



Naidheachdan Bun Sgoil Steòrnabhaigh

3mh den Chèitean 2024 /3th May 2024

Feasgar Fosgailte Sharing the Learning Afternoon Ionnsachadh Teaghlaich - Family Learning

Thank you to all the families that managed to join us for our Sharing the Learning Open Afternoon last week. We were delighted with the fantastic turnout. We hope you gained a good insight into the progress and development your child is making across the curriculum, and enjoyed having a go at some of the fun maths activities that we are using to support children with their mental maths skills.

Numeracy and Maths are at heart of everyday life; whether it is calculating the best value at the shops or working out how long a journey will take. Some parents/ carers may be thinking, "How can I support my child with Numeracy and Maths at home? That's not how I learnt it at school!" Methods, teaching techniques and the journey children take in mathematics may have changed since you were at school.

'Multiply' is a government funded initiative which aims to support adult maths development. Stornoway Primary are working in collaboration with 'Multiply' staff to find out what maths support parents might like and how they would like it delivered. We would appreciate it if you could fill in the parent survey to give us some information about how we can further support parents and carers with their own Maths development.

<https://forms.office.com/e/3vb2q0P6Hb>



Banca Bìdh Eilean Siar Eilean Siar Foodbank



Thank you to all the families who contributed to P3A's Foodbank appeal. P3A donated a variety of items to the Foodbank on behalf of the whole school. Here they are photographed with Mary Macdonald and Sandra Macleod from Eilean Siar Foodbank.

Latha na Cruinne 2024 Earth Day 2024



P5B led an Assembly last week about Earth Day. Earth Day raises awareness of the need to protect the Earth's natural resources for future generations. P5B were encouraging us to come together to take action for a healthier planet by reducing our use of plastic. The theme for Earth Day 2024 was Planet v Plastics.

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

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

Làithean Spòrs Sports Days

Sports Days will take place week commencing 13th May. Pupils can come to school wearing their P.E kit on the day they are scheduled to have their sports activities. All events will take place on the school pitch. Parents/carers are welcome to attend scheduled sports days. Hopefully we will have good weather!

Class	Date	Time
P7/GM7	Tuesday 14 th May	9.30am – 11.30am
P6/GM6	Tuesday 14 th May	1pm – 3pm
P5/GM5	Wednesday 15 th May	9.30am – 11.30am
P4/GM4	Wednesday 15 th May	1pm – 3pm
P3/GM3	Thursday 16 th May	9.30am – 11.30am
P1/GM1	Thursday 16 th May	1pm – 3pm
P2/GM2	Friday 17 th May	9.30am – 11.30am

Togail Airgid airson UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Steering Committee Fundraising Car Wash

The whole school will participate in the UNICEF Day for Change on Friday 24th May. This day will raise awareness of the UNICEF Humanitarian Appeal. The Rights Respecting School Steering Committee have decided to fundraise for the appeal by holding a car wash on Saturday 25th May from 10am-noon. If any parents or carers are available and willing to help out with the car wash, please complete the following link.

<https://forms.office.com/e/b9PgRGDuzF>

Aodach Sgoile School Uniform

There is a large selection of pre-loved, good quality school uniform available in the school foyer. We encourage all families to have a look at what is available and take any items that would be suitable for the next school session. As we are now an Eco School, we hope that most of the uniform can be reused. If you cannot find items that are suitable, please let us know the items and sizes that you require and we will try to source these for you.

Alternatively, all items are available to order directly from www.ahyde.co.uk. All orders placed in the month of May will receive a 10% discount with the code **AH MAY10%**. Orders over £35.00 will receive free delivery.

Please note, as we trying to become a more sustainable school, we will not be placing a bulk order this session. Thank you.

Seachdain Coiseachd dhan Sgoil Walk to School Week 20th-24th May 2024



Our school is taking part in Walk to School Week (20-24th May). The nationwide event is organised by walking charity Living Streets and designed to help pupils experience first-hand the importance of walking to school. Not only will it set our pupils up for a positive day in the classroom, but it will also help create healthy habits for life.

Each pupil will be challenged to travel sustainably (walk, scoot or cycle) to school every day for one week. Each class will work collectively to make as many active journeys to school as possible across the week.

What do I need to do as a parent/carer?

We would ask, if possible, to make arrangements so that your child/children can travel actively to school on w/c 20th May, helping our school reduce congestion and pollution around the school gates. Walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling all count! If you live far away from school and need to drive or take the bus, try parking the car ten minutes away and walking the rest of the journey. 😊

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

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

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.



Sàor-làithean Holidays

The school will close at 3:25pm on Thursday 27th June for the summer holidays.

Tachartasan Teirm 4 Calendar of Events for Term 4

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

**Tachartasan Choimhearsnachd
Community Events**

Firefighter's Memorial Day – Saturday 4th May

A Firefighter's Memorial Day service is being held at **1100 in Martin's Memorial Church, Stornoway on the 4th of May**. This is the first annual remembrance service in the Western Isles for firefighters who have died in the line of duty which is in support of the national campaign since our government recognised this as an official day of remembrance in 2022. The event will include, opening/closing hymns, Guard commander's address, Roll of Honour, two minutes silence, with after service tea/coffee & biscuits kindly organised by Martin's Memorial. This is a community event, so families are very much welcome and encouraged to join.



Sensory Processing Workshop

Thursday 16th May 2024

12.30pm-2.30pm

**Live online session with the Occupational Therapy
service for parents/carers (adults only)**

- Does your child get upset by certain sensations?
- Are they always moving and fidgeting or constantly touching things?
- Are they easily distracted?
- Do they struggle to engage in everyday activities because of this?

If so, they may have difficulty processing sensory information

Join our online session where you can learn about the senses and the impact these can have on a child. You will leave with a few ideas to try to support your child to be more able and confident in their everyday lives.

**For further information or to book your place contact
wi.otwesternisles@nhs.scot by Tuesday 14th May**

A joining link will be emailed to you nearer the time of the workshop

SYRFC Fun Run



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



18th 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:



Map of Stornoway

Stornoway Mini Marathon

The Stornoway Mini Marathon will form an important part of the Western Isles largest festival of running alongside the Stornoway Half Marathon and 10k on Saturday May 24th. Participants will run on part of the Half Marathon course and get to finish under the gantry on the harbour quay.

Please register on the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17MsVO77EvdK2sLjwnwyTgZxRNUz9vtB5_AByT-UmUII/viewform?edit_requested=true



We're Fully Supplied, And Waiting For You To Arrive;

**IT'S FREE FOOD
THURSDAYS &
FRIDAYS @**



Help yourself to a delicious selection of quick and easy hot bites (and cold ones too), available NOW at our Public Living Room.

← **Accessed via the blue gated archway on Francis Street**



**Available
Every Thursday
& Friday
9am-4pm**



Location:

**Camerados Public
Living Room,
30 Francis Street,
Stornoway,
HS1 2ND**

What Is A Public Living Room?

It's a warm, comfortable(sitting room) space where ANYONE can pop in for a cuppa and a chat. Now with a selection of quick and easy hot bites (ALL AT NO COST).

**PART OF THE
CAMERADOS
MOVEMENT**

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 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 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 or there is also an in-



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 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 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 085 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 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.



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