



# Naidheachdan Bun Sgoil Steòrnabhaigh

17mh den Chèitean 2024 /17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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

The school will participate in the UNICEF Day for Change next week. 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>

Please encourage your neighbours, friends and family to come along and get their car washed!



## Gala Snàmh Swimming Gala

The Swimming Gala will take place on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 1:15pm**. Pupils have been asked if they would like to take part. Parents/ carers are welcome to spectate at the cafeteria area at the Sports Centre.

## Seachdain Coiseachd dhan Sgoil Walk to School Week 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> May 2024



Primary 4A led a fantastic assembly today to encourage us all to take part in Walk to School Week (20-24<sup>th</sup> 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/carers?

We would ask, if possible, to make arrangements so that your child/children can travel actively to school on w/c 20<sup>th</sup> 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. 😊

### Beyond the Panda



Sandie Robb, a representative from the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland, paid a visit to our school as part of our ongoing Learning for Sustainability programme. The pupils have been deeply engaged in learning about the giant panda and the red panda, exploring their similarities and differences. Sandie brought an exciting hands-on practical session to reinforce some of the online learning that has taken place virtually with P5A, P5B and GM4/5. The pupils were thrilled to get up close and personal with various props and activities that brought the information they've been studying to life. From examining replicas of giant panda paws to understanding the challenges these animals face in their shrinking habitats, the sessions were both engaging and informative. The pupils had the opportunity to speak and read some learned Mandarin phrases and words linked to the topic, enhancing their cultural understanding and language skills. Sandie's interactive approach allowed the pupils to deepen their understanding while having fun, creating a memorable experience that will stick with them long after the session is over.

## **Turas a Lacasdal do Thosgairean an Aghaidh Burraidheachd Anti-Bullying Ambassadors Visit Laxdale School**



On Monday, four of our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors visited Laxdale Primary School to deliver a presentation on their work as ABAs and take part in a question and answer session with the senior pupils at Laxdale.

Hope, Holly, Murray and Charlie delivered an excellent presentation and were able to answer all the insightful questions asked of them. Laxdale pupils and staff were impressed by the work of the ABAs and are looking forward to creating a similar scheme in their school.

We are very proud of the work of all the ABAs at Stornoway Primary and are delighted that they are sharing their good practice with other schools to help put an end to bullying behaviour wherever it exists.

### **The Shed Celebration**



Mrs Macleod (P7A) and Mrs Macleod (GM7) attended The Shed last week for their 10 year anniversary celebration. The Shed are valuable partners of Stornoway Primary, supporting Primary 7 pupils with their health and wellbeing, in preparation for their transition to the Nicolson Institute.



## 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)

## Làithean Spòrs Sports Days

Sports Day for P6 and GM6 will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 1pm.

## 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](http://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.**


## 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.



**Clàr-bidh Canteen  
Canteen Menu**

Week 20th May	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Pudding
	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, 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>	Roast Ham, Yorkshire Pud, Mashed Potato, Carrots and Cabbage	Leek & Potato Soup, Ham Sandwich	Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Jelly & Fruit or Fruit
<b>Fri</b>	Pastry Sausage, Chips (Mash if Nursery) with Peas & Beans	Carrot & Coriander Soup, Tuna Sandwich	Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Yogurt or Crackers & Cheese with Fruit or Fruit

Week 27th May	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Pudding
	Macaroni, Garlic Bread, Beans and Seasonal Salad	Lentil Soup, Cheese Sandwich	Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Crackers, Cheese & Fruit or Fruit
<b>Tues</b>	Beef Bolognese, Broccoli, Seasonal Salad	Tomato Soup, Tuna Sandwich	Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Melting Moments & Fruit or Fruit
<b>Wed</b>	Sausages, Wedges, Beans and Sweetcorn	Vegetable Soup, Ham sandwich	Cheese and Carrot Salad	Frozen Yoghurt & Fruit or Fruit
<b>Thurs</b>	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
<b>Fri</b>	Fish and Chips (Mash if Nursery) with Peas and Seasonal Salad	Chicken Noodle Soup, Egg Sandwich	Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Yogurt or Jelly with Fruit or Fruit

## 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).



### **Dihaoine latha d' aodach fhèin Free Dress Friday**

The next Free Dress Friday will take place on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May.  
Donations are welcome but not necessary. No fancy dress or football shirts please.  
Thank you.

### **Saor-làithean Holidays**

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

**Tachartasan Teirm 4**  
**Calendar of Events for Term 4**

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
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> June	RSHP Lessons
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Free Dress Friday
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	WIIGA Sports P7 (9:30-3:00)
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Cupan agus Ceilidh (2pm)
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
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Swimming Gala P5-7 (1:15pm)
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



## Tachartasan Choimhearsnachd Community Events

### SYRFC Fun Run



### 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](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](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-



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](https://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](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.*





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