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### CUAIRT-LITIR SHEACHDAINEACH/WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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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/>

#### EASTER SERVICE

Our Easter Service will take place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 10am. This will be followed by tea, coffee and hot cross buns!

#### TERM 3

This will be our last newsletter for Term 3. **The school will close at 2.45pm/3.15pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April and will reopen at 9am on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.** Our 'Out of School' Care Service will close at 6pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Families wishing OOSC during the holidays should contact Inverloch OOSC on 01397 701287. *Tha sinn an dòchas gum bi deagh làithean-saora agaibh uile. We hope you have an enjoyable Easter holiday.*

We have had many successes and highlights over the last term:

- We continue to keep all our families and community members well informed through our weekly newsletters, our community newsletters, social media, Class Dojo and our website.
- We have started to trial Class Dojo to ensure families have a daily involvement in their child's learning and achievements in class.
- We welcome the new benchmarks for all curricular areas from Education Scotland. We will spend time next session using these to help us track learners' progress.
- C5-7 children took part in INCAS testing to further track their progress in English reading, spelling, numeracy, mental maths and developed ability.
- We looked at the importance of staying safe on the internet during our Safer Internet Day.
- We held our enrolment weeks for Sgoil-àraich and C1.
- We had an open afternoon for all families as well as a cèilidh to celebrate the success of all our children who took part in the Lochaber Music Festival.
- Our C5-7 children had an amazing week skiing.
- We had a focus on the importance of Fairtrade during our Fairtrade Fortnight.

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- We organised a very enjoyable family learning weekend for families to learn Gaelic.
- Preparations are well underway for Oban Local Mod, Lochaber Local Mod and the Royal National Mod.
- We welcomed Drumfun into the school - the children had lots of fun!
- We ran an extensive range of after school clubs.
- Our C7 children have started to attend a number of transition events at Lochaber High School including a STEM Expo.
- Our P6 children took part in swimming lessons.
- We welcomed Ingrid Henderson into the school to teach our primary children as part of the Youth Music Initiative.
- Families have now received our school survey. Our Sgoil-àraich survey will go out as soon as possible.
- We welcomed a number of students and volunteers into the school to further support our children and staff.
- Our children took part in various sporting events including the RBS National First Shinty Festival!

### TERM 4

- Our credit union will open!
- Learning snapshots for term 3 will be uploaded to Class Dojo at the beginning of the term.
- Our new School Improvement Report and Plan will be issued to families.
- We have a very busy calendar!

### NEW SCHOOL MENUS

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

### SCHOOL CÈILIDH

Thank you to all our families and friends who came along to our School Cèilidh last night. It was a fantastic evening of music and dance! Thank you to our children for all their hard work. Thank you also to Robert Nairn for coming along and playing the box for us. We raised over £300 to go towards our whole school trip. Ceud taing dhuibh uile.



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### RED NOSE DAY / WORLD BOOK DAY

We raised a total of £175.50! Well done to everyone and thank you for your continued support.

### SOFT SHOES

Please note that all soft shoes and gym bags will go home next week. These should be returned to school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

### PARENT COUNCIL

Our next Comhairle nam Pàrant meeting will be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. All very welcome. Fàilte bhlàth romhaibh uile.

### DESIGN A HAGGIS COMPETITION

Ruaraidh (C4) has now hit the national media appearing in a number of papers and online articles! Here is a link to the BBC article - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-highlands-islands-39404799>. Nach math a rinn thu Ruaraidh.

### HIGHLAND COUNCIL - ELCC SURVEY

Highland Council are undertaking a consultation with parents around their early learning and childcare needs for children aged 2-12. This is not school specific but a general consultation with all families across Highland.

Please find the link below to the West Area, Early Learning and Childcare Survey monkey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RLHQKPP>

Thank you for your time - your opinions are really important to us.

### PRIMARY SURVEY

Our Primary survey is now open. Please complete this short survey online by going to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/L59H8VW>

The feedback we receive 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 are still awaiting the relevant codes but this should be issued early next week.



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### CLUB SPÒRS

Please note - there will be no Club Spòrs tomorrow due to staff illness. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Ceud taing.

### SCHOOL MEALS

Please note - we have been informed that there will be no increase in school meal prices for next session.

### SÀR-SGOILEARAN

Please remember to keep up to date with our website, social media pages and Class Dojo app which contain a range of news from the school and achievements.

### EASTER CRACKED

C1-3 will visit Kilmallie Church on Tuesday morning as part of our RME curriculum. They will be attending a workshop called Easter Cracked.

### RME OBSERVANCE - SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

We have had a number of enquiries regarding preparation for sacraments for the Catholic Church. We do have a member of staff happy to prepare children. Please ensure that you inform our school office if you would like your child to be prepared for any of these sacraments.

### SCHOOL FETE

Our School Fete will be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May! We need bottles and prizes for our Wheel of Fortune, Bottle Stall and Grand Raffle. Please drop off any prizes to our School Office. Thank you in advance!

### IN-SERVICE DAY

Please remember that the in-service day has been changed to Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May. The school will be closed for staff training this day.



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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.

### **Workshop 2 Responding Positively to Difficult Behaviour**

What winds us up?  
How does this affect us?  
Calming and diffusing  
techniques  
Do's & don'ts  
Positive behaviour support

**4<sup>th</sup> April 2017**  
At Sugar & Spice

### **Workshop 3 Your Child's Rights in the Education System**

An introduction to  
parents and pupils rights  
in education law  
Additional support for  
learning

**2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017**  
At Caol Community  
Centre

#### **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**



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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
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Moving on Morning / 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, Shinty & Football Tournaments
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

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