



Naidheachdan Bun Sgoil Steòrnabhaigh

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

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The Rights Respecting School Steering Committee did a great job of volunteering at our recent car wash for UNICEF. The committee raised a fantastic total of £463.40 for the UNICEF Humanitarian Appeal. We are very grateful to the families that supported our carwash. Thank you very much to Autoparts Stornoway Ltd who sponsored the event.

Là Leasachaidh Sgioba-obrach Òg Developing the Young Workforce Day



All pupils thoroughly enjoyed our recent Developing the Young Workforce Day. The pupils participated in a range of workshops where they had the opportunity to find out about the different careers that are available to them. They also developed their understanding of the importance of Meta-skills in the world of work. We are very thankful to all the local businesses that supported us on the day.

Tadhal bho Ùghdar Author Visit



On Wednesday 8th May, Primary 3 were lucky to have a visit from the author Louisa MacDougall. She read the pupils a section of her new book, 'Rory and the Snack Dragons'. She brought the story to life with dragon costumes. They also got to experience the crunch of an apple just like Rory! She very kindly gave Primary 3A copy of her book which they are reading as their class novel.

Stiùirichean Òga Clas 6 Primary 6 Young Leaders



Primary 6 pupils are enjoying developing their communication and leadership skills during their Buddies sessions with the Nursery classes through the Young Leadership programme. Here they are making the most of the outdoor learning space and the lovely weather!

Là Spòrs WIIGA 2024 WIIGA Sports 2024



Well done to our Primary 7 team who won the WIIGA sports athletic competition at the running track last week.

Mòd Ionadail Leòdhais

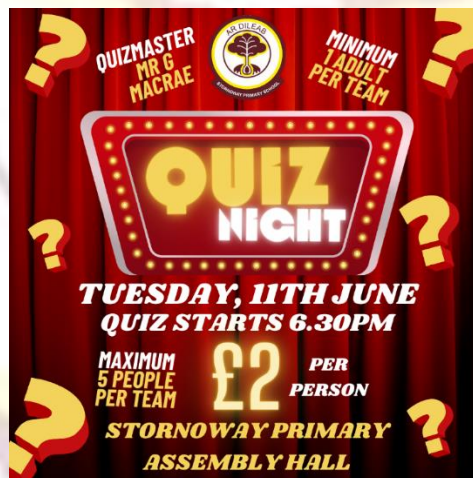
Well done to all the pupils that participated in the local Mòd this week. Pupils are to be commended on their commitment to learning their words and performing on the stage! We are so proud of our pupils' achievements. Photos will be shared in the next newsletter.

Dùbhlán Leughaidh an t-Samhraidh Summer Reading Challenge 2024



The Summer Reading Challenge 2024 starts in the Stornoway Library on the 18th June. We encourage any pupils that are interested to go along to the library to get involved!

Oidhche Farpais-cheist Quiz Night



Please use this link to register your team.
<https://forms.office.com/e/gmFeLVpCMQ>

Seòmar Mothachaidh Sensory Room

We are currently refreshing our sensory room and looking to see if anyone has the following items, in good working order, that they would like to donate to us before we seek to buy them:

- Lava Lamp/Fairy Lights/Fibre Optic Lights/Light Projector
- Indoor tent/Teepee
- Sensory toys - e.g. shakers, liquid timers, fidget toys
- Small ball pit/ Ball Pit Balls

Any donations will be gratefully accepted and can be dropped off at the school office.

Free School Meals / Assistance with School Clothing

Applications Free School Meals & Clothing Grant are now open for the term August 2024 – June 2025. Applications can be submitted via: [Forms \(cne-siar.gov.uk\)](https://forms.cne-siar.gov.uk) Please ensure that you have all the necessary supporting documentation ready prior to submission.

Free School Meals

From the 1st of April 2023, Free School Meals are granted to children from families in receipt of:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Any income related element of Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, but not Working Tax Credit, with an income of less than £18,725
- Both Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit with an income of up to £8,717
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit with a monthly earned income of not more than £726

Clothing Grant

Amounts paid for Clothing Grants are:

- £120 Per Primary Pupil
- £150 per Secondary Pupil

Assistance with School Clothing

Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar has adopted as Council policy the following procedures in relation to the assessment of clothing grant applications:

- Children of families who receive Income Support.
- Children of families who receive Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) income related.
- Children of families who receive Income Based Job Seekers Allowance.
- Children of families who receive Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit with an income below £20,000.
- Universal Credit (where the monthly earned income does not exceed £610).

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

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.

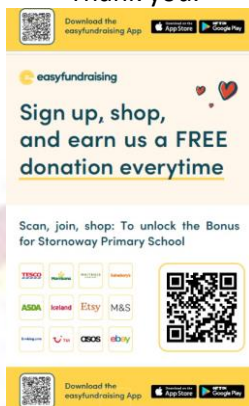
Alternatively, all items are available to order directly from www.ahyde.co.uk. Orders over £35.00 will receive free delivery.

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 Menu

Week 1	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Pudding
MEAT FREE MONDAY	Macaroni, Garlic Bread, Beans and Sweetcorn	Seasonal Vegetable Soup with a Cheese Sandwich	Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Yoghurt and Fruit or Fruit
Tues	Saugage Casserole & Mashed Potatoes with Peas & Broccoli	Lentil Soup with Egg Mayo Sandwich	Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Seasonal Fruit Salad or Fruit
Wed	Chicken Curry with Rice, Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Tomato Soup with a Ham Sandwich	Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Sponge, Custard and Fruit or Fruit
Thurs	Steak Pie with Roast Potatoes, Broccoli & Peas	Vegetable Soup with Tuna Sandwich	Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Ice Cream and Fruit or Fruit
Fri	Fish Fingers and Chips (Mash if Nursery) with Coleslaw and Seasonal Mixed Salad	Chicken and Rice Soup with a Cheese Sandwich	Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Jelly and 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

Banca Bìdh nan 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.



Dihaoine latha d' aodach fhèin Free Dress Friday

The next Free Dress Friday will take place on Friday 14th June.
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 27th June for the summer holidays.

Tachartasan Teirm 4 Calendar of Events for Term 4

Friday 7 th June	Pupil Progress Reports issued to parents/ carers
Tuesday 11 th June	Parent Appointments – Optional
Tuesday 11 th June	Nursery Sports (9:30-11)
Tuesday 11 th June	Quiz Night (6:30)
Wednesday 12 th June	P7 Induction Day Nicolson Institute
Wednesday 12 th June	Beach Clean P2/3 & GM2
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)
Tuesday 18 th June	Nicolson Show – Guys N Dolls (P5-7)
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



What's on in the Western Isles Libraries in June?

Author Events - Jennifer Mackenzie Dunbar of the book *Missing Pieces*.

- Stornoway Library - Tues, 4th June at 18:00 - 19:00
- Tarbert Library - Tues, 11th June at 14:00- 15:00

Bookbug Sessions

- Stornoway Library -Thurs, 6th at 11am, English
- -Thurs, 20th at 11am, Gaelic
- Tarbert Library - Mon, 24th at 10:30
- Lionacleit Library - Sat, 29th at 11:30

Oh! Cards - Stornoway Library - Sat, 29th, 2-4pm

Summer Reading Challenge - Starts on the 18th, just ask to sign up at any of our libraries!

Metagama Exhibition - The Space at Stornoway Library on most of the dates of the cruise ships arrivals.



Summer Reading Challenge



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).

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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-person support to access Social Security Scotland benefits. It's a free local delivery service call 0800 182 2222 to request



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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