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TO ALL PARENTS

Dear Parents,

SGOIL A' BHAC PARENT COUNCIL

We would like to express our grateful thanks to all those parents who expressed an interest in standing for the Sgoil a' Bhac Parent Council. Fifteen parents stated that they would be willing to stand as members of the Parent Council. The constitution of the Parent Council states:

"The membership [of the Parent Council] will be a minimum of three parents of children attending the School/pre-school nursery. The maximum size is twelve parents. All parents will have the opportunity of nominating themselves for membership of the Parent Council. In the event of more members being nominated than there are positions [i.e. twelve] on the Parent Council the statutory number of names will be drawn from the list of nominees by an independent adult with two witnesses present."

As more parents have been nominated than there are positions, there will now be an election of Parent Council members. This will be done by the statutory number of names being drawn from the list of nominees as described in the Constitution. This election will therefore take place at the AGM.

The next meeting of the Sgoil a' Bhac Parent Council will be the Annual General Meeting and will be held on Thursday 12th September 2024. Please note that at the last meeting of the Parent Council it was decided that this meeting would be an in-person meeting. **The Parent Council meeting will be held in the Sgoil a' Bhac Library at 7:30pm.** The Head Teacher will be in touch with all parents who nominated themselves for the Parent Council. It would be beneficial if all fifteen parents were able to be present on Thursday evening. We look forward to seeing you all.

GAIDHLIG FIRST POLICY

In order to reflect the status of the Gaelic language in our community and across the school, we will be renaming all our classes with immediate effect, in line with all other schools in the Local Education Authority.

Classes previously known as EP (English Primary) will now be known as GL (Gaelic Learners) and classes previously known as GP (Gaelic Primary) will now be known as GM (Gaelic Medium). Parents will see this change reflected on Seesaw and in school communications. We are confident that pupils, staff and parents will become accustomed to this change in due course.

BOG SLOG

Pupils, staff and some of our parents enjoyed our biennial Bog Slog on the morning of Friday 6th September 2024. We could not have asked for better weather on the day and everyone got out to the moor and back to school safe and sound, having had a really enjoyable morning. Already, we are seeing sponsorship money being sent into the



school, and we thank you for that. **We would be grateful if all sponsorship money could be sent into the school by Monday 16th September 2024.** The final amount raised will be communicated to parents in due course.

PUPIL VOICE GROUPS

Over the last week or so, elections have taken place for our main committees across the school. We are delighted with the number of children who put themselves forward for the Pupil Council, the Eco Committee and the Rights Respecting Schools Steering Group. Our House Captains were also nominated and are:

House Captains	Pupil Council	Eco-Committee	Rights Respecting Schools Steering Group
Claymore Isabella Macdonald GM7	Ali Clark GM3 Ross Shields GL3	Esther Macleod GM3 Osker Iversen GL3	Hannah Grace Carberry GM3 Brodie Baxter GL3
Columba Fede Corbett-Uceta GM7	Jessica Maclean GM4 James White GL4	Millie Morrison GM4 Lochlan Daly GL3	Murdo Angus Murray GM4 Murrion Maclean GL4
Seaforth Levi Smith GL7	Noah Baillie GM5 Juliette Macleod GL4	Ross Mackenzie GM5 Eilidh Beattie GL5	Ruairidh Morrison GM4 Murray Maciver GL4
Suilven Sophie King GL7	Sarah Morrison GM6 Annie Maclean GL6 Sam Macleod GM7 Daniel White GL6 James Morrison GM7 Levi Smith GL7	Aibhlin McGregor-Beaton GM7 Bethany Graham GL6 Fede Corbett-Uceta GM7 Matthew Morrison GL7 Magnus Montgomery GM7 Sophie King GL7	Ethan Murray GM7 Isabella Scaramuccia GL5 John Campbell GM7 Louise Maclachlan GL5 Isabella Macdonald GM7 Marsaili Maclennan GL6 Olivia Macleod GL7

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS

Curriculum Newsletters are sent out to all parents on a termly basis – approximately three to four weeks after the commencement of a term. Curriculum Newsletters provide parents with a clear indication of the content which will be covered by class teachers with their classes over the course of the term. They take into account the core areas of Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing, along with the four contexts of learning (Interdisciplinary Learning, Discrete Subjects, Ethos and Life of the School and Opportunities for Wider Achievements)

Should parents note anything which is being covered in their child's class and which is of interest to them in terms of their own knowledge and expertise, then please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher. Any offers of help are gratefully received. We very much welcome visitors and we always appreciate visits to workplaces where that is appropriate.

Leis gach durachd,



Kirsteen J. Maclean
Head Teacher

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 6th September 2024 – Whole School Sponsored Bog Slog (more details to follow)
Monday 9th – Friday 13th September 2024 – Local Education Authority – Thematic Inspection
Monday 16th September 2024 – RME Teaching Days for GL1-2, GM3-5 and GM6-7
Tuesday 17th September 2024 – Our World from Space – Primary 7 Workshop
Friday 27th September – Dress Down Day (Wear it Green for Macmillan – Donations will be taken)
Friday 27th September 2024 – Macmillan Coffee Morning (more details to follow)
Monday 7th – Thursday 10th October 2024 – Interdisciplinary Learning Week with focus on Global Citizenship

Unihoc Competition for P6-7 pupils will take place during September and October. Dates have yet to be communicated to schools. These will be passed on to parents of team members once schedule is sent out by Sport & Health Team.

