



Naidheachdan Bun Sgoil Steòrnabhagh

20mh den Ògmhios / 20th June 2025

Farpais Cheist Eòrpach Euroquiz




Well done to Calum Fraser, Angus L Macleod, Luke Maclean and Callum Macritchie who represented the Western Isles in the Euroquiz final in Edinburgh last week. The team did exceptionally well and demonstrated the school values throughout. We are very proud of their achievement!

Soirbheachas ann a bhith a' Coiseachd dhan Sgoil Wow Walk Success




A huge well done to all our pupils and families for taking part in the WOW Walk to School Challenge, which was run by Living Streets. We've seen a fantastic increase in the number of children walking, wheeling, scooting or cycling to school each day - rain or shine! The enthusiasm and commitment from families has helped us to promote healthier lifestyles, reduce traffic around the school and take care of our local environment. Classes have been earning their monthly WOW badges for their brilliant efforts. Let's keep up the momentum and continue making active travel part of our daily routine next session!

Our Sports Committee took to the streets alongside the Living Streets Coordinators to carry out a School Route Audit, to identify barriers to walking and suggest improvements to make the route safer and more attractive. Pupils walked around the routes to school, checking for safe crossings, clear pavements and any potential hazards. They showed great awareness and responsibility, sharing thoughtful ideas on how we can make active travel to school safer and easier for everyone. Their findings will help inform future improvements and support our ongoing commitment to encouraging walking, wheeling and cycling to school. Please share your feedback on our walk to school initiative using the QR code or link below:




STORNOWAY PRIMARY
SCHOOL ROUTE SURVEY 2025



Living Streets are consulting with Stornoway Primary School pupils and their parents and carers to inform proposals for improving safety near the school and to help more families make active travel choices.

We would be pleased to receive your feedback through the survey in the link below, which should only take a few minutes to complete. Thank you.



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StornowayPrimary>

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Togail-airgid airson Cluba Dyslexia Dyslexia Club Fundraising



The Dyslexia Club recently hosted a successful Coffee Afternoon and Bake Sale at our Sharing the Learning Open Afternoon. The purpose of this fundraising event was to raise money for accessible technology. Thanks to the generosity of the school community, the pupils raised £400 which will go towards purchasing text-to-speech pens to support pupils with reading and writing.

Aaron Macdonald, GL5A also identified the need to support others and held his own fundraiser by climbing the Clisham. Through his dedication and efforts, he successfully raised £1200. Aaron decided to donate £400 to the Western Isles Hospital, providing iPads to help unwell children pass the time during their stay. Aaron also donated £800 to our school to help with the purchasing of Dyslexia resources. This will greatly support pupils with their reading and writing. Aaron has been an inspiration in showing his commitment to helping others. Thank you so much, Aaron!

Tabhartas Tesco Tesco Stronger Starts Grant



Thank you to all the families that collected the blue tokens at Tesco over the last few months. As Stornoway Primary was the organisation with the most tokens, we will receive £1500 from the Tesco Stronger Starts grant. This money will go towards the purchase of new sport and play equipment.

Com-pàirtichean airson Ionnsachadh Eco Eco Learning Partners



GM6-7 have engaged with the Eco Learning Partners in partnership with the Confucius Institute for Scottish Schools. This project is an innovative and international partnership project linking Scottish and Chinese primary classrooms to learn about their environment, climate action and the climate crisis. The focus has been Biodiversity. GM6-7 went out to the Castle Grounds with Tim Pickering and learnt so many interesting things to share with the pupils in Yuyingli School in China.

Cuairt Beatha ann an Clas 1 Life Cycles Primary 1



Primary 1B have been learning about life cycles. The pupils enjoyed a visit from Macaulay Farm. They have had 24 eggs incubating in the classroom as an experiment which has brought a lot of excitement! So far, 12 chicks have hatched! The pupils also had a visit from newly hatched ducklings. The pupils created their own beautiful art work in the style of Picasso.

Ionad Teicneòlas Ùr Ghnàthachaidh aig UHI UHI Technology & Innovation Centre



Some of the Primary 7 boys went to visit the new, state-of-the-art Technology and Innovation Centre at UHI North, West and Hebrides' Stornoway Campus. The boys were given a tour of the great new facility, where some of them hope to be studying in the future! Thank you to Angela MacAskill, the UHI's STEM Coordinator who organised the visit. The boys got to design their own Thor's Hammer using computer software and then print using the 3D printers.

Consairt aig Clas 5-7 agus Clas 7 GM5-7 and GL7 Concert



GM 5, 6 and 7 recently presented their play Den na Dràgoìn to their families. They entered the same play into the Playlet Competition at Mòd Ionadail Lèodhais and were delighted to be awarded first place! Well done to the pupils in GM5-7.



Primary 7A and 7B enjoyed performing Pirates of the Curry Bean to their families last week. The pupils found a treasure map which took them on an adventure to the land of Lumbago. The pupils impressed everyone with their creative skills and musical and drama talents. Well done to the pupils in GL7A and GL7B!

Toraidhean Cheisteachain Phàrant Parent/ Carer Questionnaire

Thank you very much to all the families that completed our Parent/ Carer Questionnaire. We had 84 responses which is approximately 33% of our families. The feedback will be used as part of our ongoing self-evaluation which is incorporated into our school improvement plan for next session. Please see the summary from the questionnaire attached.

Aodach Sgoile School Uniform

There is a large selection of pre-loved, good quality school uniform available in the school foyer. We encourage all families to have a look at what is available and take any items that would be suitable for the next school session. As we are now an Eco School, we hope that most of the uniform can be reused. If you cannot find items that are suitable, please let us know the items and sizes that you require and we will try to source these for you. Alternatively, all items are available to order directly from www.ahyde.co.uk. Orders over £35.00 will receive free delivery.

Please note, there is currently a 10% discount code on any orders placed between now and the end of July using the code AHUNIFORM10.

Easy Fundraising

A reminder that Stornoway Primary School is now registered with Easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online.

Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use Easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our Easyfundraising page at:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stornoway-primaryschool/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1

Or scan this QR code



**Comhairle nam Pàrant
Parent Council**

The Parent Council works together with the school to promote partnership between the school, parents/carers and pupils. It aims to represent the views of all parents/carers. All parents and carers are warmly encouraged to attend. If you have any queries or questions for the Parent Council, please send them to syprimaryparentcouncil@gmail.com

**Saor-laithean
Holidays**

The school will close at 3:25pm on Friday 27th June and reopen to pupils on Thursday 14th August. The school will be open to staff on Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th August as they participate in In-service.

**Biadh Sgoile an Asgaidh agus Tabhartas Aodaich
Free School Meals and Clothing Grants**

Applications Free School Meals & Clothing Grant are now open for the term August 2024 – June 2025. Applications can be submitted via: [Forms \(cne-siar.gov.uk\)](https://forms.cne-siar.gov.uk)

**Banca Bìdh nan Eilean Siar
Eilean Siar Foodbank**

Eilean Siar Foodbank can provide food and support to families. It is located on 15 Keith Street, Stornoway. Contact can be made with the Foodbank by Facebook messenger, telephone on 07437855920 or email eileansiarfoodbank@gmail.com

**Eilean Siar
Foodbank**

**Monday 11am - 2pm
Wednesday 11.30am - 1pm
Friday 11am - 2pm**

Tachartasan Teirm 4 Calendar of Events Term 4

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| Monday 23 rd June 2025 | P7 Leavers' Assembly 2pm |
| Wednesday 25 th June | Prize Giving 10am Final Fling |
| Thursday 26 th June | Transition Morning Nursery Celebration Event – Assembly Hall 2pm |
| Friday 27 th June | Free Dress Friday School closes at 3:25pm |

Clàr-bidh Canteen Menu

| Week 3 | Option 1 | Option 2 | Option 3 | Pudding |
|-------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| MEAT FREE MONDAY | Macaroni, Garlic Bread, Beans and Seasonal Salad | Lentil Soup and Cheese Sandwich | Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans | Crackers, Cheese & Fruit or Fruit |
| Tues | Fish and Chips (Mash if Nursery) with Peas and Seasonal Salad | Chicken Noodle Soup With Egg Sandwich | Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans | Yogurt or Jelly with Fruit or Fruit |
| Wed | Beef Bolognese, Broccoli, Seasonal Salad | Tomato Soup with Tuna Sandwich | Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans | Melting Moments & Fruit or Fruit |
| Thurs | Roast Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots & Cauliflower | Cheese and Carrot Salad | Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans | Watermelon & Fruit or Fruit |
| Fri | Sausage Casserole, Potatoes and Peas | Vegetable Soup and Cheese sandwich | Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans | Frozen Yoghurt & Fruit or Fruit |

Tachartasan Choimhearsnachd Community Events



Stornoway Running and Athletics Club are hosting the above competition at Smith Avenue Athletics Track on Saturday 21st June. The event is open to all Western Isles residents in the U11 age group up to senior (U11 01/09/14 - 31/08/16).

There is no requirement to be a member of an athletics club and we warmly welcome everyone wishing to take part in what will be a really relaxed and fun day. The entry form can be found on the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/10yjWrZLL5FOMkiB9B8W09k99VM-BSq1Wnoumyvp46ZM/viewform?edit_requested=true

Fèis Eilean an Fhraoich



H.I.T. SUMMER PROGRAMME

Tues 1st July
**INFLATABLE
FUN**
Newmarket Play park
1pm - 3pm
Snack included
pt-3 must be accompanied
by an adult

Wed 2nd July
**INFLATABLE
FUN**
Parkend pitches
1pm - 3pm
Snack included
pt-3 must be accompanied
by an adult

Thurs 3rd July
Harris day trip
including Hushinish
Beach
10am - 5pm
Lunch provided
Bring a change of clothes & a towel
P4 +

Fri 4th July
Zorb balls
Bayhead Rugby pitch
S1-S6
1pm - 3pm
Snack included

Mon 7th July
**INFLATABLE
FUN**
Plasterfield Play park
1pm - 3pm
Snack included
pt-3 must be accompanied
by an adult

Tues 8th July
Swimming
Stornoway
Sports Centre
2pm - 3 pm
over 8's only must be
able to swim unaided
remember to bring a towel!

Wed 9th July
**INFLATABLE
FUN**
Cearns cages
1pm - 3pm
Snack included
pt-3 must be accompanied
by an adult

Thurs 10th July
**west side loop
day trip**
10am - 5pm
Lunch provided
P4 +

Fri 11th July
**Duck race &
BBQ**
Newmarket playpark
2pm - 5pm
Fun for all the family!

Mon 14th July
**Polycrub planting &
cook your own**
Meet at Cearns Taigh
Ceilidh next to shops
1pm - 3 pm
P4 +

Tues 15th July
swimming
Stornoway
Sports Centre
2pm - 3 pm
over 8's only must be
able to swim unaided
remember to bring a towel!

Mon 21st July
**Eorpie park, Ness
trip**
11am - 2pm
Lunch provided
P4 +

Tues 22nd July
Ness Bowling
11am - 2pm
Lunch provided
P4 +

Wed 23rd July
**Treasure hunt,
castle grounds**
1pm - 3pm
Snack included
pt-3 must be accompanied
by an adult

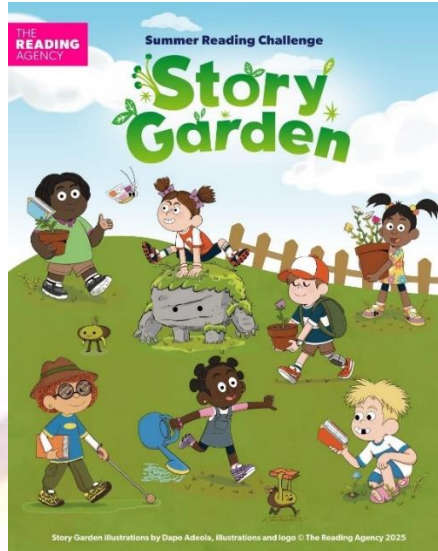
Thurs 24th July
**Aline forest
day trip**
11am - 2pm
Lunch provided
P4 +

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Hotspot Intervention Team
<https://forms.office.com/r/UcHziGe4F4>

Scan here for consent form

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/UcHziGe4F4>

Dùbhlán Leughaidh an t-Samraidh Summer Reading Challenge



Western Isles Libraries are hosting the Summer Reading Challenge 2025. Families are encouraged to register with their local library. Children will earn rewards as they read their books and complete the challenge. Last year, 149 children completed the Summer Reading Challenge at the Western Isles Libraries. Here are some of the benefits from the Summer Reading Challenge:

- Significantly **improves reading confidence** and independence
- Ensures pupils are **ready for their autumn return**, preventing the summer reading 'dip'
- Aids the **successful transition** between year groups and key stages
- Contributes to *all* pupils' **achievement** and encourages **extra-curricular activity**
- Develops links between your school, the library and the **wider community**

How it works:

- Children can sign up at their local library, where they will receive a special sticker booklet
- They set a summer reading goal and choose books, eBooks, or audiobooks of their choice – logging their reading will earn rewards such as stickers etc.
- Libraries will be running a programme of free themed events and activities.
- Children who complete the Challenge are presented with a certificate and a medal, which is presented at a party with your local library branch at the end of the Summer!

Children can take part online if they prefer! www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Summer Motiv8

Sport and Health are delighted to share the summer motiv8 programme with you. The programme will offer sports activities on the following weeks – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 of the summer school holidays.

To find out more about the programme please click on the following link:
<https://www.cne-siar.gov.uk/leisure-sport-and-culture/sport-and-health/motiv8/summer-motiv8-lewis-and-harris>

Bookings opening on **Friday 20th June for weeks 1 & 2**, then week 3 & 4 bookings open on Friday 4th July and finally weeks 5 & 7 open on Friday 18th July.



Relaxed Family Concert

Saturday 19th July 2025

This relaxed performance is designed to offer a welcoming and accessible atmosphere, particularly for:

- Individuals with additional support needs
- Those who may produce involuntary noise
- Anyone who finds a traditional concert setting overwhelming

The concert will feature lower sound levels, brighter lighting, and reduced audience capacity to create a more comfortable experience. A quiet space outside the auditorium will also be available for anyone needing a break during the performance.

Key details:

- **Date:** Saturday 19th July 2025
- **Time:** 11:30 - 12:30pm
- **Location:** Stornoway Town Hall
- **Free to attend, but ticketed – booking essential**
- **Tickets available at:** www.hebceltfest.com



www.healthyhebrideankids.scot.nhs.uk

Healthy Hebridean Kids is developed and managed by NHS Western Isles, and is aimed at helping local parents, family members and carers of young children to be healthier and happier by making healthy lifestyle choices.

The website holds information on: nutrition, vitamins, being active, HENRY training sessions for parents as well as lots of useful links when pregnant or a new parent/ carer.

NHS Western Isles Health Visiting & School Nursing Team Lead, Anna MacDonald, said: "We want to give our children the best start in life and we hope the website can guide parents on how to do this. Habits during a child's early years can influence their future outcomes, good healthy habits will help them to live healthier and longer lives which will reduce their risk of developing a range of health issues later in life."

Karen France MacLeod, NHS Western Isles Nutrition, Dietetic & Catering Services Manager, added: "The website has a range of helpful links and information for parents. There is also information on HENRY, a programme aimed at giving babies and children the best possible start in life by supporting the whole family to make positive lifestyle changes. Although the site is helpful if any parent or carers would like additional information, advice or support with a child's eating they can confidentially get in touch with dietetics at: wi.dietetics@nhs.scot or call 01851 708279."

'Healthy Hebridean Kids' is hosted by the NHS Western Isles Maternal & Infant Nutrition Group, a partnership whose members include the local authority and community groups across the Islands, the aim is to improve the health of children and families.

Should I keep my child off school or childcare?

✓ Yes

| Illness | Until... |
|--|--|
| Chickenpox | at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over |
| Diarrhoea and vomiting | 48 hours after their last episode |
| Cold and flu-like illness (including COVID-19) | they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the advice on NHS inform if they've tested positive for COVID-19 |
| Impetigo | their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics |
| Measles | 4 days after the rash first appeared |
| Mumps | 5 days after the swelling started |
| Scabies | they've had their first treatment |
| Scarlet fever | 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics |
| Whooping cough | 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics |

✗ No

but make sure you let their school or childcare know about...

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|----------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Hand, foot and mouth | Head lice | Threadworms |
| Glandular fever | Tonsillitis | Slapped cheek |

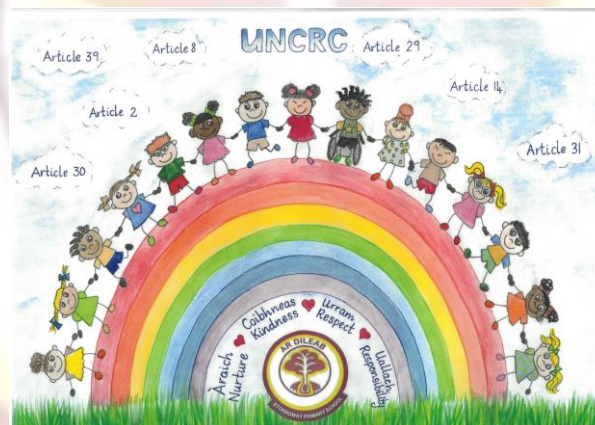
Parents and carers can find further health advice on nhsinform.scot

Advice and guidance
To find out more, scan the QR code or visit publichealthscotland.scot/hpcyp





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