

Weekly Note

23rd September 2022

HMIE Thematic Review

Stornoway Primary School participated in an HMIE National Thematic Review this week which focused on promoting positive behaviour and anti-bullying. Victoria Morgan and Aileen Macsween came to visit the school on Tuesday. The HMIE staff had discussions with the Senior Management Team throughout the day and reviewed school documentation. They also met with pupil and staff focus groups. During the visit, we had the opportunity to share our approaches to supporting the health and wellbeing of all children and our focus on anti-bullying. The visit was very positive and encouraging, and they were both very pleased with our work. The feedback received will guide our next steps in school improvement. Victoria Morgan has invited our school to participate in a case study on our anti-bullying ambassadors and the contribution they have made to creating the anti-bullying ethos in our school. We are very much looking forward to working on this with HM Inspectors over the coming months. The findings from their visit will feed into a national report.

Curriculum Group

Our school improvement priorities for this session will be discussed at the Curriculum Group on Tuesday 4th October at 7pm in the school. This will be an opportunity for parents/carers and partners to contribute to the work of our school improvement projects and offer comments and suggestions in moving forward. All parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.

Dandelion Project

Last session, some of our Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils were involved in the Dandelion Project. This involved planting potatoes both in school and at home. During the month of September, the pupils lifted the potatoes and delivered them to the local care homes to cook for their residents.

On Friday 9th September, as part of our harvest celebration, GM7 pupils worked alongside Donald Mackee, chef from The Failte Centre, to make leek and potato soup using our own potatoes. The pupils also helped to make a special celebratory cake.

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed making the leek and potato soup and our guests thought it tasted delicious!













Parent Appointments

Parent appointments for all pupils will take place on **Monday 11**th and **Tuesday 12**th **October**. This will be an appointment in the school with your child's class teacher. You will receive notification of your appointment date and time week commencing 3rd October. We look forward to welcoming parents/carers into the school building again.

Kakatsitsi Drumming Workshops

The Kakatsitsi drummers came to visit our school on Monday 12th September. The Kakatsitsi drummers are a group of traditional drummers, dancers and singers from the Ga tribe of Southern Ghana. They performed to the whole school and nursery and some of the classes took part in music and dance workshops. The pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed they day!

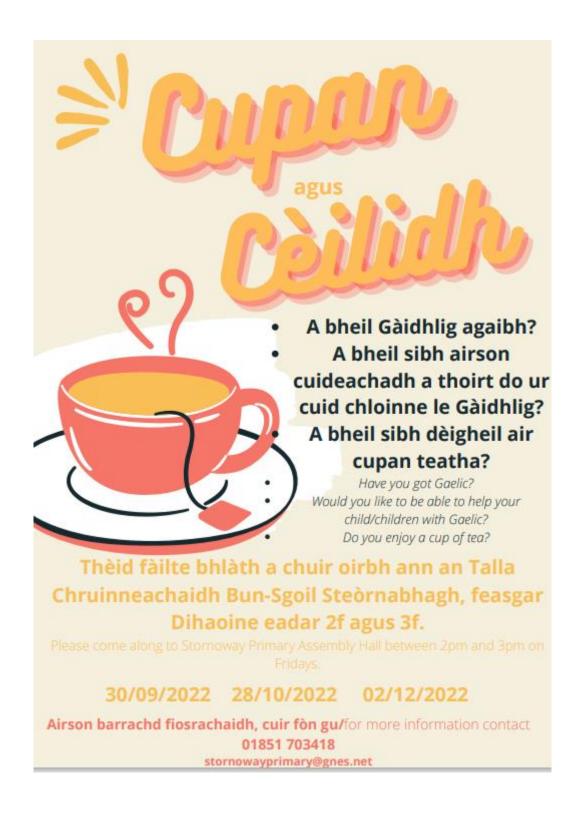






Cupan agus Cèilidh

We are delighted to announce the return of Cupan agus Cèilidh. Cupan agus Cèilidh is an opportunity for our pupils to develop their Gaelic conversational skills in a real life context. If you are a Gaelic speaker and you are willing to support our pupils to develop their fluency in Gaelic, you are more than welcome to come along to the school on Friday 30th September from 2-3pm.



Financial Support for Parents/ Carers

FINANCIAL HELP FOR PARENTS & CARERS

ARE YOU ENTITLED?



TAX FREE CHILDCARE.

- This is a Government scheme to support working parents with childcare costs. You tribs a coveriment scheme to support working parents with childcare costs. You set up an online account which you can use to pay your childcare provider directly. For every £8 you pay in the Government will pay in an extra £2. You can get up to £2000 per child per year, or £4000 if your child is disabled. You can use this account to pay registered Childminders, Nurseries & After School Clubs

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE IF:

Your child

The child you are applying for usually lives with you

work in the

You, and your partner, are working and each earning at least the National Minimum Wage for 16 hours a week

For further information and to apply visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk or call the Childcare Service Hotline on 0300 123 4097.



BEST START GRANTS

- This is a package of 3 new Scottish benefits to help parents on low incomes with the costs of having a child.

 The Pregnancy & Baby Payment is a one-off payment of £642.35 for your first child, then £321.20 for any younger siblings, to help with the costs of having a haby.
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 The Early Learning Payment is a one-off payment of £267.65 to help with the costs around the time your child might start nursery
- The School Age Payment is a one off payment of £267.65 to help with the costs of having a child starting school.
 You can apply whether you are in work or not.

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE IF YOU ARE IN RECEIPT OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Income Support

Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance Income-related Employment & Support Allowance

Pension Credit

Housing Benefit

Child Tax Credit

Working Tax Credit

BEST START FOODS

- This is a pre-paid card that you can use to buy healthy foods for children under 3

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YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE IF YOU ARE IN RECEIPT OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Support

& Support Allowance

more than £328 per week

Universal Credit and arning no more the

Child Tax Credit and earning no more than £17,005 per year

Job Seeker's Allowance

Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit and earning no more than £7,720 per year

You can apply online at www.mygov.scot/best-start-grant-best-start-foods or call 0800 182 2222



Scottish Child Payment helps towards the costs of supporting your family. It's a weekly payment of £20 that you can get for every child you look after who's under 6 years of age. You'll get the payment every 4 weeks if your application is successful.

Government
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Child Tax Credit

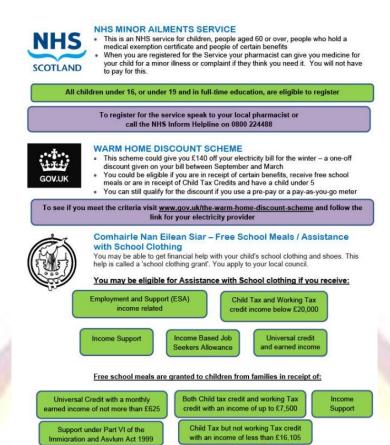
Income Support

Allowance (JSA)

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)

call 0800 182 2222

online at https://www.mygov.scot/scottish-child-payment/how-to-apply or



Free Dress Friday

You can apply online at https://www.cne-siar.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/appl

Free Dress Friday wil<mark>l take place on Friday 30th September.

Donation are welcome but not necessary. No fancy dress or football shirts please.

Thank you.</mark>

Canteen Menu

| Week 2 | Option 1 | Option 2 | Option 3 | Pudding |
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| MEAT FREE (MONDAY | French Bread Pizza, Wedges, Carrot Sticks, Spaghetti Hoops, Green beans | Vegetable Soup & Tuna Sandwich | Cauliflower Cheese Wedges, Carrot Sticks, Green Beans, Spaghetti Hoops | Angel Delight & Fruit or Fruit |
| Tues | Spaghetti Bolognese with Seasonal Mixed Salad | Cheese Salad | Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans | Chocolate Crispy & Fruit or Fruit |
| Wed | Sweet & Sour Chicken with Rice, peas and sweetcorn | Lentil Soup & Egg Sandwich | Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans | Ice Cream & Fruit or Fruit |
| Thurs | Roast Ham, Yorkshire Pud, Mashed Potato, Carrots and Cabbage | Leek & Potato Soup & Ham Sandwich | Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans | Seasonal Fruit Salad or Fruit |
| Fri | Fish Fingers and Chips with Peas & Beans | Carrot & Coriander Soup with Tuna Sandwich | Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans | Yogurt or Crackers & Cheese with Fruit or Fruit |