



# Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Bhaile a' Ghobhainn Litir-naidheachd



An Cèitean 2024

Far am bi aisling gan togail

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

**A** bair gu bheil e doirbh a' creidsinn gu bheil sinn air An Cèitean a ruighinn mu thràth. Tha mi air leth toilichte gu bheil na làithean a-nis nas fhaide agus nas gile agus tha sinn uile làn dhochais gum bi a' ghrian a' deàrrsadh beagan a bharrachd anns na mìosan a tha romhainn.

*I can't believe that we have reached May already. I am so happy that the days are now longer and brighter. I am sure that we are all hopeful that the sun will shine a little bit more in the coming months.*

### Staffing News

I am delighted to inform you that I chaired an interview panel in March for permanent members of the staff to ensure that we have a full compliment of Gaelic Speaking teachers for August 2024. I will release names of successful candidates in due course once all recruitment checks have taken place. I am very pleased to be welcoming our new staff and also to be confirming this so early on in the year.

Here are some of the highlights since the last Newsletter.

- Children from C7 went to the Young People's Forum in the City Chambers and represented the school brilliantly
- Determined to Dance sessions continued for C2, C3, C4/3, C4 as well as a C5-C7 club
- C6 and C7 have been involved in a football club
- C6 and C7 have had/are having swimming lessons
- C7/6 have been having Bodhran lessons
- C7 took part in the Super 7s event in the Emirates Area
- C6 ran Café Ealain
- Our C5-7 Girl's football club had a competition in the school
- C2 presented a wonderful assembly on the Easter Story
- C1 and C2 took part in the Mini Kickers Club
- C3 presented a fabulous assembly on the Egyptians
- Children in C5-7 took part in Cuach na Cloinne and we recognised a few faces on the BBC Alba programme An Là!

Thank you to the our wonderful Parent Council who organised an outstanding Easter Disco. This was a great experience for our children. Your support with these events helps the Parent Council to raise funds which ultimately benefit all our children.

We have also facilitated Thig 's Cluich stay and play sessions for our new C1 entrants for August 2024. It was so lovely meet our new children. Welcome to the Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Bhaile a' Ghobhainn family.

Please see diary overleaf for information on our upcoming events.

*Paul Cassidy*, Executive Head Teacher

## Oifis na sgoile The school office



The office will be staffed during these hours

<b>Mondays</b>	<b>8:30-3:45</b>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>8:30-2:30</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>8:30-2:30</b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>8:30-3:45</b>
<b>Fridays</b>	<b>8:30-3:15</b>

## Comhairle nam Pàrant The Parent Council

🌟📅 **SAVE THE DATE!** 📅🌟

We're thrilled to announce Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Bhaile a' Ghobhainn's much-awaited Summer Fair, happening on the 1st of June 2024 from 10am to 2pm!

This year, we're embracing the theme of Sustainability, advocating for a greener, more eco-conscious future.

But to make this event truly special, we need YOUR help! Whether you can volunteer your time, donate raffle prizes, sponsor events, or book a stall, every contribution counts!

If you're able to lend a hand or support in any way please contact [mtcampbell79@gmail.com](mailto:mtcampbell79@gmail.com)

Let's come together and make a positive impact! See you there!

## Slàinte is Sàbhailteachd/ Health and Safety



I would like to thank all Parents and Carers for your on-going cooperation with our Car Park Policy at drop off and pick up times.

This has made a huge difference to the safety of everyone. Thanks to Mrs Urquhart for creating the policy in conjunction with representatives from GCC. Thanks also to Miss MacKay who completed the original audit.

**Leabhar-Latha—  
An Cèitean/An t-Ògmhios  
Diary Dates—  
May/June**

15.05.2024	Oidhche nam Pàrant Parent's Night
22.05.2024	Oidhche nam Pàrant Parent's Night
01.06.2024	Summer Fair
03.06.2024— 07.06.2024	Health Week (More Details to follow)
04.06.2024	C4 Assembly
07.06.2024	Sports Day Govan Fair
15.06.2024	Glasgow Mòd/Mòd Ghlaschu
21.06.2024	P7 Graduation PM exact time tbc (P7 Parent's only)

**Oidhche nam Pàrant**

We are looking forward to seeing our Parents and Carers on Wednesday the 22nd and 29th of May.

**Please remember that appointments are strictly 10 mins.**

**Taing mhòr**

**Gàidhlig  
Language Learning**



I have been absolutely delighted with the process of children with their Gàidhlig! This is a team effort but I do wish to thank Mrs Geddes, Principal Teacher for ensuring that on most days there is a dedicated 15/20 minute slots for the development of children's oral Gàidhlig in our classes. This had made a huge difference to the use of Gàidhlig in the school amongst our children naturally and without adult prompting.

**Gàidhlig Classes for Parents**

I wish to thank Mrs Quinn for taking on our Gaelic classes for parents. In a recent poll, parent and carers were asked, 'If they were available, would you be interested in Gaelic language classes?'

**27 (65%) from 42** respondents said that they would like to attend classes. Mrs Geddes has since organised these and unfortunately we only have 3 parents who are able to attend.

We are more than happy to facilitate events and classes where there is a wish for them but I hope you will appreciate that the sustainability of these are dependant upon uptake.

**Suirbhidh Phàrant/Parental Survey**

Please use this QR code to complete our Parent's survey. This helps is to improve the work of our school.

Please note we are very happy to receive feedback and look forward to hearing what our strengths are and our areas for development in a measured and respectful fashion.

Please complete before Tuesday 21st of May 2024.



**Botail uisge/Water Bottles**

Please remember that only water is allowed for children to drink in class. Diluting juice can be sent in as part of a packed lunch or for snack time.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**Family Learning Grids**

We have sent out guidance to clarify expectations around homework. I appreciate that there have been big changes as we lost the digital platform Seesaw.

As a Senior Leadership Team we are actively looking at another more cost friendly digital platform. If we go ahead this will be for August/September 2024; we will keep you updated on progress.

I have pulled some statistics on the completion of homework pre and post Seesaw across the school.

<b>Seesaw</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>Paper copy</b>	<b>18%</b>

These figures show that there is clearly work to be done in creating an engaging and purposeful Family learning programme. Consequently, it will be on next year's improvement plan.

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