



Sgoil Uibhist a Tuath Newsletter

Thursday 21 December 2023



Ar Lèirsinn

Ag obair cho cruaidh sa 's urrainn dhuinn gus gun ruig sinn àirde ar comasan.



Our Vision

To work as hard as we can to reach our full potential



Dear Parent/Carer

Today we break up for our Christmas holiday. We have had an extremely festive month with lots of exciting events happening in our school.

Thank you all for your continued support of the school and our community. We hope that your child(ren) enjoy a very well-earned break after a very busy and productive term.

Carol Service

We were delighted with the children's outstanding singing and confidence when reading during today's beautiful Carol Service. It was lovely to see families and community members in attendance. Thank you to everyone who took time out of their busy life to join us in supporting our children.

School Nativity

Our P1-4 children are a credit to you and our school. This was evident at yesterday's school Nativity, The Magical Christmas Tree. We are very fortunate to have such confident, able and talented performers! Congratulations to all children for their engagement and fantastic performance!

Christmas Fayre Success

Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to our Christmas Fayre. It was wonderful to see so many people in our school. We were once again overwhelmed by your generosity and delighted with the outstanding total of **£2982.28**. This money will go towards supporting the pupils with educational subscriptions, trips, events, transport costs and special treats.

Many thanks to all the children, parent volunteers and staff who gave up their time to run stalls, take charge of Santa's Grotto, help serve in the canteen and to those who stayed behind to tidy up the Games/Dining Hall. A very special thank you to our **Parent Council** for organising the event and to our local business partners for their most generous donations to our raffle.

We would like to thank the following local businesses for their generous Raffle Donations:

- ❖ 25kg bag of potatoes from Angus and Michelle MacDonald (An additional £100.00 for School Fund)
- ❖ Mugs and Downpour miniatures from Baleshare Bothies
- ❖ £30 Voucher from Berneray Bistro
- ❖ 2 adult return tickets from Cal Mac
- ❖ Bookbinding Kit from Corinna Krause
- ❖ Candle and Trimmer from Essence of Harris
- ❖ Hairdresser voucher from Hair by Lizzie
- ❖ 2 x £50 voucher from Hebridean Smokehouse
- ❖ Spa Kit from Ishga
- ❖ A bottle of gin from the Isle of Harris Distillery
- ❖ Wine from JA MacDonald Fruit & Veg
- ❖ A voucher from Kildonan Café
- ❖ Harris Tweed gift andf tablet from Locheport24
- ❖ 2 Return flights from Loganair
- ❖ 2 x £50 voucher from MacInnes Brothers
- ❖ A bottle of gin from North Uist Distillery
- ❖ Family Cinema ticket from the Screen Machine
- ❖ Mounted watercolour print from Sharon MacPherson Art
- ❖ £25 vovcher from Shoreline Stoneware
- ❖ Sweets from The Sweet Boutique
- ❖ Voucher from Taigh Chearsabhagh
- ❖ Gift set from The Dark Island Soap Company
- ❖ £25 voucher from The Dunes Cabin
- ❖ A massage voucher from The Wee Haven
- ❖ 4 hours gardening voucher from Uist Gardening Services
- ❖ Cupcakes from The Wee Cottage Kitchen
- ❖ £50.00 Voucher from Westford Inn
- ❖ Fuel vouchers from Westside Motors
- ❖ Voucher from The Chinese Takeaway
- ❖ Bird Tables from Angus Archie Dingwall
- ❖ Coasters from Sollas Engraving



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Today's Prize Winners - Sweeties in the Jar and Teddy Bear Winners

Congratulations to Seonaidh Alec MacInnes (GME4) and Tom Òg Marks (GME7), winner of our Sweetie and Teddy Bear competitions. There were **189** sweets in the jar and our Teddy's birthday was **19 August 2023**.



MacInnes Brothers

Congratulations to Tom Òg Marks (GME 7) and Lexi MacDougall (GLE 2) who were chosen as the winning entries from SUaT in the recent MacInnes Brothers calendar competition.



Many thanks to MacInnes Brothers for their generous donation of **£100** along with 30 calendars kindly donated to our school.

Information on the purchasing of calendars will be given in the New Year.

NHS Competition Winner

Well done to Connor MacInnes (GLE 2) who was chosen as the P1/2 runner up in the Western Isles Health Board's 'Staying Healthy in Winter' poster competition! Math fhèin, Connor!



Learning and Teaching in SUaT

Communication Sharing

To find out important information about what is happening in your child's class and the school, please remember to check your **Seesaw account**, our **Facebook Page** (<https://m.facebook.com/people/Sgoil-Uibhist-a-Tuath/100063496271557/>) and our **School Website** (<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/es/suat/>). Please note, the SEESAW app can be downloaded on to your devices using link in the email previously sent by Class Teachers to parent/carers)

Staffing Updates

Janitor's Vacant Post

We will be appointing a new janitor in the New Year. Christine Cameron, our former janitor and previous Head Cleaner worked in our school since we opened in 2016. Christine made many valuable contributions in her time with us and we wish her every success in her future employment.

Class GME 3-4

We look forward to welcoming Miss Steele back on **Thursday 4 January 2024**. Thank you to Ms MacLennan for her hard work and commitment to the class and school this term. Her contribution has been greatly appreciated.

Poppy Scotland Appeal

Many thanks for your contribution towards our Poppy Scotland Appeal. We are awaiting the total amount raised from this year's collection.

Your money will go towards supporting members of the armed forces community in Scotland by providing tailored funding and assistance. The charity also provides financial support, employment, mobility, housing and mental health support for those in the Armed Forces.

Remembrance Service November 2023

Congratulations to **Rebecca MacDonald** and **Ewan MacLean (GME P7)** for showing such respect and reverence when laying the wreath on behalf of Sgoil Uibhist a Tuath at Clachan Memorial Service this year. Well done!



School Lunches

Please see the **change of menu** for the following dates:

Thursday 4 January 2024

Chicken Goujon Wrap

or

Lentil Soup

Friday 5 January 2024

Pastry Sausage Roll or Sausages and Chips

or

Sweet Potato and Carrot Soup

From **Monday 8 January 2024** the School Meals Menu will start on **Week 1**.

Staff Thank You

A special thank you to all the teachers and staff for their hard work and dedication to ensure they provide your child(ren) with a high-quality education. Many fun and enjoyable school experiences take place in each class and term.

On behalf of everyone at Sgoil Uibhist a Tuath, we wish you a happy, healthy and enjoyable Christmas holiday and look forward to another exciting year ahead in 2024.

We will welcome everyone back on **Thursday 4 January 2024**.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Jane MacSween (Executive Head Teacher) and Dianne Morrison (Head Teacher)

