

Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Bhaile a' Ghobhainn Litir-naidheachd



An t-Samhain 2023

Far am bi aisling gan togail

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

Chan urrainn dhomh a chreidsinn gu bheil sinn air an t-Samhain a ruighinn mu thràth. I can't quite believe that we have reached November already. The last few months have been busy and I have been delighted to see happy children who are getting on with their learning in purposeful learning environments. Cùm aibh suas an deagh obair! Keep up the good work!

Staffing news

Following recent interviews for two Acting Principal Teacher posts, I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Katy Smith (CP7/6) and Mrs Roisin Geddes (C4/3) were the successful candidates and they will undertake remits that help improve the work of the school with a specific focus on Gaelic Language Development and Digital Learning. More information on their remits and roles will be shared in due course. This will provide much needed capacity in the Senior Leadership Team. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mrs Smith and Mrs Geddes, Mealaibh ur Naidheachd! Both teachers will still be fully class committed with some extra leadership time.

Miss MacPherson, our C4 teacher, continues to be off sick. As you know already, Miss MacKay and Mrs Urquhart are covering the class. This has meant that our capacity to deal with enquiries swiftly has been greatly reduced, however, we will do our absolute best to get back to you as soon as possible. **Your patience at this time is very much appreciated.** We do have some cover for Miss MacPherson however this teacher, who is not a Gaelic speaker, is providing learning support for English/Maths and some Non-class Contact Time as appropriate. I am interviewing this week for Gaelic Speaking supply teachers and I am hoping that we will have a pool of Gaelic teachers, ready to call upon, when necessary.

We continue to have on-going issues with absence across our clerical staff. I have spoken with Glasgow City Council recently and have been assured that the recruitment process is well underway and that we should have a permanent member of staff at the earliest for the end of December and at the latest the middle of January.

A big thank you to Mrs Urquhart who lead our school Latha Fosgailte/Open for Primary 1 on the 25th of October. It was lovely to meet everyone. What a great turn out too.

We were also delighted to receive new school sports strips that the children can use at various events. A huge thanks to the Parent Council and Morrison Media for their kind sponsorship. They have been a big hit! Mòran taing!

I am also delighted that we now have a school piano. This was kindly donated to us from our friends in Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu. Abair gu bheil sinn air bhioran!

P7 enjoyed a great day at the City Chambers at the beginning of October where they learned about the Glasgow Clyde Challenge and heard from the Lord Provost.

Paul Cassidy, Executive Head Teacher

School Improvement (Taic Ionnsachaidh/ Learning Support)

Leasachadh

The team and I have been working hard over the last few weeks to revise and refresh our procedures and practices when it comes to any learning support in the school.

This is a very large piece of work and it will take time to ensure that there is absolute consistency across the school as we trial different ways of recording progress and communicating information; this is an extremely worthwhile piece of work.

I will write to you in the New Year with a better idea of how this will look for the children, families and staff of Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Bhaile a' Ghobhainn.

In the meantime and due to a change in circumstances, our three Support for Learning Workers (all Gaelic speakers) now have three classes each and are providing each class with between 8-9 hours support per week. This is a significant increase on last term's allocation and I am delighted with this.



P1 enrolments for August 2024

Enrolment week is from 6th to 10th November. Please register online through Glasgow City Council's website in the School and Learning Section under Starting Primary School.

Childhood Cancer Awareness Day

As part of our Childhood Cancer Awareness day and in memory of Sophia Evangelisti-Walker, the P6 children hosted a fantastic school talent show.



We were also joined by Gary Innes who was one of the judges and he was absolutely blown away by all the talent at BSGBG! Well done to all the pupils who took part and a massive congratulations to our winners!



Halloween Disco

A huge thank you to the Parent Council for organising a wonderful Halloween Disco for our children. They had a ball!

Saor-làithean na Nollaige

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

Oidhche nam Pàrant

Parents' Night

15th November & 22nd November

Forms have gone out for our Parent's Nights meetings and thank you to everyone that has return them.

We really value the partnership that we have with our parents and we are looking forward to welcoming you into the school.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

The captains and vice-captains organised a fantastic MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September. We were so pleased to see lots of families attend and we raised an estimated £500 for the charity. Many thanks to everyone that came along to support and who baked some delicious treats!

Diary Dates November/December

Leabhar-Latha— An t-Samhain/An Dùbhlachd

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| 10 Nov | PATHs Session for P1 Parents/ Carers at 9:30am |
| 15 Nov | Parents' Night (Two sessions)
3:30-5:00
6:00-8:30 |
| 22 Nov | Parents' Night
3:30-5:30 |
| 2 Dec | St Andrew's Day Family Cèilidh
Parent Council Event |
| 6 Dec | P4-P7 Choir singing at the Govan
Winter Gathering in the Fairfield
club at 1:00pm
Parents Welcome |
| 14 Dec | P4-P7 Choir singing for the Ronald
McDonald Charity at 11:00am in St
Enoch's Centre
Parents Welcome |
| 15 Dec | Christmas Nativity at 9:30am.
Due to limited space only P1 and
P2/1 parents can attend. |
| 16 Dec | Christmas Market (12-4)
Parent Council Event |
| 19 Dec | Christmas Parties P5, P6 & P7/6 |
| 20 Dec | Christmas Parties P3, P4/3 & P4 |
| 21 Dec | Christmas Parties P1, P2/1 & P2 |

Outdoor Learning Day

The Outdoor Learning Group along with C6 and C3 had great fun outside for Outdoor Learning Day. We're looking forward to enjoying the colours in spring.

Thank you to our Parent Council for supplying spring flowering bulbs to plant in our boat and planter outside the main entrance and along the fence in the car park.

Also thanks to the Wheatley Group for donating soil and working with the pupils to get the planters filled and planted.

Sowing Seeds will also visit the school in November to look at a long term strategy for improving the school grounds. Watch this space!

"What do you want to be
when you grow up?"



"Kind," said the boy

Charlie Mackay

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Togail-airgid Comhairle Phàrant/ Parent Council Fundraising

FUNDRAISING NEWS

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ALONG THE WAY

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who supported with organising and helped out at the school disco! The kids had a ball!

Shout out to Fletch from Fletch Innovations (insta - @alanfletcher883) for the incredible visuals and effects and DJ Alan for the great music as always!

A huge thank you to the teachers who stayed to help too.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

Come along to our events

Use our easy Fundraising App to claim back cash on any of your purchases. Aldi online, Amazon, P&O and all ATG theatres; The Kings, Theatre Royal and Edinburgh playhouse. Perfect for panto season.

- Download easy fundraising
- Add Govan Gaelic School
- Shop as normal - Thank you in advance

Every penny helps!

FAMILY CEILIDH

Tickets are now available to buy for the family Ceilidh.

Please see link below or search St Andrews Day Family Ceilidh on eventbrite website.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-andrews-day-family-ceilidh-tickets-742319185667?aff=oddtcreator>

Please get in touch for a 20% discount code if you buy a table of 10 adults. Kids all go for free!



UPCOMING EVENTS

1ST DECEMBER

St Andrews Day Family Ceilidh

16TH DECEMBER

Christmas Market
If you would like to hire a table for the market. please get in touch to reserve. £20 fee

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