinty

SCHOOL FETE

Our School Fete will be held on Thursday 18th May! The countdown is on!

VOLUNTEERS - we need **40** volunteers to look after various stalls. Please consider volunteering and helping us raise money for our school.

BOTTLE STALL - We need bottles for our Bottle Stall which is one of our best sellers! Bottles can be dropped off to the office.

PRIZES - We are looking for prizes for our Grand Raffle and Wheel of Fortune. Prizes can be dropped off to the office.

ADVERTISING - Posters will be circulating soon as well as radio adverts and adverts across social media. Please help us spread the word.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope we can raise a fantastic amount to help make our school community even better!

HEAD LICE

REMINDER - please ensure you regularly check your child's hair for Head Lice. If you require any further guidance or support, please contact the school office.



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PRIMARY SURVEY/NEW SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Our Primary survey is still open but will close soon. Please complete this short survey online by going to:
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/L59H8VW>

Thank you to all our families who have completed the survey so far. The feedback we have received 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 apologise for the delay in sending this out. Thank you also to all the families who have contacted the school with feedback directly.

There will be a meeting for all families on Monday 12th June at 7pm in the school to look at our new School Improvement Plan and discuss our plans to spend our Pupil Equity Funding. All very welcome.

MOD ACADEMY

We welcome Joy Dunlop into the school every Friday to support preparation for all our local Mods and National Mod. Thank you to Highland Council, An Comunn Gàidhealach and Fèisean nan Gàidheal for their support.

INTERFAITH ASSEMBLY

We will be having a special Interfaith Assembly for C5-7 on Thursday 18th May. This short assembly will involve presentations from a number of faith/religious groups as well as activities and discussions regarding interfaith. If you do not wish your child to attend this assembly or you would like to find out more information, please contact Mr MacNeil. More information can also be found at
<http://www.interfaithscotland.org/>.

JAMMIN' FITNESS / SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

We welcome Andy MacKechnie from Jammin' Fitness back to the school on Tuesday 30th May for an interactive workshop with C5-7 on Developing the Young Workforce. We also welcome Glasgow Science Centre into the school for a range of workshops - please see our calendar below.

OPEN AFTERNOON

Please note misprint in our calendar. There is no Open Afternoon this term as we have Pupil Progress Evenings. Information regarding Pupil Progress Evenings will go out to families shortly.



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TERMLY PLAN

Please find below our termly plan for the final term. Classes will not be issuing termly plans this term. The topics being covered will be differentiated at each stage.

Numeracy	Daily Mental Maths - Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division Number Focus - Fractions Beyond Number Focus - Measurement and Angles.
Literacy	Writing focus - imaginative Continuation of phonics, spelling, reading, grammar and listening and talking activities.
Short Topic Focuses	Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology Digital Learning Week /Walk to School Week Food Week - exploring Scotland's foods Career Week - exploring the different careers available in our world today Health Week - exploring relationships, importance of key people in our lives and sexual health.
Other	Mòd preparation/Drama Festival Preparation for Sports Day and other sporting events Range of Science Workshops Interfaith Assembly Developing the Young Workforce

HOMEWORK

As we approach the final term, homework will be limited to reading and spelling. Tasks will be issued on a weekly basis. Diaries will not be sent home. In August 2017, we will be reviewing our homework and introducing the booklet we discussed with families a number of terms ago. We thank you for your continued support at home.

SNAPSHOTS

Learning snapshots will be uploaded onto your child's profile on Class Dojo for last term in the next coming week. This will only be visible to you. A letter will go home to all families with guidance.

HEALTH WEEK

During our Health Week, we will be exploring relationships and sexual health with children differentiated by stage. The programme will be available to view on our website - more information coming soon.



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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.

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

Final Workshop 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



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24 th April - 19 th May	Short Topic Focus - Year of History, Heritage & Archaeology
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
2 nd May	Cuach na Cloinne / Science Workshop C4-7 - Lego Mindstorms Advanced
3 rd May	Tag Rugby Tournament
4 th May	In-service Training
5 th May	Science Workshop C1-3 - Bricks and Blocks
9 th May	P7 - LHS Tour
12 th May	Science Workshop C4-7 - Fizz, Boom, Bang
15 th - 19 th May	Digital Learning Week /Walk to School Week - Big Whole School Walk
16 th May	Science Workshop C1-3 - Get Fizzy
17 th May	Big Walk
18 th May	C5-7 - Interfaith Assembly
18 th May	School Fete
22 nd May - 26 th May	Short Topic Focus - Food Week
24 th May	UNICEF Day for Change
26 th May	Drama Festival / Reports home to Parents/Guardians
29 th May - 2 nd June	Short Topic Focus - Career Week / Career Afternoon (1 st June)
30 th May	Jammin' Fitness - Developing the Young Workforce (C5-7)
30 th & 31 st May	Pupil Progress Evenings/Book Fair
2 nd & 3 rd June	Oban Local Mod
5 th June - 16 th June	Short Topic Focus - Health Week
7 th June	Safe Highlander Event C7
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
12 th June	School Improvement Planning Meeting - 7pm
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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Lorgaibh sinn air Facebook (Bun-Sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar) agus air Twitter (@bsgla)



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Local Mod Entries - Oban & Lochaber Local Mods

Name of Child:

Class:.....

I do not wish my child to attend these events.

I would like my child to participate at:
in the following competitions:

Oban Mod

Lochaber Mod

Poem

Song

Conversation

Action Song

we will pay for this competition.

Choir

we will pay for this competition.

Please note that if your child is a member of the choir and you do not want them to take part in any of the local Mods, please indicate here.

Other competitions:

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I have enclosed the correct payment of £.....
£2 per competition per local Mòd.

I am able to supervise on Friday 2nd June for Oban Local Mod.

I am able to assist with transportation on Friday 2nd June for Oban Local Mod.

Parent/Guardian Signature: Date: