



# Weekly Note

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

## School Improvement Plan

Our school improvement priorities for this session have been identified in response to a variety of self-evaluation activities. The improvement projects have been developed in consultation with all staff and pupils and are:

**Improvement Project 1:** A whole school, pupil led approach to Learning for Sustainability

**Improvement Project 2:** Applying Nurture as a Whole School Approach

**Improvement Project 3:** Reduce the poverty related attainment gap

The projects will be discussed in more detail at the forthcoming Parent Council meeting and there will be a meeting of the Curriculum Group on 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm, to ensure that all stakeholders are actively involved in school improvement. All parents/carers are strongly encouraged to attend.

The Standards and Quality Report and School Improvement Plan is currently in draft format and once completed, will be available on the school website. It can also be requested from the school office.

## Anti-Bullying Policy

We have recently updated our Anti-Bullying Policy which outlines our approaches for the prevention of bullying and explains our procedures for investigating, recording, reporting and monitoring incidents. The draft policy has been shared with families and will be discussed in further detail at the Parent Council meeting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. We will then issue a further opportunity for parents/ carers to offer comments and suggestions through an online link. Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have created a child-friendly anti-bullying policy which was shared with pupils at Assembly today.

## Seesaw

Seesaw is a platform used by the school to share and celebrate learning with families. Homework activities are also issued through Seesaw, which will commence next week.

Please ensure you are connected to your child's Seesaw account. If you require any assistance with connecting to Seesaw, please do not hesitate to contact us for support. Class teachers will only access Seesaw during working hours. Please do not make contact with class teachers in the evenings or weekends as they will be unable to respond.

Parents/ carers should make contact the school office if they wish to raise any concerns about their child. Seesaw should not be used for the reporting of incidents or absences.

## Cyber Scotland Online Safety

Cyber Scotland have published a blog for parents on 'Protecting Children and young people online' with a link to an interactive online security challenge from the National Cyber Security Centre. This is aimed at 7-11year olds and includes very helpful information for supporting parents and carers to keep children safe online.

[Protecting children and young people online – Cyber Scotland](#)  
[CyberSprinters – NCSC.GOV.UK](#)



Whole grapes are a choking hazard for children. We kindly ask that all families who provide grapes for snacks and packed lunches, cut the grapes in half lengthways. Thank you.

## **Blythswood Shoebox Appeal**

Elma Mackay, Blythswood Community Fundraising Manager and Charlie Nicolson came to talk to our school about the valuable work they do for the charity. Elma and Charlie told the pupils about the Blythswood Shoebox Appeal and how their contributions can make a huge difference to families that are less fortunate. Families can donate a full shoebox or items that could contribute to a shoebox. Charlie also suggested putting a postcard from the Isle of Lewis so the people receiving the box know where the box has travelled from! A leaflet will be issued to all our families.



## **e-Sgoil Online Gaelic Club**

e-Sgoil are keen to hear your thoughts and ideas about online Gaelic clubs for both Gaelic Medium and Gaelic Learner pupils. The survey is open to all Gaelic Medium pupils in Scotland and to all pupils learning or interested in learning Gaelic, from P1 - S6. Fill in the survey to share your thoughts. <https://forms.office.com/r/9cj0tCx11H>

## **School Uniform**

We have a large supply of used, good quality school uniform available at the main entrance of the school. Families are more than welcome to take any items that they require.

## **Free Dress Friday**

Free Dress Friday will take place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September.  
Donation are welcome but not necessary. No fancy dress or football shirts please.  
Thank you.

## **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. If you have any queries or questions for the Parent Council, please send them to [syprimaryparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:syprimaryparentcouncil@gmail.com)

The next Parent Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. All parents/carers are warmly welcome to attend.

## Community Events

After school activity clubs will return at the Sports Centre next week. Classes can be booked every Friday at 12pm using the CNES [booking app](#). The following classes will be available:

### Monday

Gymnastics

P1 and P2: 4:00pm - 4:45pm

P3 and P4: 4:50pm - 5:35pm

### Tuesday

Girls Only Football (P1-P3) - 4:00pm - 4:45pm

### Wednesday

Basketball (P4 and P5) - 4:00pm - 4:45pm

Athletics (P2 and P3) - 4:00pm - 4:45pm

### Friday

Mini Kickers (Ages 3 and 4) - 1.30pm - 2:00pm

Mini Sports (Ages 3 and 4) - 2.15pm - 2.45pm

Badminton (P6 and P7) - 4:00pm - 4:45pm

<https://www.cne-siar.gov.uk/leisure-sport-and-culture/sport-and-health/sports-development/sports-activities/sports-activities/>

## Sunday School

Information is attached from Stornoway Free Church. All welcome.

## Canteen Menu

Week 3	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Pudding
<b>MEAT FREE MONDAY</b>	Macaroni, Garlic Bread, Beans and Seasonal Salad	Lentil Soup and Cheese Sandwich	Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Cupcake with Fruit or Fruit
<b>Tues</b>	Chicken Bolognese, Broccoli, Seasonal Salad	Tomato Soup with Tuna Sandwich	Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Crackers, Cheese and Fruit or Fruit
<b>Wed</b>	Sausages, Wedges, Beans and Sweetcorn	Vegetable Soup & Ham Sandwich	Chesse and Carrot Salad	Sticky Toffee, Custard and Fruit or Fruit
<b>Thurs</b>	Roast Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots & Cauliflower	Salmon Goujons, Mashed Potatoes with Carrots & Cauliflower	Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Frozen Yogurt and Fruit or Fruit
<b>Fri</b>	Fish and Chips with Peas and Seasonal Salad	Chicken Noodle With Egg Sandwich	Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Yogurt or Jelly with Fruit or Fruit

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