



Bun Sgoil Thunga agus Sgoil Àraich
Tong School and Sgoil Àraich
August 2018



Dear Parents / Carers,

We offer a special welcome to our new Primary 1 children, our new Sgoil Àraich children and those at other stages who join us for the first time this session. We hope they've enjoyed their first full week and are looking forward to the year ahead. We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Cathie Anne Mackenzie and Mrs Sue Emmott who will be joining our teaching staff team for part of the week. We are excited to welcome a new key worker and Modern Apprentice to our team in the English Playroom. We expect them to begin in the next few weeks more information will follow.

HMI from Education Scotland

HM Inspectors from Education Scotland will be visiting us to conduct an inspection during the week commencing 3rd September. You can find out more about inspection, from the [Inspection and review documentation](#) pages of Education Scotland's website.

School Improvement Plan

This year's School Improvement plan priorities are focussed on the following:

- Developing Moderation, Assessment and Quality Assurance
- Raising attainment in Literacy and Numeracy
- Improving Health and Wellbeing experiences
- Developing Early Years experiences and play-based learning



We would welcome any parents interested in being involved in our focus groups as we develop these priorities. *More information will follow about this later in the term.*

Building Works

We are scheduled to have building works starting in the school soon to install our new modular building. This should begin in September. Once we have a confirmed date we will let you know as arrangements for pick up/drop off in the Sgoil Àraich, P1/2 and GM123 may have to change. We will notify you as soon as possible.

Medication in School

If your child requires any medication to be administered during the school day (including inhalers for asthma), it is Council Policy that a standard form is completed. If your child's form needs updated throughout the year please come into the main office to update it. Please note **all** medication must be prescribed. If you need a form please contact the school office.

Absence from school

If your child has to be absent due to illness please contact the school office with relevant information as soon as possible. If not, a Groupcall will be sent asking you to respond with information regarding their absence. Please follow up absences with a letter if possible.

Emergency Contact Details

Annual Data checks have been distributed today. These should be checked for accuracy and it is import these are returned to the school office. Please ensure that we have the most up to date

emergency contacts including any new mobile phone numbers as it is important we can reach you as soon as possible in the event of an emergency.

Class Assemblies

This session, each class will be hosting their own assembly for parents and carers. Further details will be issued in future newsletters and from classes.

Tree of Achievement



During assembly we would like to celebrate children's Wider Achievements out of school. Children are welcome to bring in eg. Certificates/medals/badges they have received to show their peers. They will be photocopied to be displayed on our tree then returned to the child.

Parent Council

Due to the upcoming inspection the Parent Council meeting date will be changed to Tuesday 18th September at 7pm. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Parent Helpers

If any parents are interested in helping with specific tasks in school such as library, playground development, story sacks, general admin etc. and have time to spare please contact the school to express your interest.

Pàrant 's Paiste

Pàrant 's Paiste will be resuming soon. More details will be provided when dates have been confirmed.

PE Kit

Thank you to all parents who have helped by sending in appropriate PE kit already. Class teachers will inform parents of the days that their children will be receiving PE lessons and where children require indoor and / or outdoor PE kit.



School Crossing Patrol

A reminder as we start the school term the crossing patrol begins at 8.30am until 9am and then after school at 3.20pm to 3.30pm. It is the responsibility of parents if they choose to allow their child to cross before or after these times.

AND FINALLY...



As headteacher I have an "open door" policy. I am usually available in school from 8:30 -5:00 each day and am also happy to meet with parents outwith these times. You can also contact me by email via the school email address below. I greatly value the support of parents/carers in all aspects of the life of our school. If at any time you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



3 rd – 7 th September		Visit from HMIE
18 th September	7pm	Parent Council Meeting
20 th September	5.30-6.30pm	School Community Gathering
29 th September		PTA: Co-op Bag Pack
5 th October	tbc	MacMillan Coffee Morning
12 th – 24 th October		October Holidays
8 th November	9.15am	Remembrance Assembly
Tbc	7pm	Parent Council
16 th November		Children in Need
20 th + 21 st November		Parent's Evenings
22 nd November		Thanksgiving/Harvest Assembly
23 rd – 26 th November		November Long Weekend
29 th November		Christmas Fair + Lights Switch On
13 th December	Afternoon & Evening	Christmas Concert
14 th December		Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Lunch
19 th December		Christmas Service
20 th December		Christmas Parties
21 st – 7 th January		Christmas Holidays

** Please note all events are subject to change and more information will be provided closer to the date.*