



Naidheachdan Bun Sgoil Steòrnabhaigh

22^{mh} den Màrt / 22nd March 2024

Consairt Dìleab



GM6 and GM7 pupils performed 'Lord Lerverhulme' on the stage at An Lanntair on Thursday 14th March. It was a fantastic evening where the pupils took the audience back one hundred years to an interesting and challenging time in the history of the town and the island. The script was written by Alasdair Macleod and Seonag MacKinnon, who also came into the school and delivered lessons on the historical context of the background to Lord Leverhulme purchasing the island. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed working on the drama alongside Marisa MacDonald. It was an excellent example of intergenerational collaboration with all participants benefitting. Former Deputy Head Teacher of Stornoway Primary School, Gordon Macrae, starred as Lord Leverhulme.

Fèill Saidheans Seachdain Saidheans Bhreatainn British Science Week Science Fair



A representation of P5A attended the CNES Science Fair where they showcased their STEM learning. Our confident young scientists shared their learning about friction; they explained their findings, demonstrating how different surfaces and materials interacted to either increase or reduce friction. There were lots of opportunities to collaborate with other schools who also shared their own interesting experiments. The learning exchanged with peers from other schools, developed a sense of community and shared interest in STEM education.

P5 & P6 Performance

The P5 and P6 performances of *'Pirates vs Mermaids'* and *'The Greatest Show'* will take place at 6:30pm on Tuesday 26th March 2024. Additional tickets will be available for families to purchase through the school office from Monday 25th March. Pupils should be dropped off at 6:00pm and doors will open from 6:15pm. Pupils can be collected from their classrooms at 8:00pm. The pupils have been working hard and we hope you enjoy their performances!

Lìonra Òigridh nan Eilean Young Islanders Network



Naomi Macdonald, Senior Development Worker, from Young Islanders Network came to visit the P7 classes to explain what the Young Islanders Network is and how we can become part of it. She explained that it is a network of groups working together in our local communities to get the voices of young islanders heard in Government and beyond. Pupils worked in groups to consider what their favourite things are about living on our island, what things make life on our island a bit challenging and how we change things to make it a better place to live. We hope to continue our partnership with Young Islanders Network and provide more opportunities for pupils to share their views and develop their leadership skills.

Duais Spòrs Alba Silver Sports Scotland Award



Our Sports Committee have worked hard this session to promote and increase participation in sport and physical activities across all year groups. Stornoway Primary School has received the Silver Award from Sports Scotland as a recognition of its commitment to promoting the health and wellbeing of all pupils through sport and physical activity. We would like to thank Eric Macleod, Active Schools Co-ordinator, for continuing to support our school in this area.

Teanas-Bùird Table Tennis



Eric Macleod, Active Schools Coordinator, worked with P7A pupils to set up our table tennis tables and taught them how to play the game. We hope to set up a table tennis club next term.

Digitize



This week, Stornoway Primary had the pleasure of hosting Niall from Digitize, representing Google for Education. With the aid of Chromebooks, Niall guided the pupils through an interactive session, imparting invaluable skills ranging from keyboard shortcuts to the nuances of click-and-drag functionality. The session also covered the importance of accessibility settings, ensuring that every learner can navigate the digital landscape with ease and confidence. The introduction to sound manipulation further enriched the learning experience, leaving pupils equipped with newfound digital skills. It was great learning experience for P5A and GM6!

BASF



P7A and P7B enjoyed visits to BASF Pharma's Callanish site. Pupils were given the opportunity to tour the site, meet the engineers and scientists behind the fascinating, world-leading production of ingredients for pharmaceutical use and take part in experiments in the lab, engineering problem solving and coding activities. We are very grateful to all the staff at BASF for a wonderful, inspiring visit. It is hoped that GM7 will be visiting in Term 4.

Toraidhean Cheisteachain Phàrant Parent/Carer Questionnaire Results

Thank you to all the parents and carers who recently completed our questionnaire. We value your views about the school and opinions about how it should improve. We received 128 responses which represents approximately 47% of our families. The information we gather from the questionnaires allows us to further improve our school. We continue to consult about various aspects and seek views of key stakeholders regularly throughout the session. This data is an important element of our self-evaluation process and is used to inform our priorities for improvement. The questionnaire results have been emailed alongside this Newsletter.

Faochadh Èibhinn 2024 Comic Relief 2024



Thank you to all the families that contributed so generously to Comic Relief. A total of £289.46 was raised for the charity. We would also like to thank Zerqua for the donation of red noses which we issued to our younger classes.

Fun 4's



Primary 1 & 2 recently participated in the Fun Fours Football Festival at the all weather pitch. Our enthusiastic pupils enjoyed showcasing their sporting skills, sportsmanship and team spirit in this fun event. It was a fantastic opportunity for our young athletes to engage in friendly competitions, learn new skills and most importantly have fun while promoting a healthy and active lifestyle.

Sàbhailteachd air Bus na Sgoile Safety on the School Bus

We would like to remind all pupils about the importance of safety when travelling to and from school on the school bus. Pupils must act responsibly, follow the rules accordingly and wear a seatbelt at all times. Failure to comply with the rules will result in a ban from the bus.

Latha Leabhar an t-Saoghail 2024 World Book Day 2024



Remember to use your 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.

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.

Thank you.

A banner for the Easy Fundraising app. It features a QR code, the text 'Download the easyfundraising App', and logos for the App Store and Google Play. Below this, the Easy Fundraising logo is shown, followed by the text 'Sign up, shop, and earn us a FREE donation everytime'. A large QR code is also present. At the bottom, there is a grid of logos for various retailers: TESCO, Morrisons, Waitrose, Sainsbury's, ASDA, Iceland, Etsy, M&S, Booking.com, TUI, ASOS, and ebay. The banner also includes the text 'Scan, join, shop: To unlock the Bonus for Stornoway Primary School'.

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 nam 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

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 3	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Pudding
	Macaroni, Garlic Bread, Beans and Seasonal Salad	Lentil Soup and Cheese Sandwich	Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Crackers, Cheese & Fruit or Fruit
Tues	Beef Bolognese, Broccoli, Seasonal Salad	Tomato Soup with Tuna Sandwich	Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Melting Moments & Fruit or Fruit
Wed	Sausages, Wedges, Beans and Sweetcorn	Vegetable Soup and Ham sandwich	Cheese and Carrot Salad	Frozen Yoghurt & Fruit or Fruit
Thurs	Roast Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots & Cauliflower	Salmon Goujons, Mashed Potatoes with Carrots & Cauliflower	Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Watermelon & Fruit or Fruit
Fri	Fish and Chips (Mash if Nursery) with Peas and Seasonal Salad	Chicken Noodle Soup With Egg Sandwich	Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Yogurt or Jelly with Fruit or Fruit

**Tachartasan Choimhearsnachd
Community Events**

Easter Motiv8

Please find the link to Sport & Health Easter Motiv8

www.cne-siar.gov.uk/home/sport-and-leisure/easter-motiv8-2024/

Bookings will open on Thursday 28th March at 12noon.
Booking to be made via the ISL or Harris Sports Centre app.

**Tachartas do Luchd ionnsachaidh
Gaelic Learners' Fair**



Lodge Fortrose, 55-57 Kenneth St
23rd March 2024
11am-3pm
Entry by donation
Sandwiches and refreshments

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