



Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Bhaile a' Ghobhainn Litir-naidheachd

An Lùnastal/An t-Sultain

Far am bi aisling gan togail

Bho dheasg a' Cheannaird.... From the Head Teacher's desk....

Fàilte air ais a h-uile duine dhan bhliadhna sgoile 2023-2024! What a pleasure it has been to spend the last few weeks leading the team here in Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Bhaile a' Ghobhainn. The hardworking and highly committed staff have created exciting learning environments for our children. Our children have settled in very well and I have been so impressed by the calm start that we have had to the school year. Clas 1, in particular, have settled in extremely well already and are becoming used to school routines. Miss Gilles, Miss Carr and Mrs Urquhart are absolutely delighted. Nach math a rinn iad air fad!

In this Litir-naidheachd (Newsletter), you will be reminded of the information on the practical arrangements which you need to know about as we work to ensure that Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Bhaile a' Ghobhainn is a safe and purposeful learning environment for our children.

School photographs (class, individual and family photos) are scheduled to be taken on Monday the 18th of September 2023. The class photos are primarily for our school foyer as it is important that the children can see their class photo in a prominent place in the school. Proofs will be sent home soon after. There is no obligation for parents/carers to purchase the photographs. **Please make sure your child/ren is/are in their uniform on Monday the 18th of September even if it is their scheduled PE day.**

At the end of the session we said a fond 'Soraidh slàn' to P7 and we wish them the best of luck as they continue their education in Ard-Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu.

As ever, we will endeavor to keep you as up to date as much as possible with what is happening in school through monthly newsletters, our website and X (formerly Twitter). Very soon, I will send out a copy of our Standards & Quality report which will highlight our successes during session 2022-23.

The school management team and I are still discussing promoted remits however if you have any issues relating to your child please contact either Mrs Urquhart if your child is in P1-P2 or Miss MacKay if your child is in P3-P7.

We continue to have on-going issues with absence across our support staff. This includes both Support for Learning Workers and clerical staff. **We currently have no clerical support despite my best efforts to secure cover.** Please be assured that resolving this is at the top of my priority list. In addition, I am still not able to directly reply to e-mails on the Head Teacher's account. Again I have been trying my best to sort this and will get you updated. Items sent are still being actioned by the Principal Teachers and myself as necessary.

Your children may have let you know that all children are all out in the playground at the same time. With a full complement of support staff, this change provides over an hour of support time for children per day. Please do not hesitate to use any of the contact details at the end of the newsletter if you have any questions or comments.

Paul Cassidy Executive Head Teacher

Dealbhan-Sgoile/ School Photographs

As stated, a photographer will visit the school on Monday 18th of September to take class and individual photographs of the children.



We will take photos with sibling and if you wish for any wider family photos, please e-mail the Headteacher account.

Proofs will be sent home soon after. There is no obligation for parents/carers to purchase the photographs.

Please make sure your child/ren is/are in their uniform on those dates even if it is a scheduled PE day for them.

Coporra Spòrs/P.E



On PE days, the children should wear navy or dark joggers/shorts and a white or navy polo neck/t-shirt. Children may also wear jumpers during cold weather.

Please do not send your child to school with football tops or logoed/designer items.

Here are the PE days for each class:

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| C1 | Monday/Wednesday |
| C2/1 | Monday/Wednesday |
| C2 | Tuesday/Thursday |
| C3 | Monday/Thursday |
| C4/3 | Tuesday/Thursday |
| C4 | Tuesday/Wednesday |
| C5 | Wednesday/Thursday |
| C6 | Tuesday/Friday |
| C7/6 | Monday/Tuesday |



Please remember no PE kit on Monday 18th of September because of the class photos.



School Holiday 2023/24

September

Friday, 22 September and Monday, 25 September 2023 (September weekend holiday)

October

Friday, 13 October 2023 (In-Service Day)
Monday, 16 to Friday, 20 October 2023 (October Week)

December - Christmas and New Year

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 22 December 2023
Monday, 25 December 2023 - Friday, 5 January 2024 (Christmas holidays)

January

Schools return on Monday, 8 January 2024

February mid term break

Monday, 12 February 2024
Tuesday, 13 February 2024
Wednesday, 14 February 2024 (In-service day)

April - Spring Holiday (Easter)

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Thursday, 28 March 2024
Good Friday 29 March 2024
Easter Monday 1 April 2024
Monday, 1 April - Friday, 12 April 2024 (Spring Break)
Schools return on Monday, 15 April 2024

May

Thursday, 2 May 2024 (In-service day to coincide with UK Parliamentary elections, but may be subject to change)
Monday, 6 May 2024 (May Holiday)
Friday, 24 May 2024 and Monday, 27 May 2024 (May Weekend)

June

Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Wednesday 26 June 2024

Diary Dates September

Leabhar-Latha An t-Sultain

- 21.08.23** Blairvadach Information Session
2:00pm—Online
- 01.09.23** Latha Dathan Taighe
House Colours Day
(then first Friday of every month)
- 01.09.23** Home Learning given out by
teachers
- 04.09.23 - 08.09.23** P7 to Blairvadach Outdoor Centre
Residential
- 06.09.23** Mgr Cassidy to Learning
Community Meeting (AM)
- 06.09.23** Parent Council AGM
5:00-6:00pm
- 07.09.23** Evening Times Photo—P1s
- 13.09.23** Fàilte agus Fios
5:00-6:30pm
- 18.09.23** Photographer—whole school
Photographs
- 26.06.23** Childhood Cancer Awareness Day
More details to follow
- 27.09.23** Evening Time—P1 photo
My first day at school feature

P1 Evening Times First Day at School 2023

Please make sure all P1 children are in full school uniform on 27th September when a photographer from the Evening Times will take their class photo for the annual First Day at School feature

EveningTimes
NOBODY KNOWS GLASGOW BETTER

Fàilte agus Fios/ Meet the Teacher

Our meet the teacher event will take place on Wednesday 13th of September from 5:00-6:30.



**Please note - for children in P5—
their Fàilte agus Fios will be on the
same date but from 4:00-5:30.**

Contact us:

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Govan Gaelic Primary School

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Baile a' Ghobhainn/Govan
Glaschu/Glasgow
G51 2BG

Àireamh Fòn/Phone Number: 0141 445 1767

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Website: blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/govangaelicprimaryschool/
Twitter: @BGhobhainn



Tidsearan agus clasaichean 2023/2024

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| C1 | Miss S Carr |
| C2/1 | Miss S Gillies |
| C2 | Mrs M MacLeod |
| C3 | Miss E McGrath |
| C4/3 | Mrs R Geddes |
| C4 | Miss K MacPherson |
| C5 | Mrs CA Penman/Miss C Stewart |
| C6 | Mgr N MacDonald |
| C7/6 | Mrs Katy Smith |
| Support | Mrs E NiLaighin Mrs A Shand |



Blairvadach

P7 are very excited about their residential visit to Blairvadach Outdoor Centre from the 4th to the 8th of September.

Mrs Smith will accompany the children all week and Miss McKay and Mrs Urquhart will split the week.

Tha fios againn gum bi seachdainn sgoinneil aca uile!

Dinnear sgoile agus club bracaist/ School lunches and breakfast club



Free school meals P1-P5

A reminder that all P1-P5 children are entitled to a free school meal. Those children who qualify for a free school meal in P6-P7 must apply on-line at www.glasgow.gov.uk

Meals can be purchased at a cost of £1:90 per day and breakfast club is £2 per day.

You do not need to register for the Breakfast Club and it is open from 8:00am and is accessed through the infant playground, with children going straight into the dinner hall.

Fuel Zone—School Canteen Menus

The Fuel Zone menus are online and can be found here



Halal menu



Please remember to look over the menus with your child/ren and make the appropriate meal selection on Parent Pay.



**SeeSaw
Important**



We use SeeSaw to share our monthly Family Learning Grid and examples of children(s) class learning.

Seesaw has two different apps; the Seesaw class app and the Seesaw family app, and it is important that you download both apps. The difference between these can be found in the school guidance on this.

Your child's class teacher will send home a QR for you to scan to activate the app. Please look out for this in their bag.

Information on other apps etc. used, e.g. ParentPay & Xpressions, will be sent home in due course.

If you have any issues, please contact the school office.

Comann nam Pàrant BSGBG —Parent Council Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 6th of September starting at 5pm.

We hope to see as many of you as possible.






SAVE TIME GO ONLINE
www.glasgow.gov.uk

Pupil Absence Reporting ONLINE

Primary and Secondary Mainstream Schools Only

Absences and appointments must be reported by the named contact for the pupil as held by the school



| REASON | WHEN | CONTACT |
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| All Pupil Sickness Related Absences | From 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd or 4 th day of sickness. Report before 09:30 hrs* | Pupil Absence Reporting Team   www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence |
| Medical / Dental Appointments for up to one day | Up to 4 weeks in advance or on the day for emergencies | |

*Absences reported after 09:30 hrs may result in Parent/Carer receiving notification from the school that the pupil is absent

*It is essential that all schools monitor the responses from parents/carers after TBCs have been sent. Schools should then update the pupil's register with the appropriate absence code.

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| Any other reasons including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious / Parental holiday requests • Illness of a family member • Children's panel • Funerals • Bereavements • All exceptional circumstances • All other appointments | In advance or on the day | Parent to phone school |
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Further info please visit www.Glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence

Pupil Absence Line

Phone: 0141 287 0039

Website: www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence

E-mail addresses & Communication

We have moved to a majority paperless system for communicating developments and celebrating successes in school.



Please use this box to write your e-mail address clearly and in large lettering so that there is no confusion with letters, numbers or dots. Please return to school as soon as possible; you only need to return this slip not the whole newsletter. **This is for new P1 parents/carers and those of you who do not currently receive e-mails.**

Your name: _____ Child/ren's name/s: _____

Your e-mail: _____