



Naidheachdan Bun Sgoil Steòrnabhaigh

6th den Dàmhair / 6th October 2023

Dàimhean Eadar Ginealaich Intergenerational Partnerships



GM6 are thoroughly enjoying their visits to Taigh Shìphoirt (Seaforth House) as a part of their intergenerational project. GM6 have now visited Taigh Shìphoirt three times. They have been developing relationships with the residents through talking, singing songs and playing musical instruments. This week, GM6 attended the coffee afternoon at Taigh Shìphoirt .

Coinneamhan Phàrant Parent Appointments

Parent appointments for all pupils will take place on **Monday 9th** and **Tuesday 10th October**. This will be an appointment in the school with your child's class teacher. Families should now have received notification of the appointment date and time. We strongly encourage all parents/carers to attend and look forward to discussing your child's progress with you next week.

Feasgar Cofaidh Macmillan Macmillan Coffee Afternoon



Stornoway Primary School hosted a Coffee Afternoon on Friday 22nd September to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support. We were overwhelmed with the support we received and a grand total of £1600 was raised for Macmillan! We were very thankful for the donations of baking received. It was great to see so many families join us for the afternoon. We were lucky to have some of the committee members come along to help. It was lovely afternoon organised by P7A, P7B and GM7.



Bucais Charthannais Blythswood Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal



Charlie Nicolson and Elma Mackay came to visit P5-7 pupils to tell them all about the Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal. Charlie and Elma explained where the shoeboxes go once they leave Scotland and the difference the shoe boxes can make to the lives of people less fortunate than ourselves. Leaflets have been issued to pupils today. Any families that wish to support the appeal can drop their shoeboxes off to the following locations:

Blythswood Shoebox Appeal 2023 - Lewis and Harris

The Appeal Centre will be at **Woodys, Rigs Road** in Stornoway, in one of the units at the back, beside Woodys Main Building.

The Appeal Centre will be open on the following days to receive shoeboxes:

- **Thursday 26th October** 4pm – 6.30 pm
- **Friday 27th October**, 4pm - 6.30 pm
- **Saturday 28th October**, 10 am – 12 noon

The APPEAL will CLOSE on Saturday 28th OCTOBER at 12 noon.

Due to the busy nature of the area surrounding the Appeal Centre and in the interests of Health & Safety, we ask that you stringently adhere to the above opening times when dropping off your donations.

Shoeboxes should be taken into the Appeal Centre Unit and placed on a pallet. Volunteer Staff will be available to give advice.

Shoeboxes from schools, churches, organisations, families, or individuals SHOULD NOT be handed into the Blythswood Shop on Kenneth Street. This is to safeguard against double-handling.

LEAFLETS

Blythswood Shoebox Leaflets are available for collection from the Blythswood Shop, Stornoway, Ness, and Balallan, Nicolson's Newsagents, some schools, and churches. They are also [available online](#).

Further information can be sought from [Blythswood Care on Facebook](#) or from the Lewis and Harris Blythswood Support Group, contacts below:

Jackie Keddle	Tel: 07908207267
Nana Maclean	Tel: 07818861637
Catherine Maciver	Tel: 01851 703187
Anne Blyth	Tel: 07733441017
Mairianne Campbell	Tel: 07876202073
DJ Macleod	Tel: 07730377137
Charlie Nicolson	Tel: 07717816476
James Muir	Tel: 07527501005
Sam Murray	Tel: 07484106715

Thank you.

HELPING OTHERS LESS FORTUNATE WITH
THE BLYTHSWOOD CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL 2023

Là Leasachaidh Kodaly Kodaly Development Day



Primary 5 pupils enjoyed their second Kodaly Day at the Bridge Centre this week. The Kodaly events have provided pupils with a fun and interactive introduction to instrumental tuition. All P5 pupils are now ready to make their choice for their musical instrument. We strongly encourage all pupils to take up this opportunity and to return their form to the class teacher or school office by Tuesday 10th October. It is hoped that these lessons will commence after the October holidays.

Aimsir Gheamhraidh Winter Weather

Please ensure your child has a waterproof jacket for the wet weather and suitable footwear. Pupils are encouraged to bring wellington boots, particularly those pupils in the Primary 1 and 2 playground.

Club Bracaist Breakfast Club

Rise and Shine Club is available for pupils every morning from 8:30am. Please do not drop pupils off earlier than 8:30am as there will not be sufficient supervision for pupils. Pupils who are not attending Rise and Shine Club should come into the school at their allocated entrance door.

Cluba as dèidh na sgoile CnaG CnaG Gàidhlig After School Club

We are delighted that Comunn na Gàidhlig have now recommenced their Gàidhlig After School Club. This club provides Gàidhlig homework support for pupils in Gàidhlig Medium Education. Any families who are still to book onto this club should contact Sean Macleod by email at sean@cnag.org

A' Bhanachdach Flu Vaccination

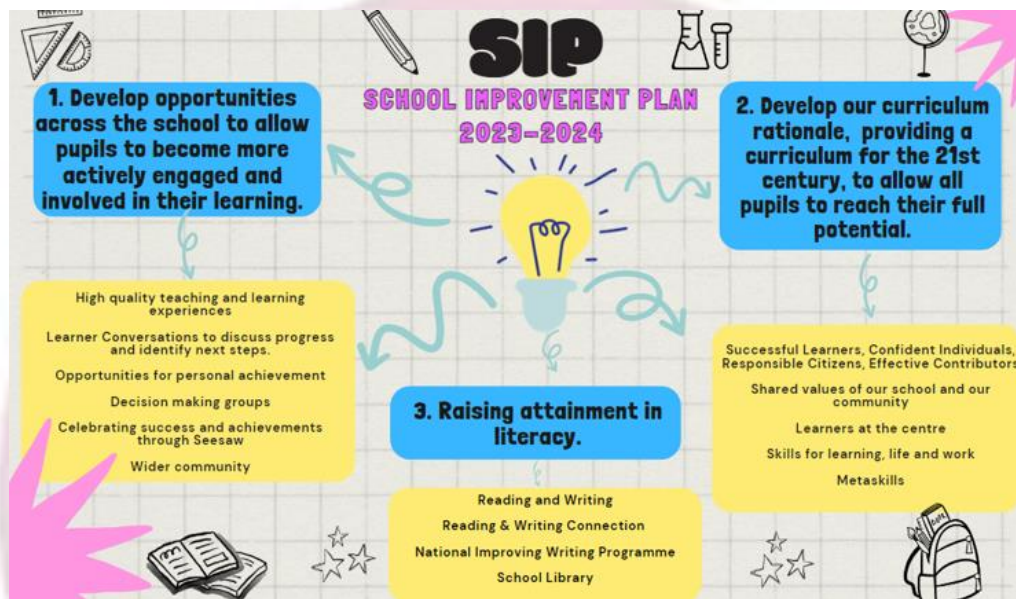
Flu vaccinations have been rescheduled to take place on Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October. Thank you.

Sàor-làithean san Dàmhair October Holidays

Term 1 will draw to a close at 3:25pm on Thursday 12th October. The school will reopen to pupils on Thursday 26th October.

Plana Leasachaidh na Sgoile School Improvement Plan

Our school improvement priorities for this session have been identified in response to a variety of self-evaluation activities. These improvement projects are summarised on the graphic below.



We value suggestions and comments from parents, carers and partners on how to move forward, and encourage you to contribute your ideas using the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/SB2BHeyKCX>

The Standards and Quality Report for session 22/23 will soon be available on the school website.

Cluba as dèidh na sgoile Extra-Curricular Clubs

Stornoway Primary School are working in partnership with Active Schools to help provide extra-curricular physical activity opportunities for P1-7 pupils across the school. After School Clubs form a key element of the overall development of children.

We are therefore looking for volunteer helpers to allow us to run sports / physical activity / fun games clubs and, ideally, if we can get enough responses, we would have a 'bank' of volunteers whereby we could work a rota system. Active Schools will support the delivery of these sessions, including resources, session ideas, and general ongoing support.

If you feel you could commit some time towards this, or if you would like to enquire further, then please complete this link and contact will be made with you in due course. Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/e/3jUvDfZ8L>

Comhairle Phàrant Parent Council

Well done to all the families that attended the Parent Council Treasure Hunt on Friday 15th September. There was a great turn out for the event and it was a lovely evening to participate in a treasure hunt around our local area! Thank you to all the volunteers that supported with the event.

The Christmas Lights Switch on and Christmas Market Night will take place on the evening of Friday 1st December. If you would like to book a table for the Market Night or if you are available to volunteer for the event please contact the Parent Council on syprimaryparentcouncil@gmail.com

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

Dihaoine latha d' aodach fhèin Free Dress Friday

Free Dress Friday will take place on Friday 27th October.
Donations are welcome but not necessary. No fancy dress or football shirts please.
Thank you.

Taic Ionmhais Financial Support Free School Meals

All children P1 – P5 are eligible to receive Free School Meals as part of the Scottish Government's rollout of Universal Free School Meals. However, there are financial benefits for parents who apply that are eligible based on their assessed low income. If you qualify based on your income, you will be entitled to receive a cash equivalent of £2.50 per day during school holidays (not including weekends) totalling £260 per year per child.

Eligibility Criteria

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Any income-related element of Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, but not Working Tax Credit, with an income of less than £18,725
- Both Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit with an income of up to £8,717
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit with a monthly earned income of not more than £726

Clothing Grants

In recent years, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar has increased the threshold to allow families with a household income of up to £20,000 to be able to access a Clothing Grant. The current rates paid by the Comhairle are:

Primary Pupil: £120 (per child)
Secondary Pupil: £150 (per child)

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- Child Tax Credit, but not Working Tax Credit, with an income of less than £20,000
- Both Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit with an income of up to £20,000
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit with a monthly earned income of not more than £1,666 (£20,000) per year

To apply, please visit the online application, which can be accessed [here](#).

Aodach Sgoile School Uniform

We have a large selection of good quality, used school uniform available at the main entrance of the school and nursery. These items are available for families to help themselves. Any families wishing to place an order for new uniform can order through the following link:

<https://ahyde.co.uk>

Clàr-bidh Canteen Canteen Menu

Week 4	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Pudding
MEAT FREE MONDAY	Tomato Pasta, Garlic Bread and Broccoli & Carrot Sticks	Lentil Soup with Egg Mayo Sandwich	Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Frozen Yogurt and Fruit or Fruit
Tues	Chicken or Vegetable Burger Roll with Wedges, Seasonal Salad and Beans	Carrot, Coconut and Lime Soup & Ham Sandwich	Cheesy Pasta with Seasonal Salad and Beans	Oat Biscuit with Fruit or Fruit
Wed	Mince & Mashed Potatoes with Green Beans	Vegetable Soup with Ham Sandwich	Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Crackers, Cheese with Fruit or Fruit
Thurs	Fish Fingers and Chips (Mash if Nursery) with Spaghetti Hoops and Mixed Seasonal Vegetables	Leek and Potato Soup with Tuna Sandwich	Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Yoghurt with Fruit or Fruit
Fri	HOLIDAY			

Tachartasan Choimhearsnachd Community Events

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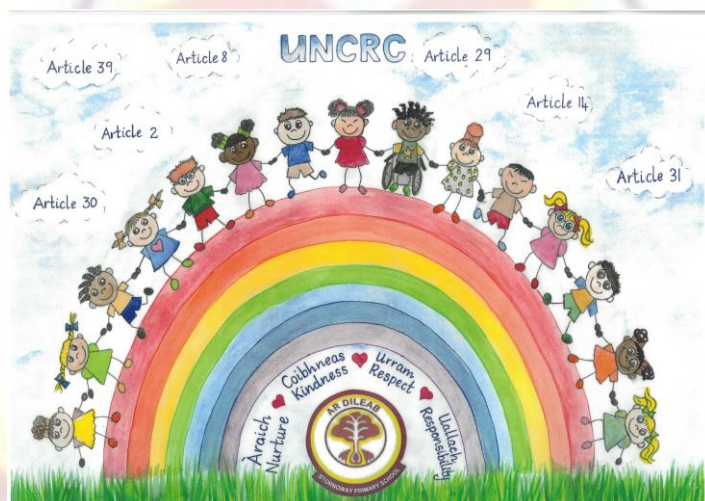
Sport and Health will be offering Motiv8 activities in the October holidays. Bookings will be open on Thursday 12th October at 12 noon. Please use the following link for further information.

<https://cne-siar.gov.uk/leisure-sport-and-culture/sport-and-health/sports-development/motiv8/october/> or <https://www.cne-siar.gov.uk/leisure-sport-and-culture/sport-and-health/sports-development/motiv8/october/>

Play Gàidhlig



Play Gàidhlig, a football language programme, is coming to the island at Back Football & Recreation Club between the 19th-20th October. Sign up here: bit.ly/3rl4LuN



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