



Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Bhaile a' Ghobhainn Litir-naidheachd

An Dàmhair 2023

Far am bi aisling gan togail

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

A bair gu bheil sinn air a bhith trang anns na beagan seachdainean a chaidh romhainn! What an incredible busy few weeks we have since we started!

In this Litir-naidheachd (Newsletter) I have included a section on our improvement journey this year. We look forward to overtaking these identified priorities and continuing to improve the work of our school.

Staffing news

Following a request for expressions of interest for the post of Head of School position, I have decided to appoint both Miss MacKay and Mrs Urquhart.

Their broad remits are as follows:

- Mrs Urquhart has responsibility for P1-P3 in terms of curriculum, pastoral care and additional support needs
- Miss MacKay has responsibility for P4-P7 in terms of curriculum, pastoral care and additional support needs

I am sure you will join me in congratulating them on their posts. I am also hoping to appoint an additional two Acting Principal Teachers to develop specific aspects of the work of the school in terms of the development of the Gaelic Language and Digital Literacy. I will inform you of the successful applicants in due course.

One of my aims as Executive Head Teacher is to build capacity in staff to undertake leadership roles which, as you are aware, is a significant area for development within Gaelic Medium Education. We need to nurture our work force as well as our children and families to ensure the best possible outcomes for stakeholders. We are all in this together.

We continue to have on-going issues with absence across our support staff. This includes both Support for Learning Workers and clerical staff. **I have managed to secure some support in the office.** Toni Rippey from Our Lady of Lourdes Primary in Cardonald joins us from 8:30am–12:00pm, Monday to Thursday. My thanks to the Head Teacher, Mrs Capanni for releasing Toni. Mrs Iafate's hours are 10:00am until 2:00pm every day.

In addition, we have had reports of some children misbehaving on school transport, please remember to talk to your children about staying safe on the buses and taxis.

I have also detailed, on the next column, my preferred methods for parent and carers to contact the school. This will mean that there should be no missed messages. Also, **please do contact us about issues in school in the first instance** because my staff and I are not part of parents' Whatsapp groups and therefore are unable to support any resolution unless we are advised.

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

School Improvement Priorities 2023-2024

Leasachadh

- To develop & enhance teaching & learning by ensuring a consistent approach to active learning across all classes
- To improve overall attainment & participation in Gàidhlig literacy by developing & implementing a consistent approach to the teaching of Talking & Listening across the school
- To improve children's wellbeing through engagement with the Respect Me programme, identifying strengths/areas for development in relation to ensuring everyone is listened to & respected. Also, ensuring that UNCRF articles are a focus of a sustainable learner voice programme as well as the continuation of our partnership working with PATHS



Communication



There have been a number of issues regarding communication in the school.

Going forward I would ask all parents to use the following e-mail to contact the school—

headteacher@govangaelic-pri.glasgow.sch.uk

If you contact using Xpressions, then it will undoubtedly result in a delay to your enquiry being acted upon.

You are, of course, welcome to contact us by phone but please bear in mind that the office may not be manned

0141 445 1767

Important

While I appreciate that a few parents may have had concerns about a particular issue for a while, I would encourage you to contact me (Mr Cassidy) again in the first instance at the school in order to try and find a resolution for any on-going issue that you are having.

In my experience, there are very few issues that can not be resolved working together in a positive manner.

I thank you in advance for your continued support. Let's continue working together to build a positive ethos for all!

Saor-làithean ri thighinn



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

Childhood Cancer Awareness Day

As part of our Childhood Cancer Awareness day and in memory of Sophia Evangelisti-Walker, the P6 children will be hosting a **school talent show on Friday the 6th of October.**

We can't wait to see all the tàlant we have in Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Bhaile a' Ghobhainn.

Fàilte agus Fios/ Meet the teacher



It was an absolute pleasure to welcome parents and carers at this year's Fàilte agus Fios. We hope that you enjoyed the sessions!

The school values greatly the partnership we have with our families.

School Clubs

Lunchtime clubs have started for some year groups with our P3s & P4s enjoying multisports on Wednesdays. We have a number of other clubs planned for throughout the year including dance and FilmG.

Coaches will also be working with individual classes to provide an enhancement to the P.E curriculum and Playmakers will be offered to P6-P7 as a Leadership opportunity.

We aim to increase our offering as the year progresses. Please look out for updates.

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



"Kind," said the boy

Charlie Mackay

Diary Dates October Leabhar-Latha An Dàmhair

- 06 Oct Childhood Cancer Awareness Day
 - 13 Oct In-Service Day
 - 23 Oct P1 Evening Times Photograph
 - 25 Oct Open Day for new P1 entrants in August 2024
 - 26 Oct Halloween Parties
P1-P3 6:00pm-7:15pm
P4-P7 7:15-8:00pm
Parent Council Event
 - 31 Oct Halloween Activities in school
Children are invited to dress up for the day (no scary masks)
 - 15 Nov Parents' Night (Two sessions)
3:30-5:30
6:00-8:30
(More details to follow)
 - 22 Nov Parents' Night
3:30-5:30
(More details to follow)
 - 2 Dec St Andrew's Day Family Cèilidh
Parent Council Event
 - 16 Dec Christmas Market (12-4)
Parent Council Event
- TBC P1 PATHs Session in the School information to follow**

P1 Evening Times First Day at School 2023

Please make sure all P1 children are in full school uniform on **Monday 23rd of October** when a photographer from the Evening Times will take their class photo for the annual First Day at School feature. **This has had to be done again because if a mix up previously.**

NO P.E KIT THAT DAY

Blairvadach

P7 had a wonderful outdoor residential trip to Blairvadach. There are a number of posts on our X page with photos and information about the trip. A huge thank you to Mrs Smith, Miss MacKay and Mrs Urquhart who accompanied us on the trip. It is a big ask giving up five days with their families and I am so grateful to them! Abair rionnagan!

Contact us:

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Togail-airgid Comhairle Phàrant/ Parent Council Fundraising

FUNDRAISING NEWS

READY TO RAISE MONEY AND HAVE FUN
ALONG THE WAY

WHAT WE DO?

The fundraising sub-group is dedicated to raising funds that will help support the educational and extracurricular activities of our amazing children. We believe in building strong relationships with our donors and supporters and using their contributions to benefit our students most efficiently and effectively. Our ultimate goal is to create an exciting and thriving learning environment that empowers our students to reach their full potential.

Thanks for your continued support!

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. Asda, Amazon, TUI and M&S to name a few.

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

Every penny helps!

100 Club is coming to a close. The last month is October. Payment will be made ASAP.

FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Does your workplace offer any community grants?

If so, it would be great to hear from you. Please contact Julie our PC treasurer on;

financebsgbg@gmail.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

26TH OCTOBER

Halloween Disco

1ST DECEMBER

St Andrews Day Family Ceilidh

16TH DECEMBER

Chrsitmas Market