



Naidheachdan Bun Sgoil Steòrnabhaigh

15th den Dùbhlachd / 15th December 2023

Solais na Nollaige Christmas Lights



Thank you to all the families that came along to our Christmas Lights Switch On. The event was well attended and enjoyed by all. Our Primary 7 pupils sang their Christmas carols beautifully on the stage and enjoyed entertaining the school community. The craft stalls in the school gym were also a success. Thank you to the Parent Council for organising the event and for providing the refreshments. We wish to extend our appreciation to ACES for the electrical support, particularly Murdo Iain, Donnie and Peter who volunteered their assistance. It was lovely to have the school community together to celebrate the beginning of the festive season.



Dinnear na Nollaige **Christmas Lunch**

Our catering staff served the Christmas lunch to pupils and staff last week. Both pupils and staff wore their Christmas jumpers and enjoyed listening to Christmas songs whilst eating their lunch. There was a lovely festive atmosphere in the canteen and it was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all the catering staff for cooking such a delicious lunch!



STEM na Nollaige **Christmas STEM**

P5A and P5B had lots of festive science fun this week. They got creative with salt crystal decorations, experimented with chromatography baubles and had a jingle bell dance party. Thank you to Maria Finnigan for helping deliver this fantastic Christmas science workshop.



Craobh na Nollaige **Christmas Tree**

Thank you very much to Willowglen Garden Centre for supplying our annual Christmas Tree. It is a festive and cheerful addition to the entrance of the school!



Cuirm-chiùil na Nollaige Christmas Concert

The concerts for P2/3, P3A, P4A, GM3/4 and GM4/5 will take place at 6:30pm on Monday 18th and 1:45pm on Tuesday 19th December. Additional tickets are now available for families to purchase through the school office. GM3/4 and GM4/5 pupils should be dropped off at the main school entrance by 6pm on Monday evening and P2/3, P3A and P4A pupils should be dropped off by 6:15pm. Pupils can be collected from their classrooms at 7:45pm. The pupils have been working hard and we hope you enjoy their performances!

Coileanaidhean Pearsanta Opportunities for Personal Achievements

At Stornoway Primary School, we strive to support all pupils to have opportunities that develop their interests, skills and talents in school, at home, and in the wider community. Participating in a range of enjoyable activities and events is an important part of education and develops skills for learning, life and work. Recognising, valuing and celebrating personal achievements helps to raise self-esteem and confidence.

Seesaw will be used as a platform to share and celebrate pupils' learning and wider achievements. The development of individual learning journals, allows pupils to have a greater understanding of themselves, their learning and their potential.

Examples of achievements:

- Participation in clubs such as Beavers, Explorers, Swimming Club, Football Training, Brownies etc.
- Involvement in community events such as cross country running, panto, charity events etc.
 - Learning new skills such as musical instruments, riding a bike, tying shoelaces etc.
- Volunteering, beach cleans, helping a neighbour or family member, helping around the house, taking care of pets etc.
 - Participation / success in competitions such as Mòd, Sports Festivals etc.

Parents / carers are invited to share information regarding pupil achievements from Term 1 and Term 2 through the <https://forms.office.com/e/ZHdtkm74PM> and are warmly encouraged to upload further updates via photographs on Seesaw.

New Year Families Assembly

Our annual New Year Families Assembly will be held on at 10am on Friday 5th January 2024 at Martin's Memorial Church, Francis Street. The assembly will be conducted by Rev Tommy Macneil, one of our school chaplains. All families are warmly invited to attend and are asked to sit upstairs in the church. There will be access to the church from 9.30am. All pupils should report to school as normal. Pupils will be accompanied to the church with their classes. Please complete this form if you would like to join us.

<https://forms.office.com/e/g4sd0AmjP4>

Storytelling



Councillor Angus McCormack came to the school this week to read some Christmas stories to Primary 7A. They enjoyed listening to the story and asking him questions about what Christmas was like when he was a child.

SUMDOG



Stornoway Primary School has purchased the subscription for SUMDOG Maths. Pupils use this resource in school to develop their mental maths skills and are most welcome to log in at home to carry out further practise in this area. The next SUMDOG contest is called the Winter Wonderland Contest and it runs from Friday 15th December to Thursday 21st December. All classes have been entered into this contest. SUMDOG can be accessed on www.sumdog.com

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.



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 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 26th January.
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

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| Monday 18 th December | Christmas Concert 6:30pm P2/3, P3A, P4A, GM3/4 & GM4/5 |
| Tuesday 19 th December | Christmas Concert 1:45pm P2/3, P3A, P4A, GM3/4 & GM4/5 |
| Wednesday 20 th December | Class Christmas Parties Pupils can come to school wearing party clothes |
| Thursday 21 st December | Christmas Assembly Last Day of Term |

Tachartasan Teirm 3 Calendar of Events for Term 3

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| Thursday 4 th January | Term 3 |
| Tuesday 6 th February | P7A & P7B Concert |
| Thursday 14 th March | GM6-7 Concert |
| Tuesday 26 th March | P5A, P5B & P6A, P6B Concert |
| Wednesday 27 th – Friday 29 th March | P7 Mainland Excursion to Loch Insh Outdoor Centre |
| Friday 29 th March | 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

| | Option 1 | Option 2 | Option 3 | Pudding |
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| Thursday 4th January | Chicken Goujons Wrap with Mayo, Savoury Rice, Mixed Salad & Coleslaw | Lentil Soup & Cheese Sandwich | Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans | Ice Cream & Fruit or Fruit |
| Friday 5th January | Pastry Sausage, Chips (Mash if Nursery) with Peas & Beans | Sweet Potato & Carrot Soup with Tuna Sandwich | Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans | Yogurt or Crackers & Cheese with Fruit or Fruit |

Tachartasan Choimhearsnachd
Community Events

Merry Christmas



Sport & Health Christmas Motiv8 Friday 22nd December 2023

Come along and join our coaches on Friday 22nd December to have some christmas fun before Santa comes to visit



Christmas Mini Sports

Age - 3 & 4 year olds

Time - 10.30-11am Cost £3 or members £1.50



Christmas Gymnastics

Pr 1 & 2 pupils

Time - 11.15 - 12noon Cost £4 or members £2

Christmas Gymnastics

Age - Pr 3 & 4 pupils

Time - 12.15 - 1pm Cost £4 or members £2



Santa Multi Sports

Age - Pr 1-3

Time - 1.30 - 2.30pm

Cost £5 or members £2.50



Santa Sports Activities and Swim (swim for 8 + from 3.30-4.30pm)

Age Pr 4-7

Time - 2.30-3.30pm

Cost £5 or members £2.50 (Swim is FREE)



**Are you a parent or carer of a child aged between 2 and 12 years old?
If so, Triple P – the Positive Parenting Programme can help to take the
guesswork out of parenting.**

*The programme gives parents and carers simple tips, advice and support
to help manage the big and small issues of family life.*

**Our next Group Triple P course will be running on the dates below.
All parents and carers are welcome.**

For more information and to book a place please contact:

Danielle Lewis on dlewis1u@gnes.net

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| Date | Fri 12th Jan, Fri 19th Jan, Fri 26th Jan, and Fri 02nd February. Followed by weekly individual phone calls and a final face-to-face group session on Friday 01st March. |
| Time | 10.00am – 11.30am |
| Venue | EDC , Kenneth street, Stornoway |





**Merry
Christmas**



**ClubSport Lewis & Harris
Santa Dash 2023
In partnership with**



Cancer Research UK (Isle of Lewis Committee)

**Harris Santa Dash
Saturday 9th December
Start 12noon**

Big Thank you to all those that took part



New Date

**Stornoway Santa Dash
Saturday 23rd December
Start 10.30am**

**Meet at weigh bridge opposite Town Hall
For Further Information
Contact Steven smunro@cne-siar.gov.uk**



Back Santa Dash - Postponed

**Saturday 16th December (New Date TBC)
Start 11am**

**Meet at Back Free Church Car Park
For Further Information**

Contact Euan euan-macleod@cne-siar.gov.uk



To donate please click on the link below

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/santa-dash-lewis-and-harris-2023>

**We still have Santa Suits available from
Lewis Sports Centre**

Cost – Adult/Ladies Suits £5 or Children's £3 (limited suits) or Hats £1



**Merry
Christmas**





Ag Ionnsachadh Còmhla airson Sàr-mhathais
Learning Together for Excellence

