



Naidheachdan Bun Sgoil Steòrnabhaigh

17th den t-Samhain / 17th November 2023

Latha Cuimhneachaidh Remembrance Day

Stornoway Primary School held a special assembly on Friday 10th November to commemorate Remembrance Day. The assembly reflected on the theme for Remembrance 2023 which was Service. The pupils were remembering the many men and women who give their life to service. We also talked about the different ways in which we can remember. GM1 made their own poppies and wore them to Assembly.



Our House Captains attended the Remembrance Service at Martins Memorial Church and went on to lay a wreath at the Stornoway War Memorial on Sunday 12th November. The House Captains represented all the staff and pupils at Stornoway Primary School.

Dealbhan Sgoile School Photographs

School photographs will take place on Tuesday 21st November. These will be individual and class photographs. All pupils are encouraged to wear school uniform. School ties will be issued to any pupils who require them on the day. Thank you.

Seesaw

Seesaw is a tool that is used to celebrate children's learning and wider achievements. Seesaw is not a means of communicating concerns or matters regarding a child's health and wellbeing or about a child's learning. These issues should be communicated through the school office, either by phoning 01851 706257 or by emailing stornowayprimary@gnes.net Thank you.

Cupan agus Cèilidh



It was wonderful to have our first Cupan agus Cèilidh event of the session last week. We welcomed Gaelic speaking members of the community in to the school to play games and talk to our pupils in Gaelic. This event provides a real-life opportunity for our pupils to develop their oral literacy skills.

Faclan Òga Faclan Book Festival

We welcomed authors, Robin Scott-Elliott and Morag Hood, as well as translators, Morag Stewart and Johan Smith, to the school last week as part of An Lanntair's Faclan Òga Book Festival.

The pupils enjoyed listening to Morag Hood reading from her latest book 'Dig Dig Digger' and learned about how she draws some of her characters. They also had a go at doing some drawings and collages of their own!

Robin Scott-Elliott spoke to the pupils about his engaging new novel 'Finding Treasure Island'. As his book begins with a map, Robin led the pupils into a creative storytelling activity by allowing the pupils to draw their own imaginative map.



Morag Stewart read 'Na Stocan agus Na Stùcan'. Pupils then got the opportunity to do some drama, followed by drawing characters from the story and creating their own character drawings.

Johan Smith read extracts from the book 'An Gille, Am Famh, An Sionnach agus an t-Each'. Johan discussed the qualities of the four characters. The pupils then had the opportunity to use their grammar skills to correct mistakes in an extract from the book. They also took part in a poster competition to design their own character to add to the book.



We are very thankful for the continued partnership we have with An Lanntair and value the opportunities the children are given through the Faclan Book Festival. It is wonderful to see how the authors inspire the pupils to read and write creatively.

Clann ann an Èis Children in Need



Pupils in P3A and P4A have been busy organising a variety of fun activities for Children in Need this week. All pupils have taken part in sporting activities as part of our 'Spots and Sports' week and came to school wearing something spotty, pyjamas, free dress and crazy hair. There was also a Bring and Buy sale. The pupils were also very excited to welcome Pudsey to the school!



We wish to express a huge thank you to our families for all the donations and the fantastic effort with the outfits and crazy hair.

Thank you to Mrs Maciver and Mrs Macrae for helping P3A and P4A organise these events for the rest of the school.

Co-chomhairleachadh Dàimhean, Slàinte Ghnèitheasach agus Pàrantachd Relationship, Sexual Health and Parenthood Consultation

We would like to encourage all parents and carers to take time to examine the resources and programmes on the RSHP blog and complete the consultation on behalf of your family. The results of this consultation will help inform the programme further. Your views on this matter are crucial as the working group continue to develop the resource and representation is needed from as many parents/carers as possible.

The survey provides a good opportunity to look at the amended resources, processes and format of the blog and let us know your views.

Please make your opinions known about the RSHP programme. We want to make sure that responses are representative of all views across the parent community.

<https://bit.ly/ParentsRSHP>

Co-op Steòrnabhaigh Stornoway Co-op

GM6 walked down to the Stornoway Co-op today to celebrate the relaunch. They enjoyed listening to the local pipe band and watching some Highland Dancing. They are looking forward to decorating their wooden baubles which were kindly gifted to them from the Co-op.



We would also like to thank the Stornoway Co-op for their very kind donation of £250. This money will contribute to the purchase of equipment for our polycrub.



Christmas Lights Switch On



THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE STORNOWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The Christmas Lights Switch On 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 the following link <https://forms.office.com/e/ZnKXpwq3Ke> or on syprimaryparentcouncil@gmail.com

Comhairle Phàrant 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

Sàor-làithean Holidays

The school will be closed to pupils and staff on Friday 24th and Monday 27th November. Term 2 will draw to a close at 3:25 on Thursday 21st December. Term 3 will commence for pupils and staff on Thursday 4th January.

Dihaoine latha d' aodach fhèin

Free Dress Friday

The next Free Dress Friday will take place on Friday 15th December.
Donations are welcome but not necessary. No fancy dress or football shirts please.
Thank you.

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>

Tachartasan Teirm 2

Calendar of Events for Term 2

Tuesday 21 st November	School Photos
Wednesday 22 nd November	Là na Gàidhlig
Thursday 23 rd November	Sports Festival - Uni-hoc P5-P7 5:30-8:30pm
Friday 24 th November	Holiday
Monday 27 th November	Holiday
Tuesday 28 th November	P1 Health Checks
Tuesday 28 th November	Sports Festival Finals - Uni-hoc 5:30-8:30pm
Friday 1 st December	Christmas Lights Switch On
Monday 4 th December	Feisean nan Gaidheal Panto GM2-7
Thursday 7 th December	Canteen Christmas Lunch Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Concert (Afternoon) Nursery, GM1, GM2, P1A, P1/2
Friday 15 th December	Free Dress Friday
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Concert (Evening) P2/3, P3A, P4A, GM3/4 & GM4/5
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas Concert (Afternoon) P2/3, P3A, P4A, GM3/4 & GM4/5
Wednesday 20 th December	Class Christmas Parties
Thursday 21 st December	Last Day of Term

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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- 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](#).

**Clàr-bidh Canteen
Canteen Menu**

Week 4	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Pudding
	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

**Tachartasan Choimhearsnachd
Community Events**

Sports Activities for Children & Young People with ASN

Scottish Disability Sport week starts on 27th November and finishes on 3rd December. Sport and Health are delighted to be supporting the week by hosting a fun sports activity session in the Lewis Sports Centre on Saturday 25th November 2023.

The sports activity sessions (drop in) are aimed at children and young people with additional support needs and is completely free of charge. We would ask that accompanying parents/guardians to remain in the building, chill out in the café seating area, or make use of the ISL facilities while the session is taking place. Support workers are encouraged to come along and join in the fun. The sessions are FREE and are a drop-in format so please feel free come along for as much or as little as you like during the 1hour session. Please make sure you complete a consent form before leaving the session.

Sports Activities for Children & Young People with ASN drop in session

Saturday 25th November

	Lewis Sports Centre	Cost - Free
8-11yrs	1.30 – 2.30pm 12 places	Book via app or call Lewis Sports Centre – 01851 822800
12 – 16yrs	2.45 – 3.45pm 12 places	Book via app or call Lewis Sports Centre – 01851 822800

Places must be booked using the ISL app or by contacting the Lewis Sports Centre on 01851 822800, bookings open on Friday 17th November @ 12noon.

After School Activities

Sport & Health are offering Gymnastic, Girls Only Football, Athletics, Squash and Indoor Golf as part of their Term 2 sports activities. Activities must be booked weekly. Every Friday at 12 noon spaces for the following week will be released on their [booking app](#) CnES Sports facilities. These sessions are all £4 or £2 for members.

Monday

Dates: 30 October, 6, 13, 20 November and 4, 11, 18 December

Gymnastics (P1 and P2)

Time: 4:00pm - 4:45pm

Gymnastics (P3 and P4)

Time: 4:50pm - 5:35pm

Tuesday

Girls Only Football (P1 - P3)

Dates: 31 October, 7, 14, 21, 28 November and 5, 12, 19 December

Time: 4:00pm - 4:45pm

Wednesday

Athletics (P1 - P3)

Dates: 1, 8, 22, 29 November and 6, 13, 20 December

Time: 4:00pm - 4:45pm

Thursday

Squash (P6 and P7)

Dates: 2, 16, 30 November and 14 December

Time: 4:00pm - 4:45pm

Indoor Golf (P4 and P5)

Dates: 9, 23 November and 7, 21 December

Time: 4:00pm - 4:45pm



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