



Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Bhaile a' Ghobhainn Litir-naidheachd

An Dàmhair/An t-Samhain 2024

Far am bi aisling gan togail

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

Tha e uabhasach duilich a chreidsinn gu bheil sinn air Teirm 2 a ruighinn mu thràth. Bha teirm 1 air leth trang. Bha e uabhasach math fàilte a chuir air uimhir de na teaghlaichean againn a thadhal air na clasaichean againn gus faicinn dè agus ciamar a tha clann ag ionnsachadh.

It is so hard to believe that we have reached term 2 already. What a busy term we had in term 1. It has been great to welcome so many of our families to visit our classes and to see what and how our children are learning.

Our school staff value greatly the relationship between home and school and the important role played by parents and carers in their children's learning and it was fantastic to see everyone at our Parents' Evening just prior to the holidays.

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. You will receive our Standards and Quality Report which summarises and highlights all of last year's achievements very shortly too. I am also sending out the results of last sessions parents' survey with this Newsletter.

Already this year, we have been involved in a number of activities and events since we started back in August. C4 and C4/3 have had a soccer coach, P7 have had the opportunity to attend a chess club, Mgr Allan and Mgr Di Cristina have been coaching football after school, Lloyds Bank have been in working with C6 and C7 on Financial Education, our choir performed at the opening of the Elder Park Library and community hub, C3 took a trip to the Govan stones and were delighted that the workshop was led by a Gaelic speaker, C6 have had Bikeability sessions with our Active Schools Coordinator, Alix Drever and C3 children got the chance to take part in filming for a BBC Alba programme. Our school choir performed at the opening of the Govan Footbridge Festival. Abair teirm!

Staffing news

Mrs Katy Smith (Acting Principal Teacher) will be going on Maternity leave on Friday the 1st of November. Following a review of our staffing we are actually over staffed due to lower than anticipated numbers in C1 this year so we will be able to cover her post with the staff we have. In terms of her Principal Teacher remit, I have asked for expressions of interest from eligible staff and will inform you of the outcome of these interviews in due course. You may also be aware that we have had a job advert out for a Support for Learning Worker, I am currently organising interviews and again I will inform you of the outcome in due course.

We have a short term absence in the office so please be patient will us. We are hoping this will be resolved very soon. It might take us longer to answer phones and respond to messages on Xpressions.

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 2024-2025

Leasachadh

- To develop & enhance teaching & learning by ensuring a consistent approach to planning and differentiation across all classes
- To continue to improve overall attainment & participation in Gàidhlig literacy by developing & implementing a consistent approach to the teaching of Talking & Listening across the school
- To implement Glasgow Counts Pedagogy across the school for the teaching and learning of number and maths

P1 enrolments for August 2025



Enrolment week is from 4th to 8th November. Please register online through Glasgow City Council's website in the School and Learning Section under Starting Primary School.

Thank you to Mrs Urquhart who held a highly successful open day for new C1 entrants in August 2025

Abair crowd!

If you have any issues enrolling, please contact the school office on 0141 445 51767.

Fundraising for Team Jak Talent Show

Term 4 of last session, we raised £401.50 for Team Jak during our fun run. Thank you to everyone who contributed, it was a fantastic day.

This term, we will continue to fund raise for Team Jak by hosting a talent show in memory of a very special pupil Sophia Evangelisti-Walker. Sophia absolutely loved performing and singing, and we hope to honour her memory through showcasing the children's talents.

P7 children will host the school talent show on Friday the 1st of November.

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



Baby Strings Programme

The results of the survey conducted last session about spending PEF money on the Baby Strings programme showed that 93% of the 80 returns were in favour of this. As a result, we are going to start the programme, looking to be fully operational by the end of term 2.



In the next few weeks, the school will be purchasing additional stringed instruments to enable children to access in-school music tuition via the Baby Strings programme.

To help with an inventory of existing items prior to new instruments being purchased, please could all families who have a loan item from the Parent Council/School return these to the school before the Friday 25th of October.

In addition, if you have a violin/viola or cello that you would like to donate to the school at this time, this would be very much appreciated. Please ensure any instruments donated are not in need of major repair beyond needing tuned/restrung.

Mgr Cassidy has already been in touch with the Authority to request a tutor; watch this space!

Gàidhlig Update from Mrs Geddes

- All staff received training session on how to use frèam cànan (new framework for Gaelic language learning) for E&L lessons
- Staff attended a moderation session to moderate learning content from frèam cànan
- Tosgaire na Gàidhlig and abairt na seachdainn have started again in the school
- We received a £150 voucher from Comhairle nan Leabhraichean for books for the library
- There is a workshop from Gaelic author June Ghreumach arranged for C5-7
- We are applying for funding for Seachdain na Gàidhlig

Cùm Gàidhlig Beò



Diary/Leabhar-Latha

- Fri 25 to Sun 27 Oct** P7 Trip to Blairvadach
- Wed 30 Oct** Halloween Parties arranged by Parent Council information on next page
- Fri 1 Nov** School Talent Show
- Mon 4 Nov** Home work starting on Showbie
- Fri 8 Nov** Latha dathan taighe
- Christmas events and activity dates will be shared in due course**
- Fri 20 Dec** Schools close for the Christmas Holiday 'Splaoid', which C3 took part in for Cbeebies, will air at 5:05pm on BBC Alba
- Mon 6 Jan** Schools reopen

Blairvadach 2024

C7 are very excited about their weekend residential to Blairvadach. Huge thank you to Mr Di Christina, Mrs Urquhart, Mrs Geddes, Mgr Neill-Took agus Mgr Allan who be accompanying them.



Showbie

Unfortunately, there is currently no Showbie app for Android available. If you require access to Showbie via an Android device please contact the school office next week and we will provide you with a unique username and password.



showbie

Mgr Cassidy has been using Showbie in St Brigid's for a number of years and there have been very few issues accessing Showbie via Android. We have had communication from some parents that have been able to successfully login to Showbie on the website using an Android device.

There will be teething problem with this but we will get there.

Contact us: Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Bhaile a' Ghobhainn Govan Gaelic Primary School

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**Togail-airgid Comhairle nam Pàrant/
Parent Council Fundraising**

**halloween
disco**

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WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER

C1-2 (4.30PM-5.30PM)

C3-4 (6PM-7PM)

C5-7 (7.15PM-8.30PM)



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Asda Reward Cashpot for Schools

Thank you to everyone who has helped us raise just over £200 so far from the Asda Cashpot for schools scheme.

There are over 30 days left to take part in this scheme and to raise even more money for our school.

In order to take part, please follow the instruction below. Please also share with friends and family. Even if you do not shop in Asda, every registration for the school on the Asda app will give us £1



Cashpot for Schools

⌚ 36 days left

Govan Gaelic Primary School
3 Burndyke Court, Glasgow, G51 2BG

UK total raised
£202.48

Last updated on 25 October 24

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