

Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Bhaile a' Ghobhainn Litir-naidheachd



Am Faoilleach/An Gearran 2024

Far am bi aisling gan togail

Bho dheasg a' Cheannaird....

From the Head Teacher's desk....

Bhon a thill sinn san Fhaoilleach, tha mi air a bhith cho toilichte leis cho socair agus cho toilichte sa tha a' chlann againn air a bhith. Tha iad air tilleadh bho na saor-làithean aca deiseil airson ionnsachadh agus a' cleachdadh a' Ghàidhlig aca!

Since we returned in January, I have been so happy with how calm and settled our children have been. They have returned from their holidays excited and ready to learn. They are using lots of Gaelic too!

Staffing News

I am delighted to inform you that interviews are currently taking place to fill the 35 hour permanent clerical vacancy here in Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Bhaile a' Ghobhainn. I will advise you of the outcome of this as soon as I know the information. As the job is part of a large recruitment drive, this can be quite a lengthy process but we are nearly there. Mrs Collins continues to do a wonderful job supporting us in the office.

I am delighted to formally welcome Mrs Ann Quinn to the teaching staff here in the school. She started at the beginning of January and has taken responsibility for Clas 4.

Unfortunately, Miss McKay will be absent from work for a further period of time. Mrs Urquhart and I will continue to do our best to deal with any issues or queries that you have but please remember that I only work 2 and half days in the school but I do my best to pick up on e-mails when not in the building. Mrs Urquhart, although no longer class committed, has a number of duties to carry out so please be patient, we will get back to you.

Here are some of the highlights since the December Newsletter.

- Children across C5-C7 have been accessing a dance club. Also, determined to dance sessions have been taking place for C2, C3 & C4/3
- Some of our girls across C5-C7 have been accessing a girls' football club
- Our choir sang beautifully at the Fairfield Club as part of the Govan Winter Gathering
- Children across the school took part in a music concert
- C1, C2/1 & C2 visited the St Francis Care Home to sing for the residents, providing some festive cheer
- C4/3 worked with Katie, a visiting artist to find out about her job. Lots of great questions; math fhèin!
- The Còisir sang at various places including St Enoch's Centre, the Govan Winter Gathering as well as a concert for parents & carers in school. What lovely voices they have and thank you to all families who came to support at every event; it was lovely to see you all
- Families were treated to a wonderful Nativity play from C1 & C2/1
- All children have had an opportunity to attend a Celtic Connections concert. I am delighted to report that their behaviour throughout the visits was excellent

Paul Cassidy, Executive Head Teacher

Planadh Leasachadh Sgoile School Improvement Planning

One of our improvement priorities (now known as Grand Challenges) is to develop & enhance teaching & learning by ensuring a consistent approach to active learning across all classes.

Progress to date:

- All staff have completed training on the Collaborative Enquiry Process Module for Active Learning
- Staff have observed practice in other classes
- Staff have met together to discuss best practice

Next steps:

- Staff will continue to engage with the Collaborative Enquiry Process
- Continue to collate examples of best practice



Cruinneachaidhean Class Assemblies

Mealaibh ur naidheachd air C7/6 on their fabulous assembly on World War One last term. They gave lot of interesting facts and sang beautifully. Nach math a rinn iad!

Mealaibh ur naidheachd air C5 on their excellent assembly for Burns Day. Again lots of interesting facts, beautiful singing as well as performances from our confident musicians.

Comhairle Phàrant/ Parent Council

Another huge thank you to our Parent Council for all of the fund raising and support they give to our school. The Christmas Fayre was a great success. I will update you on any further events as they arise.



The Parent Council have donated over £7000 for improvements in the playground which were undertaken last session.

In addition, they have recently donated another £1500 for the school to purchase much needed resources.

Mòran taing

Burns Whole School Assembly

On Thursday the 25th of January, children from each class recited a poem at the Robert Burns Assembly.



The teachers made a special appearance and played some musical instruments! At the end of the concert, all the children had a little taste of shortbread. A massive thank you to our Vice Captains for being fantastic judges and to all of the children who took part.

Oidhche Fiolm

A huge thank you to our Family Engagement Leadership group who organised an extremely successful Christmas Film Night on the 7th of December.



These type of events take a lot of planning and I thank them for their hard work. Also thanks to the families who were able to support this event.

Deireadh-seachdain a' Ghearrain **The February Weekend**

Monday 12th February 2024

Tuesday 13th February 2024

Wednesday 14th February 2024
(In-Service)

SeeSaw

You will have seen from our recent communication that Seesaw is no longer financially viable for us. We will be making more use of X to share successes, please give us a follow on @BGhobhainn

Alternative arrangements for homework have been detailed on the letter.

Taing bho Mrs Geddes

Mrs Geddes would like to thank all of the parents & carers who filled in the questionnaire about Gaelic Development in our school. She will use your thoughts and opinions to now work with staff and the children's literacy group to discuss what can be overtaken.

Thank You

Diary Dates December

Leabhar-Latha— An Gearran/Am Màrt

2nd Feb	Latha na Dathan Taighe House Colour Day
6th Feb	Safer Internet Day Assembly
9th Feb	JP Morgan to give an assembly on On-line safety
19th Feb- 23rd Feb	Seachdain na Gàidhlig Gaelic Week—information on activ- ities to follow from Mrs Geddes
23rd Feb	Clas 7 visiting the Science Centre Clas 1 & 2/1 visiting Govan Fire Station
29th Feb	Feis Dhràma C4/3 —Condorrat Primary, Cumbernauld
March Date (TBC)	Religious Observance assembly From C2
End of March	Children's Reports to be issued to Parents/Carers

Còmhdhail Sgoile **School Transport**



Regarding school transport, we all hope that it runs smoothly and there are little to no issues. However in reality, there are so many aspects that can cause delays and problems.

For clarity, if the transport is delayed for more than fifteen minutes leaving the school then we will inform you of the time that the bus actually leaves.

Behaviour on buses

There have been a few incidents recently of unacceptable behaviour on school transport. Please do continue to support us by talking to your child about not moving seats and not being overly loud as this does distract the driver of the bus. Thank you in advance for this.

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