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CUAIRT-LITIR SHEACHDAINEACH/WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

30.09.16

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to all those who attended and took part in our Bake Off! We raised a grand total of £345.06! Ceud taing dhuibh uile.

WHOLE SCHOOL PLEA

We are looking for a range of board games and toys to help us create a resource bank for wet break! If you have anything you are willing to donate that you think might be appropriate and in good condition, please send any items into the office. Thank you in advance. Ceud taing dhuibh uile.

DRAFT STATUTORY GUIDANCE ON GAELIC EDUCATION

Bòrd na Gàidhlig is issuing Statutory Guidance on Gaelic Education under the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 and expanding on the Gaelic provisions of the Education (Scotland) Act 2016. This Guidance is for everyone involved in Gaelic education in Scotland, providing information on how to request Gaelic medium education (GME), as well as recommendations and best practice in the delivery of all forms of Gaelic education. Please can we urge all families to go to <http://www.gaidhlig.org.uk/bord/en/home/consultation> and read over the draft bill and complete the small consultation survey. Thank you in advance.

PYJAMA DAY

Our pyjama day has raised £251 so far. Many thanks to everyone - that is a brilliant amount!

END OF TERM CÈILIDH

Unfortunately due to a change in band circumstances, we are not going ahead with the cèilidh on Thursday. The cèilidh will now be held on Thursday 3rd November between 7pm - 9.30pm.

AFTER SCHOOL/EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Letters will be issued at the start of next week. Please ensure you complete forms as soon as possible and return to the school office.

CALENDARS

Our laminated calendars for your fridge or noticeboard are nearly ready! These calendars include essential dates, contact numbers and emergency closure information. Sorry about the delay!



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BAD WEATHER/SCHOOL CLOSURE


As the Lochaber winter is setting in, please see below a reminder about bad weather/school closure:

In the event of severe weather, parents/guardians should contact the School Closure Information Line on 0800 564 2272 and enter the school's PIN number - 041920. More information can be found on www.highland.gov.uk/schoolclosures. The school's website will also be updated (where possible) as well as our Facebook and Twitter pages. BBC Radio nan Gàidheal and local radio stations will continue to provide updates on school closures. Please remember that it is ultimately the responsibility of parents/guardians to decide if a pupil should attempt to travel to school in adverse weather conditions.


We would ask that families ensure that children wear appropriate clothing suitable for weather conditions when coming to school.

USEFUL WEBSITES

Please find below a list of useful websites for GME provided for Gaelic4Parents:

Làraich-lìn Fheumail / Useful websites  Stòrlann

www.storlann.co.uk
www.go-gaelic.scot
www.gaidhlig.scot
www.spors.scot
www.gaelicmediumeducation.com
www.bilingualism-matters.org.uk
www.scottish.parliament.uk/gd
www.gaidhlig.educationscotland.gov.uk
www.feisean.org
www.cnag.org.uk
www.learn-gaelic.scot
www.parant.org.uk
www.bbc.co.uk/alba
www.e-storas.com
www.gaelicbooks.org
www.acairbooks.com
www.smo.uhi.ac.uk
www.ancomunn.co.uk
www.guthanbeaga.co.uk



www.GAELIC4PARENTS.com

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT OFFICER (QIO)

We welcomed Lesley Taylor (QIO) into the school this week to have a look at our school improvement planning and to talk to us about our next steps.



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HOMEWORK

During our in-service training, we spent some time looking at the benefits of home learning. Whilst there are many benefits including the consolidation of class learning, we appreciate that there are many challenges including children remembering the purpose of tasks, after-school commitments, Gaelic content etc.

We have devised a new home learning strategy that focuses on these key areas:

- Spelling - weekly spelling tasks that can be completed as often as possible to consolidate spelling words at home - not applicable to C1.
- Mental Maths - continue consolidation of number bonds, multiplication and division strands.
- Reading for enjoyment in both Gaelic and English.
- Technology - children utilise many gadgets - we would like them to spend some of the time they are on gadgets doing computer programming and coding.
- It would also be our intention to send out two personal research projects a year for children in C5 - C7.

With the new homework policy, children would be issued with a booklet containing all the information required for families at the start of the term. Teachers would look over progress regularly. It is important to note that the main purpose of this booklet is to help raise attainment in literacy and numeracy in a way that is not a burden for families.

We now need your opinion. Please complete the short survey monkey below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WRX7NQQ>

Thank you in advance. Ceud taing dhuibh uile.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 7th October - School closes for October holidays

Monday 24th October - School reopens

Thursday 3rd November - School Cèilidh



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