



# Naidheachdan Bun Sgoil Steòrnabhagh

19<sup>mh</sup> den Giblean /19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## Rannsachadh cùise HMIE air Tosgairean an aghaidh burraidheachd Anti-Bullying Ambassadors HMIE Case Study



We are delighted to share with you that the work of the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors at Stornoway Primary School has been identified by HM Inspectors of Education as a highly effective approach to preventing and responding to bullying. The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors is featured as one of seventeen case studies from schools across Scotland in the new anti-bullying resource published by HMIE. The resource aims to inspire and guide schools across Scotland to create environments where bullying is discussed and challenged as unacceptable. We are very proud that the commitment and dedication of our pupils and staff has been recognised at national level. Please read about the successful work of the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors on the following link:

<https://education.gov.scot/resources/bullying/responding-to-bullying/involving-children-and-young-people/involving-children-and-young-people-at-stornoway-primary-school/>

### Feasgar Fosgailte Sharing the Learning Afternoon

Parents and carers are warmly invited to come in to your child's classroom next week on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April from 2:15-3:15pm**. This will be an opportunity for all pupils to share and celebrate their learning and achievements with their families. All pupils have been working very hard and have made good progress in all areas of the curriculum. We looking forward to welcoming you all next week.

## Seachdain Comharrachaidh Iomadachd-Niùro 2024 Neurodiversity Celebration Week 2024



The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors led our Neurodiversity Celebration Week which was all about celebrating the strengths and talents of people who think and learn differently. They spent the week researching and learning more about neurodiversity, and presented their work at a whole school assembly. The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors shared our Neurodiversity Pledge, 'We pledge to show kindness and respect to everybody and celebrate neurodiversities.'

The pupils also delivered a follow up lesson to every class in the school and set a pledge poster competition. The winners of the competition are Sofia Mackenzie P6A and Megan Macphail GM3/4. Congratulations to the winners on creating fantastic posters which will be displayed in the school!





### Farpais Ball-coise Cuach na Cloinne



Well done to the GM6 and GM7 pupils who took part in the CnaG Cuach na Cloinne football competition. The pupils displayed excellent sportsmanship skills throughout.

### Sgilean Baidhsagal Bikeability



Primary 6 classes have now taken part in their Bikeability training. Bikeability ensures pupils are equipped with the knowledge and skills to be able to ride a bike safely and sensibly. It improves confidence in starting, stopping, pedaling and develops cycling skills.

### Farpais Postair Eric Liddell Eric Liddell Poster Competition



To celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Eric Liddell's legendary gold medal win at the 1924 Paris Olympics, pupils took part in the Confucius Institute for Scottish Schools Eric Liddell poster competition. We submitted a range of creative and interesting posters, and we are delighted to share that Calum Maciver, P5A, received an honorable mention! Calum's poster will be displayed in the Eric Liddell Centre in Edinburgh.

## Turas gu Tìr-mor Clas 7 P7 Mainland Excursion



The Primary 7 pupils and teachers went to the Loch Insh Outdoor Centre in the last week of term 3. They had a busy three days packed with exciting activities such as paddle boarding, canoeing, skiing, problem solving and archery. It was wonderful to see the pupils try some new activities and face new challenges. Everyone had a great time and the pupils were commended on how well behaved and polite they were! Thank you to all our families for the fundraising support that has taken place across the year.



## Seisean Fiosrachaidh Kooth Kooth Information Session



Kerry Boyd, Kooth Engagement Lead for the West of Scotland, will be hosting a Kooth information session for all parents/carers in the Western Isles on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm. This session will allow you to find out more about Kooth and how it can support your child. The session will cover:

- How Kooth works as a mental health service for young people in the Western Isles, including explaining some of the features we have on Kooth.
- How your child can access the support on Kooth.
- How we keep young people safe on Kooth.
- Some tips when talking to young people about their feelings.

If you are interested please [Sign up here!](#)

If you would like more information about Kooth before the session, please see our [parents/carers FAQ's](#) page or contact Kerry Boy at [kboyd@kooth.com](mailto:kboyd@kooth.com)

### 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.



## 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](http://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](mailto:eileansiarfoodbank@gmail.com).

Welcome to  
**Eilean Siar Foodbank**  
Monday 11am - 2pm  
Wednesday 11.30am - 1pm  
Friday 11am - 2pm

### **Comhairle nam Pàrant 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](mailto:syprimaryparentcouncil@gmail.com)

The next Parent Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. All parents / carers are warmly encouraged to attend.

## Sàor-làithean Holidays

The school will be closed on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April for the holiday weekend.

## 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 2	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Pudding
<b>MEAT FREE MONDAY</b>	Pizza, Wedges, Carrot Sticks, Spaghetti Hoops, Green beans	Vegetable Soup & Tuna Sandwich	Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Angel Delight or Rice Pudding & Fruit or Fruit
<b>Tues</b>	Spaghetti Bolognese with Peas & Sweetcorn	Tomato Soup with a Ham Sandwich	Cheese Salad	Shortbread & Fruit or Fruit
<b>Wed</b>	Chicken Goujons Wrap with Mayo, Savoury Rice, Mixed Salad & Coleslaw	Lentil Soup & Egg Sandwich	Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Ice Cream & Fruit or Fruit
<b>Thurs</b>	Pastry Sausage, Chips (Mash if Nursery) with Peas & Beans	Carrot & Coriander Soup with Tuna Sandwich	Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Yogurt or Crackers & Cheese with Fruit or Fruit
<b>Fri</b>	<b>HOLIDAY WEEKEND</b>			

## Tachartasan Teirm 4

### Calendar of Events for Term 4

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Term 4 begins
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Cuach na Cloinne CnaG Football Competition GM6 & 7
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Bikeability P6A
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Bikeability P6B
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Free Dress Friday
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	GM7 visit to BASF
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Tchoukball Festival P6/7 (9:30-12:30)
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Tchoukball Festival P6/7 (9:30-12:30)
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Sharing the Learning Afternoon for all classes 2:15-3:15
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Holiday
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Holiday
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent Council Meeting 7pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Tchoukball Festival P6/7 (9:30-12:30)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Tchoukball Festival P6/7 (9:30-12:30)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Sports Days
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	9:30 P7 & GM7 1:30 P6 & GM6
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	9:30 P5 & GM5 1:30 P4 & GM4
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	9:30 P3 & GM3 1:30 P1 & GM1
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	9:30 P2 & GM2
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Walk to School Week
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Developing the Young Workforce Day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	UNICEF Day for Change
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	UNICEF Day for Change Car Wash
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Swimming Gala P5-7 (10-12)
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Free Dress Friday
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Athletics Festival P6/7 (9:30-3:00)
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Cupan agus Ceilidh
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Mòd Ionadail Leòdhais
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery Sports (9:30-11)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Pupil Progress Reports issued to parents/ carers
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Appointments – Optional
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Induction Day Nicolson Institute
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Induction Day Nicolson Institute
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Free Dress Friday
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Preschool to P1 Transition Morning (10 am)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	P1 Parent/ Carer Information Session (2pm)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Football Festival P6/7 (9:30-3pm)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Leavers' Lunch
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Prize Giving Martins Memorial Church 10am
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition Morning (P1-6) (10-11:30am)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Leavers' Assembly 2pm
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Final Fling (Evening)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Preschool Nursery Celebration 10am
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	School closes at 3:25pm



## FINANCIAL HELP FOR PARENTS & CARERS

### ARE YOU ENTITLED?



#### TAX FREE CHILDCARE.

- This is a Government scheme to support working parents with childcare costs. You set up an online account which you can use to pay your childcare provider directly. For every £8 you pay in the Government will pay in an extra £2.
- You can get up to £2000 per child per year, or £4000 if your child is disabled.
- You can use this account to pay registered Childminders, Nurseries & After School Clubs

#### YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE IF:

Your child is under 12

The child you are applying for usually lives with you

You live and work in the UK

You, and your partner, are working and each earning at least the National Minimum Wage for 16 hours a week

For further information and to apply visit [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) or call the Childcare Service Hotline on 0300 123 4097.



#### BEST START GRANTS

- This is a package of 3 new Scottish benefits to help parents on low incomes with the costs of having a child.
- The **Pregnancy & Baby Payment** is a one-off payment of £754.65 for your first child, then £377.35 for any younger siblings, to help with the costs of having a baby.
- The **Early Learning Payment** is a one-off payment of £314.45 to help with the costs around the time your child might start nursery
- The **School Age Payment** is a one off payment of £314.45 to help with the costs of having a child starting school.
- You can apply whether you are in work or not.

#### YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE IF YOU ARE IN RECEIPT OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Universal Credit

Income Support

Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance

Income-related Employment & Support Allowance

Pension Credit

Housing Benefit

Child Tax Credit

Working Tax Credit

You will be automatically eligible if you are under 18, or are 18 or 19 and in full time education or training and dependent on someone else who is claiming child benefit, child tax credit or universal credit for you

You can apply online at [www.mygov.scot/best-start-grant-best-start-foods](http://www.mygov.scot/best-start-grant-best-start-foods) or there is also an in-person support to access Social Security Scotland benefits. It's a free local delivery service call 0800 182 2222 to request



### BEST START FOODS

- This is a pre-paid card that you can use to buy healthy foods for children under 3
- You can apply when you are pregnant or at any time up until your child turns 3
- The payments are:
  - £21.20 every 4 weeks during pregnancy
  - £42.40 every 4 weeks from your child being born until they're 1 year old
  - £21.20 every 4 weeks between the ages of 1 and 3
- You can use this card in any shop which accepts Mastercard
- You can use the card to buy eggs, milk (cow's milk and infant formula), fruit, vegetables and pulses (fresh, frozen, tinned or dried)

**YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE IF YOU ARE IN RECEIPT OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

Pension  
Credit

Income  
Support

Income-related Employment  
& Support Allowance

Housing Benefit and earning no  
more than £358 per week

Universal Credit and  
earning no more than  
£726 per month

Child Tax Credit and  
earning no more than  
£18,825 per year

Income-based  
Job Seeker's  
Allowance

Child Tax Credit and Working  
Tax Credit and earning no  
more than £8,717 per year

You can apply online at [www.mygov.scot/best-start-grant-best-start-foods](http://www.mygov.scot/best-start-grant-best-start-foods) or there is also an in-



**The Scottish  
Government**  
Riaghaltas na h-Alba

Scottish Child Payment helps towards the costs of supporting your family. It's a weekly payment of £26.70 that you can get for every child you look after who's under 16 years of age. You'll get the payment every 4 weeks if your application is successful.

**You may be eligible if you are in receipt of one of the following:**

Universal Credit

Child Tax Credit

Income Support

Pension Credit

Income-based Jobseeker's  
Allowance (JSA)

Income-related Employment  
and Support Allowance (ESA)

Working Tax Credit

You can apply online at [www.mygov.scot/scottish-child-payment](http://www.mygov.scot/scottish-child-payment) or there is also an in-person support to access Social Security Scotland benefits. It's a free local delivery service call 0800 182 2222 to request



### NHS MINOR AILMENTS SERVICE

- This is an NHS service for children, people aged 60 or over, people who hold a medical exemption certificate and people of certain benefits
- When you are registered for the Service your pharmacist can give you medicine for your child for a minor illness or complaint if they think you need it. You will not have to pay for this.

All children under 16, or under 19 and in full-time education, are eligible to register

To register for the service speak to your local pharmacist or call the NHS Inform Helpline on 0800 224488



### WARM HOME DISCOUNT SCHEME

- This scheme could give you £150 off your electricity bill for the winter – a one-off discount given on your bill between September and March
- You could be eligible if you are in receipt of certain benefits, receive free school meals or are in receipt of Child Tax Credits and have a child under 5
- You can still qualify for the discount if you use a pre-pay or a pay-as-you-go meter

To see if you meet the criteria visit [www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme](http://www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme) and follow the link for your electricity provider



### Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar – Free School Meals / Assistance with School Clothing

You may be able to get financial help with your child's school clothing and shoes. This help is called a 'school clothing grant'. You apply to your local council.

**You may be eligible for Assistance with School clothing if you receive:**

Employment and Support (ESA)  
income related

Child Tax and Working Tax  
credit income below £20,000

Income Support

Income Based Job  
Seekers Allowance

Universal credit  
and earned income

**Free school meals are granted to children from families in receipt of:**

Universal Credit with a monthly  
earned income of not more than £796

Both Child tax credit and working Tax  
credit with an income of up to £9,552

Income  
Support

Support under Part VI of the  
Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Child Tax but not working Tax credit  
with an income of less than £19,955

You can apply online at <https://cne-siar.gov.uk/home/education/forms/> or call 01851 600501 for more information





#### Cost of living support

Check your getting all the support available to you to help with the cost of living

You can check online at <https://www.mygov.scot/cost-of-living-support>

#### Child Disability payment

Child Disability Payment provides support for the extra costs that a disabled child might have. Child Disability Payment replaces Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for children and young people living in Scotland.

You can apply for Child Disability Payment for a disabled child under 16. The disability can be mental or physical.

You can also apply for Child Disability Payment if the disabled child does not have a diagnosis. In such cases, you can tell Social Security Scotland about:

- how they're affected
- any symptoms they may have

Social Security Scotland will pay Child Disability Payment until the child is 18. They can sometimes continue making payments after the child is 18.

You can apply online at <https://www.mygov.scot/child-disability-payment> or there is also an in-person support to access Social Security Scotland benefits. It's a free local delivery service call 0800 182 2222 to request

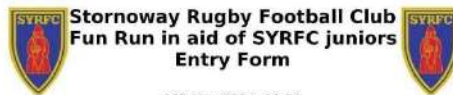
**FINANCIAL HEALTH CHECK** – are you getting everything you are entitled too? For a free Financial Health Check the following services can help:

The Citizens Advice Bureau – call 0800 065 7145 to arrange your check. This can take place over the phone or in one of CAB's local branches.

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar - Financial Inclusion - contact Margaret Graham [margaret.graham@cne-siar.gov.uk](mailto:margaret.graham@cne-siar.gov.uk) or call 07970 724048



*This leaflet has been produced by CnES Early Years in April 2024 to provide information to parents. If you are struggling with money our Family Support service may be able to help. Contact us at 01851 822655 to speak to one of our workers.*



#### Stornoway Rugby Football Club Fun Run in aid of SYRFC juniors Entry Form

18<sup>th</sup> May 2024 -10:30  
Registration opens at 9:45  
Bayhead rugby pitch

#### Entry Fees:

Adults - £3  
Under 16s - £2  
Under 5s - Free  
Pay on arrival

Walk, Jog, or Run!  
Buggies and Dogs are welcome too,  
just keep any dogs on a lead

#### The route being ran:



Healthy Families: Right from the Start

## Henry - Online Evening Group

Give your child a great start in life - free online programme

Together we'll cover:

- Parenting confidence
- Physical activity for little ones
- What children and families eat
- Family lifestyle habits
- Enjoying life as a family

**FREE!**  
For parents in Shetland and Western Isles

**When:** Thursday evenings **7:30-8:30pm** for 8 weeks, starting **Thursday 25th April**

**Where:** **Online** - using Webex (in the comfort of your own home!)

**Sign up - Shetland:**  
Scan the QR code with your camera to fill in our sign up form

**Sign up - Western Isles:**  
Phone: 01870 602 588  
Email: [wi.henry@nhs.scot](mailto:wi.henry@nhs.scot)

NHS Shetland NHS Western Isles



*Ag Ionnsachadh Còmhla airson Sàr-mhathais*

*Learning Together for Excellence*

