



Around this time of year many class teachers, instrumental music teachers and parents would normally be busy preparing pupils for local Mòds, however unfortunately this year these will not be taking place. I am delighted to be contacting you about an alternative event celebrating our Gaelic language, music & culture taking place later this month for our primary pupils throughout Comhairle nan Eilean Siar schools.

Education department staff have been busy working on a programme of Friday focus events on various topics entitled '*Deanamaid Dihaoine - Let's Do It Friday*'.

As part of this programme, and in collaboration with the Instrumental Music Service and Multimedia Unit of the Comhairle, an event has been organised to engage all pupils, and hopefully more, who may have taken part in the local Mòds.

Friday 29th May will see e-Cèilidh nan Òg taking place throughout the day and will take the form of broadcasts, hosted by local music teachers, using pre-recorded items submitted by pupils, covering each of the following categories – Gaelic Singing, Oral, Instrumental & Highland Dancing.

The event is non-competitive and all items are own choice so these needn't necessarily be songs, poems, pieces, dances etc. which the pupils have been working on recently – indeed it can be anything they have learnt in the past.

The event will also include 2 sing-along and play-along sessions for any pupils who would like to take part but who perhaps do not wish to send in a video performance.

The event will use a similar format to the very successful e-Cèilidhs, which are broadcast fortnightly on Saturday evenings and a brand new section, specifically for e-Cèilidh nan Òg, will shortly be added to the e-Ceilidh website (link below) which contains further details of the event, information on how to take part, a guidance document for submitting items and link to the contributors form.

The emphasis for e-Cèilidh nan Òg is on inclusiveness, maximising participation, having fun and celebrating the Gaelic language & culture, so we hope to have contributions from as many pupils as possible in each of the 4 categories from P1 through to P7.

Please share this event with staff, parents & pupils, encourage pupils to take part and help them to select & prepare a contribution.

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