

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



An t-Sultain 2024

Far am bi aisling gan togail

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

**F**àilte air ais a h-uile duine dhan bhliadhna sgoile 2024-2025! Cha mhòr nach urrainn dhomh a chreidsinn gu bheil mi a' tòiseachadh air an dàrna bliadhna agam mar Cheannard ann am Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Bhaile a' Ghobhainn. **Welcome back everyone to session 2024-25! I can hardly believe that I am starting my second year as Head Teacher in Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Bhaile a' Ghobhainn.**

As ever the hardworking and highly committed staff have created exciting learning environments for our children. It has been a pleasure to welcome families into the school so early on. I hope it has gone some way to alleviating any fears or anxieties that you have about the environment in which your child is learning every day. The teachers have commented to me that they enjoyed working with you all and I hear that you were put through your paces. Many of you will have observed that our children have settled in very well. I have been very impressed by the calm start that we have had to the school year. Our Rionnagan (stars) in Clas 1 have worked so hard to settle into class routines. Abair gu bheil iad a' dèanamh fìor mhath!

I have taken the decision to have Oidhche nam Pàrant (Parents' night) earlier in the year. This will now happen before the October break as I felt that the period from August to November was too long before you had contact with the class teacher especially as, for almost all children, there is no teacher contact at the gate due to school transport. (More details overleaf)

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 in October, please see next column for details. 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.

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).

Welcome back to Mrs Campbell-Bradley who has returned to us on a part-time basis following her maternity leave. We have three part-time teachers this year who will be providing non-class contact time cover, support and front line absence cover. As well as Mrs Campbell-Bradley, we have Mrs Penman and Miss Stewart. We also welcome Mr Allan, our new SflWer to the team.

**The school management team and I are still discussing promoted remits however if you have any issues relating to your child please contact Mrs Urquhart, Head of School.** 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 School Photographs



As stated, a photographer will visit us on **Monday the 7th of October** for individual and family photos and again on **10th of October** for traditional class photos.

**We will coordinate sibling group photos in the school so there is no need to contact. If you wish to bring a nursery child, an older sibling or wish for cousins to be photographed together, please contact the office to arrange a time.**

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:

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

## Èideadh Sgoile/School Uniform

It is so lovely to see our children in their school uniform. Please can I ask for your support to make sure that children are always in their uniform except for P.E days—expectations for P.E uniform have been communicated by Mrs Urquhart.

Please could you also ensure that all your child's belongings are labelled. Our lost property pile is already very big. Labels mean that we can get the lost items back to their owners.

Mòran taing

# Saor-làithean na Sgoile 2024/2025 School Holidays 2024/2025

## An t-Sultain/September

Friday, 27 September and Monday, 30 September 2024 (September weekend holiday)

## An Dàmhair/October

Friday, 11 October 2024 (In-Service Day)  
Monday, 14 to Friday, 18 October 2024 (October Week)

## Dùbhlachd - an Nollaig agus a 'Bhliadh' Ùr December - Christmas and New Year

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 20 December 2024

Monday, 23 December 2024 - Friday, 3 January 2025 (Christmas holidays)

## Am Faoilleach/January

Schools return on Monday, 6 January 2025

## An Gearran/February

Monday, 17 February 2025  
Tuesday, 18 February 2025  
Wednesday, 19 February 2025 (In-service day)

## An Giblean - a 'Chàisg/April - Easter Holiday

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 4 April 2025  
Monday, 7 April - Monday, 21 April 2025  
Schools return on Tuesday, 22 April 2025

## An Cèitean/May

Monday, 5 May 2025 (May Holiday)  
Thursday, 22 May 2025 (In-service day)  
Friday, 23 May 2025 and Monday, 26 May 2025 (May Weekend)

## An t-Ògmhios/June

Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Wednesday, 25 June 2025

## Diary Dates September

### Leabhar-Latha An t-Sultain/An Dàmhair

06.09.24	Latha Dathan Taighe House Colours Day
07.09.24	Govan Footbridge Festival Children performing at 10am
25.09.24	Evening Time—P1 photo My first day at school feature
02.10.24	Oidhche nam Pàrant/Parents' Evening
04.10.24	Latha Dathan Taighe House Colours Day
04.10.24	Fun run for families—more information to follow
07.10.24	Photographer—Individuals and families
09.10.24	Feasgar nam Pàrant/Parents' Afternoon
09.10.24	Parent Council AGM 5:00-6:00pm
10.10.24	Photographer—Class Photos
25.10.24	C7 to Blairvadach Outdoor Centre Residential

## P1 Evening Times First Day at School 2024

Please make sure all P1 children are in full school uniform on 25th 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

## Oidhche nam Pàrant

These will take place earlier this year.

### Oidhche nam Pàrant Parents' Night

02.10.2024

### Feasgar nam Pàrant Parents' Afternoon

09.10.2024

Details about appointments will be sent out in due course.



## Contact us:

### Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Bhaile a' Ghobhainn Govan Gaelic Primary School

3 Cùirt Bhurndyke/3 Burndyke Court  
Baile a' Ghobhainn/Govan  
Glaschu/Glasgow  
G51 2BG

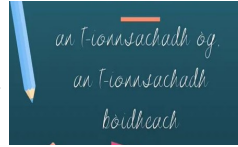
Àireamh Fòn/Phone Number: 0141 445 1767

E-mail: [headteacher@govangaelic-pri.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@govangaelic-pri.glasgow.sch.uk)  
Website: [blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/govangaelicprimaryschool/](https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/govangaelicprimaryschool/)  
Twitter: @BGhobhainn



## Tidsearan agus clasaichean 2024/2025

C1	Mrs S Campbell
C2/1	Miss S Carr
C2	Miss C Scoular
C3	Mrs R Geddes agus Mrs K Smith
C4/3	Mrs C Meney
C4	Miss E McGrath
C5	Mrs A Quinn
C6	Mgr N MacDonald
C7/6	Mgr DiCristina



Support Mrs CA Penman  
Mrs M Campbell–Bradley  
Miss C Stewart

## Blairvadach 2024

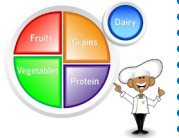


We have managed to secure a weekend away in Blairvadach for Clas 7. Details have gone out about this.

**Tha sinn cinnteach gum bi deireadh-sheachdain air leth 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](http://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.

Daily menus can be accessed on Parent Pay. Please ensure that you are selecting your child's lunch at home. Learning time is being lost at the start of the day because this task is having to be completed by teaching staff.



### Parent Portal



All Glasgow City schools are going/have gone digital and as such Parent Portal will be used for a variety of purposes for example, to pay for all meals, school trips, concert tickets, uniform, dress down days, complete permission slips as well as the ability to change your details such as your address, phone numbers and e-mails.

Information on how to access Parent Portal has been sent out with this Newsletter.

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

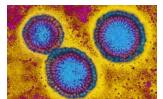
### Comhairle nam Pàrant Parent Council Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 2nd of October starting at 5pm. Please note that this is on the same day as **Feasgar nam Pàrant** so if you can make it along that would be great.

We hope to see as many of you as possible.



## Flu Vaccinations



As we have already communicated, this year's nasal Flu Vaccination will take place on Tuesday 17th of September.

Thank you to those you have returned the required paperwork. If you have not already done so, there is still time to hand it into the school office should you wish.

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



"Kind" said the boy

# Showbie

I am delighted that we have been able to secure the use of Showbie (digital homework platform) to replace SeeSaw. The staff are currently undertaking training for this and we hope to have it up and running as soon as possible. You will be sent information on how to access Showbie in the coming weeks. I appreciate your patience.



**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
All Pupil Sickness Related Absences	From 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup> 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.

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

## Pupil Absence Line

Phone: 0141 287 0039

Website: [www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence](http://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 any parents/carers who do not currently receive e-mails.**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child/ren's name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Your e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_