



Naidheachdan Bun Sgoil Steòrnabhaigh

1^{mh} den Màrt / 1st March 2024

Cuairt gu Banca Bìdh Eilean Siar P3A Visit to Eilean Siar Foodbank



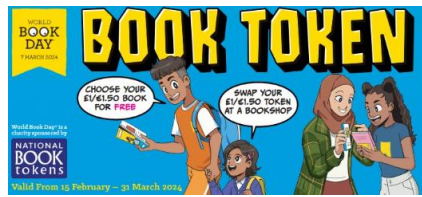
P3A have been learning about the Eilean Siar Foodbank and its important role in our local community. The pupils went to visit the Foodbank and brought some food items with them. It was lovely to see Mrs Mary Macdonald at the Foodbank. Mrs Macdonald worked at Stornoway Primary for many years as a Classroom Assistant and is now a volunteer at the Foodbank. The pupils in P3A are soon going to tell the rest of the school about their visit and are busy organising an opportunity for all the classes across the school to have the opportunity to donate some items.

Seachdain na Gàidhlig 2024 World Gaelic Week 2024



All classes across the school enjoyed participating in Seachdain na Gàidhlig last week. Pupils learned some new Gaelic songs, listened to Gaelic stories and engaged in online workshops with some well-known Gaelic speakers from across the country, such as Robert Robertson from Tide Lines and Linda Macleod from Leugh is Seinn le Linda.

Latha Leabhar an t-Saoghail 2024 World Book Day 2024



All pupils will take part in a range of activities to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Pupils have been issued with a book token which can be exchanged for a book in the Baltic Bookshop in Stornoway. Book tokens must be used by the 31st March 2024.

Fèis ball-coise nan nigheanan Girls Football Festival



Well done to the Primary 7 girls who took part in the Girls Football Festival this week at the Back Football Club Indoor Area. The girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves and displayed the school values throughout the tournament.

Rèis Dùthchall Leòdhais agus Na Hearadh Lewis and Harris Cross Country



Well done to all the pupils from Stornoway Primary that took part in the three Cross Country races that have taken place this season. We were very pleased with the number of pupils that participated in the events and we were delighted to hear that Stornoway Primary School won both the Under 9 Boys and Under 11 Girls competitions. A special mention to Finley Macleod who came second place in the U9 Boys, Kristen Maciver who came first place in the U11 Girls, Beth Macleod who came second place in the U11 Girls and David Maciver who came first place in the U13 Boys. We are looking forward to seeing even more pupils taking part next year!

Seanchas Storytelling



We have continued to welcome former teachers into the school this term to read stories to our pupils in our new library. Mrs Macpherson, former Support for Learning Teacher, read to P3A. Mrs Murray, former Deputy Head Teacher, read to GM2. Mr Morrison, former Gaelic Medium Teacher, read Artair sa Chaisteal to GM7.

Togail Airgead airson Clas 7 P7 Fundraiser



Thank you to all the families that supported our Soup and Pudding fundraising event last weekend. The event was very well attended and there was variety of delicious soups on offer, along with a huge spread of puddings and baking! We appreciate the support of all the parents that helped to organise the event and supply the soup, puddings and baking. A total of £1471 was raised for the P7 trip to Loch Insh!

Farpais Postair Na h-Eileanan an Iar NHS WI Poster Competition



Pupils from across the Western Isles were invited design a poster to illustrate the theme 'Staying Healthy in the Winter', with the aim to encourage children to think about healthy lifestyles and to explore different ways to keep healthy. We are delighted to share that a number of pupils from Stornoway Primary School and Nursery were among the winners and runners up. Gordon Jamieson, Chief Executive of NHS Western Isles, came to visit the pupils at the school and presented them with vouchers for some of the local shops. The winning posters can be viewed on the NHS Western Isles Facebook page, and will be rotated over the winter months. Well done to all the pupils who entered the competition!

Preschool:

Winner – Grace Hobson, Bluebell Room, Stornoway Primary Nursery.

Runner up – Evie Munro, Willow Room, Stornoway Primary Nursery

P1 & P2:

Winner – Kai Li, P2, Stornoway Primary School.

P3 & P4:

Winner – Emilia Macleod, GM4, Stornoway Primary School.

Runner Up – Leon Maciver, P4A, Stornoway Primary School

P5, P6 & P7:

Winner – Beth Macsween, GM7, Stornoway Primary School.

Runners up – Eva Sergei Karpova, P7B and Alyth Mackay, P6B, Stornoway Primary School.

Comic Relief



Red Nose Day will take place on Friday 15th March. Pupils are invited to wear red and bring in a small, optional donation for Comic Relief. This event will replace Free Dress Friday for the month of March. Thank you.

Consairt Dìleab



Pupils from GM6 and GM7 are busy preparing again for the Dileab 2024 Concert based on Lord Leverhulme. Pupils will take you back one hundred years to look at a particularly interesting time in the history of the island and town and it promises to be a drama packed evening. The script has been written by Alasdair MacLeod and Joan MacKinnon and tickets should be purchased as soon as possible as it promises to be a fantastic event showcasing the talent of the pupils. The event has been organised by the Department of Education, Skills and Children's Services at Comhairle nan Eilean Siar with partnership from Fèisean nan Gàidheal. The Scottish Government have provided funding to bring Dileab 2024 to fruition.

<https://lanntair.com/events/event/dileab-24-leverhulme-stornoway-primary/>

Easy Fundraising

Stornoway Primary School and Nursery have now registered for Easy Fundraising. If you shop online through Easy Fundraising, Stornoway Primary will receive a small donation, at no extra cost to the buyer. To register for Easy Fundraising, please use the following link <http://efraising.org/xoPfE93ri4> or scan the QR code below to download the app.

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Sanas Clàraidh 2024 - Notice of Enrolment 2024

ENROLMENT TO SCHOOLS & CENTRES 2024

Enrolment is now open for children entering nursery, P1 and S1 in Comhairle schools and centres for August 2024 onwards. Parents and carers should enrol eligible children by Friday 8th March 2024.

Enrolment forms for all stages can be accessed at:

<https://cne-siar.gov.uk/home/education/enrolments2024-25/>

Gaelic First

The Comhairle supports and promotes Gaelic Medium Education for all learners and operates a 'Gaelic First' policy in all settings, making the default enrolment position to be into Gaelic Medium Education. Parents and carers can choose to opt out to English Medium Education within the enrolment form. You can find out more about Gaelic Medium Education by speaking to staff at your school or centre or by visiting

www.foghlamgaidhlig.com

ENROLMENT TO SGOIL ÀRAICH/NURSERY

Enrolment is open for the 2024-25 session and free nursery places are available for children who:

- are 4 years of age and are not currently registered with a nursery;
- will be 3 years of age between 1 March 2024 and 28 February 2025;
- will be 2 years of age between 1 March 2024 and 28 February 2025 and whose parent(s)/carer(s) are in receipt of certain qualifying benefits.

Eligibility for early learning and childcare throughout the year is as follows:

- From the Autumn Term (Aug - Dec) - children born between 1 March and 31 August
- From the Spring Term (Jan - March) - children born between 1 September and 31 December
- From the Summer Term (April - June) - children born between 1 January and 28 February

All eligible children will have the choice of a term time place of up to 30 funded hours per week (for 38 weeks of the year) or a full-year place of up to 22.5 funded hours per week (for 50 weeks of the year) dependant on availability. Parents wishing to enrol in nursery provision should approach that centre and staff will advise about the enrolment arrangements for that location.

ENROLMENT TO PRIMARY ONE

Children who will be four years-of-age by 29th February 2024 are eligible for P1 enrolment. Parents and carers who wish to enrol their child(ren) are requested to do so no later than Friday 8th March 2024. Deferred Entry to P1 - Changes to enrolment rules that came into effect from August 2023 mean that any child that is not yet five years of age by the start of the term on 15th August 2024 will be eligible to apply to defer entry to P1 and receive another year of funded preschool provision, then subsequently enrol next year for P1 for August 2025. If parents/carers are considering deferral of a child's entry to school, they should discuss this with the child's early years provider in the first instance to allow consideration of the child's readiness to enrol in school. A deferred entry application form must then be completed to initiate the deferral process. Forms can be requested from your early years setting.

ENROLMENT TO SECONDARY ONE

An S1 enrolment form must be completed no later than Friday 8th March 2024 for all children that will be completing P7 by 27th June 2024. Transition of enrolment from primary to secondary is not automatic and a new enrolment is required for the designated secondary school before a pupil can be accepted on roll.

PLACING REQUESTS – OUT OF CATCHMENT ENROLMENT

In addition to the main enrolment form, parents and carers who wish to apply for a place at a school other than their local catchment school are required to complete and submit a Placing Request Online Form. This must be submitted no later than 15 March 2024. Any out-of-catchment enrolments submitted via this form will continue to be considered provisional until receipt of an approved placing request application. If you are unsure about the catchment area of your proposed school, please contact the school office and they will be able to advise. The Placing Request Form can be accessed on the enrolment pages via the above link.

Enrolment process for Stornoway Primary Nursery

Enrolment for children who are due to enter nursery in the 2024-25 academic year will take place next week on

Tuesday 5th March 9-11am and 2-5pm
Wednesday 6th March 9-11am and 2-4pm

Enrolment process for Stornoway Primary School – Primary 1

Parents wishing to enrol their child for P1 in August 2024 should complete this form

https://forms.cne-siar.gov.uk/form/auto/ecs_enrolment

To complete enrolment, you will be required to present your child's birth certificate to confirm:

- *Child's full name as it appears on the certificate.*
 - *Date of Birth.*
- *Names of all parents recorded on the certificate*

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. SUMDOG can be accessed on www.sumdog.com

Banca Bìdh Eilean Siar 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

Term 3 will draw to a close at 3:25pm on Friday 29th March for the Easter break. Term 4 will begin on Monday 15th April for teachers and pupils.

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 3 Calendar of Events for Term 3

Friday 1 st March	P7B Visit to BASF
Monday 4 th March	P7A Visit to BASF
Wednesday 6 th March	Euroquiz
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Saturday 9 th March	CNES Science Fair
Thursday 14 th March	Concert – GM6/7
Thursday 14 th March	CNES Science Share
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief Red Nose Day (wear red)
Tuesday 19 th March	P1 & P2 Fun Fours Football Festival
Tuesday 26 th March	Concert - P5A, P5B, P6A, P6B
Wednesday 27 th March	P7 Mainland Excursion
Thursday 28 th March	P7 Mainland Excursion
Friday 29 th March	P7 Mainland Excursion
Friday 29 th March	Last Day of Term

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	Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pud, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Sweetcorn and Peas	Tomato Soup with Cheese Sandwich	Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Ice Cream and Fruit or Fruit
Fri	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





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