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CUAIRT-LITIR SHEACHDAINEACH/WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

27.10.17

HOLIDAYS

We hope you had a lovely holiday. Tha sinn an dòchas gun robh làithean-saora air leth agaibh.

MÒD LOCH ABAR

Congratulations and well done to all our children and staff who took part in Mòd Loch Abar 2017. Bha sibh uile sgoinneil! Special well done to:

- C6 Drama who won and got very high marks! Thank you to Mrs MacLellan for all her hard work.
- Còisir BSGLA who came 4th in both competitions also with very high marks! Thank you to Miss Delaney for all her hard work.
- Our Folk Group who came 2nd and sounded amazing! Huge thank you to Ingrid Henderson for all her hard work!
- Owen MacRaild - 2nd in Poetry
- James MacRaild - 1st in Singing
- Aisling Flavin - 3rd in Singing

Well done also to Còisir Òg Loch Abar for singing so well on Monday! Huge well done to Lochaber Gaelic Choir who won the Margaret Duncan competition for the third year in a row!

A number of adjudicators commented on the very high levels of Gaelic from Lochaber children! Thank you to all our teachers and volunteers for support and encouragement throughout the year. Thank you so much to the Mòd Academy for such huge support. With such a busy curriculum at school, we are also very grateful to all parents for supporting learning at home with audio files. Thank you also to An Comunn Gàidhealach and also the local Mòd committee for all their hard work. Ceud taing dhuibh uile!

JOHN SWINNEY MSP

John Swinney MSP (Deputy First Minister of Scotland and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills) visited the school on Friday 13th October as part of his visit to Lochaber to open the National Mod. Mr Swinney was delighted with the facility and particularly impressed with our vision and core values of language, culture and community. Mr Swinney also mentioned the school during his speech at the opening of the Mòd.



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OPEN DOOR POLICY

We continue to encourage families to use our 'open door' policy should you wish to feedback suggestions or concerns. Families can contact the school at any point to arrange an appointment with Mr MacNeil or specific members of staff. We also hold regular opportunities (open days, pupil progress evenings, questionnaires etc) throughout the year to allow us to gather your ongoing views. We want to maintain a very positive ethos within our school community. If you are unhappy with our service, we operate within the Highland Council's Complaints Policy:

- Once we receive a complaint, we will respond to you with an appropriate timescale (this is normally within five working days, unless there are exceptional circumstances, but may take up to 20 days depending on the nature of complaint) and we will also further investigate the matter with you in person.
- We will then carry out a thorough investigation.
- Once we come to a conclusion, we will contact you with our findings and solutions to the complaint. A letter will also be issued to families with a written response.
- If you are unhappy with our resolution, we will then direct you to our Area Care and Learning Office who will carry out a further investigation. More information on our complaints policy can be found at:

https://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/file/4536/comments_and_complaints_leaflet

As always, we encourage families not to use social media as a method of communicating dissatisfaction about our service. This has a negative impact on our school community and our school ethos.

PARENT/GUARDIAN HOMEWORK!

This week's topic: DAYS OF THE WEEK

You will need to watch the two videos as well as open the PowerPoint slide on the link below:

<https://go-gaelic.scot/video-04-days-of-the-week/> Remember to download the GoGaelic App!

KILMALLIE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Well done to Ella Welsh (C7) who will be switching on the Kilmallie Christmas lights. Math fhèin Ella.

THEATRE GU LEÒR

Next week the team from 'Theatre gu leòr/Plenty Theatre' will be in the school performing a drama based on cèilidhs! Consent forms have been sent home to children in C4-7 and we would appreciate if you could return these as soon as possible. Children will take part in a 'vlogging' project as part of this showcase!



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FÈISEAN NAN GÀIDHEAL

We welcome Fèisean nan Gàidheal into the school today as they tour their drama 'Teàrlach fo Chasaid' based on the Jacobites. This will be showcased for C4-7. Tha sinn a' coimhead air adhart ris!

CD - AIR OIHCHE NOLLAIG

We will be recording our School CD next week - Friday 3rd November! A letter will be issued with all details including permission slips and should be returned to the school as soon as possible. Without permission, we are unable to record your child's voice. The CD will be launched later in the month and we will be showcasing our recordings during our Carols by Candlelight Concert.

OIHCHE SHAMHNA / HALLOWEEN

On Tuesday 31st October, children are invited to dress up for Halloween across the school from Cròileagan to C7! We will be having a parade of all the outfits as well as awarding special prizes for the best dressed characters! Each class will also have a mini party. Tha sinn a' coimhead air adhart ris!

WIDER ACHIEVEMENTS

We have a few wider achievements this week:

Well done to Carys Rodgers (C1) who won medals for her fantastic Highland Dancing. Math fhèin Carys. Well done to Ava Cavaye (C4) who was at a Pony Club during holidays and learned lots of skills on how to look after a pony - sin thu fhèin Ava! Well done to Aidan Patterson (C5) who took part in October Hot Shots over the holidays organised by Inverness Caledonian Thistle Football Club.

We display all our wider achievements outside the classroom doors so that our school community can see all of our pupil successes. Please keep sending in certificates and uploading messages on Class Dojo with any wider achievements out with school.

EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE

Just a reminder that we need all families to sign in when dropping children at Sgoil-àraich in the morning. This is in line with our fire procedures and for the safety of all at Sgoil-àraich. Thank you for your support in this matter.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are just in the final stages of organising our after schools programme. A letter will be issued to all families next week. The first block will commence on Monday 6th November. Dance Platform will be on as normal next week.



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SÀR-SGOILEARAN

Seallaibh air na sàr-sgoilearan againn! Nach math a-rinn sibh! Well done to our children for getting excellence awards this morning at assembly. Well done also to our children who won a Head Teacher's Award for fantastic work ethic and for using Gaelic across the school.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

31/10/17	Halloween Parade and Class Parties
03/11/17	School CD Recording
13/11/17	Remembrance Day Service - 10am
16/11/17	School Post Mod Cèilidh - 7pm until 9pm
17/11/17	Children in Need Fundraising Day - Pyjama Day
21/11/17	Pupil Progress Evening & Book Fair
22/11/17	Pupil Progress Evening & Book Fair
23/11/17	Dance Platform Performance - Lochaber High School
28/11/17	Badminton Festival
30/11/17	St Andrew's Ceilidh - Sgoil-àraich
13/12/17	Carols by Candlelight - 7.00pm (followed by Tea, Coffee and Mince Pies)
14/12/17	Sgoil-àraich Nativity - 10.00am (followed by Tea, Coffee and Mince Pies) Gary Innes' Lochaber Christmas Carol Concert - 7.30pm - Nevis Centre
15/12/17	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
18/12/17	School Christmas Parties
21/12/17	Carol Singing at Sammy's
22/12/17	School Closes at 2.45pm / 3.15pm for Christmas holidays

Some other days are still to be added.

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