

Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Bhaile a' Ghobhainn Litir-naidheachd



Am Faoilleach/An Gearran 2025

Far am bi aisling gan togail

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

Tha na beagan mìosan mu dheireadh ann am Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Bhaile a' Ghobhainn air a bhith mìorbhaileach! Tha e math gu bheil na làithean a' tòiseachadh a' fàs nas fhaide.

The last few months in Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Bhaile a' Ghobhainn have been just marvellous! It is great that the days are getting a little longer.

Staffing News

Following a successful interview, Mrs Ann Quinn (Tidsear Clas 5) is now filling Mrs Katy Smith's Acting Principal Teacher post. I am sure you will join me in congratulating her and wishing her well in her new post. We have also appointed Mrs Beth Folan to the role of Support for Learning Worker. Mrs Folan previously worked in the school canteen and knows the children well. We now have a full complement of four Support for Learning Workers for the first time in a long time.

Here are some of the highlights from last term:

- Children from C5, C6 & C7 had the opportunity to take part in a Yoga Club
- Mrs Quinn ran a very successful Film G club, working with the children to create an excellent film called 'Tàlant'
- C7 received Playmakers training as well as taking part in the Sense Over Sectarianism Programme.
- C1 have participated in Multisports with Mgr Allan
- C6 and C7 took part in Step Dancing
- C5, C6 and C7 have taken part in a Tennis Club
- Our Junior Road Safety Officers represented the school at an event in the City Chambers and spoke to all the children during Road Safety Week
- C2-C7 got to experience the Fèisean nan Gàidheal panto
- All children took part in a very successful winter sports day in December
- C7 have taken part in Sense Over Sectarianism workshops
- C4/3 had a great visit to Fairfield as part of their Govan topic
- C6 & C7 took part in Step Dancing classes
- Children have taken part in Karate Taster sessions
- C5, C6 & C7 took part in workshops with June Graham (author) and Annabel Harrison (Comhairle nan Leabraichean)

Tachartasan na Nollaige/Christmas Events

- There was a lovely Christmas lunch for all children
- C1 & C2/1 performed a wonderful Nativity play
- We had a great Christmas Jumper day and Santa Dash
- Members of our choir performed at the Govan Christmas Event in the Fairfield Club
- The whole choir performed at a fantastic concert in Govan and Linthouse Parish Church
- The children also had fun at their Christmas Parties

What a busy few months!

Paul Cassidy, Executive Head Teacher

Planadh Leasachadh Sgoile 2024-2025 School Improvement Planning



One of our improvement priorities (now known as Grand Challenges) is 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

Progress to date:

- The development of planners using new frameworks for the Gàidhlig language to ensure consistency of content across the school
- Consistent approach to encouraging all children to use their Gàidhlig when they express themselves in English (reframing strategies)

Next steps:

- Plan for further opportunities to create opportunities for children to be reading buddies, support younger learners & deliver solo & group talks

Cruinneachaidhean Class Assemblies



Mealaibh ur naidheachd air C6 on their fabulous assembly on World War One last term. They gave a lot of interesting facts and sang beautifully. Nach math a rinn iad!

We are looking forward to seeing the other classes over this term and next. Classes and their teachers will invite you nearer the time.

Comhairle nam Pàrant/ Parent Council

Another huge thank you to our Comhairle nam Pàrant for all of the fund raising and support they give to our school. The Christmas Fayre was a great success and raised the incredible amount of £1400!



Mòran taing

Seachdain na Gàidhlig 2025

Abair seachdain air leth a bhios ann!
Suas leis a' Ghàidhlig!



We were honoured to be one of the few schools selected to film with Joy Dunlop in order to record important content for Seachdain na Gàidhlig. The Sgioba Litreachas were fantastic representatives and their recordings will be used to help children all over Scotland learn new Gaelic words and phrases. Abair rionnagan!

We have also been fortunate enough to secure funding through the Seachdain na Gàidhlig Small Grants Fund again this year. This has meant that we have been able to host our first ever Ho-Ro Gheallaidh na Cloinne, a fitting event for this year's theme: Ceanglaichean gun Chrich (Building Connections). All classes have been working hard to prepare for this and we are looking forward to all coming together to celebrate our Gaelic language and culture. Information on this as been sent out already.

We have lots of other exciting things planned for Seachdain na Gàidhlig so keep your eyes peeled as additional details will be released shortly!

Teudan na Cloinne **Baby Strings**



We are delighted to confirm that Glasgow's CREATE service has sourced us a tutor for our exciting Teudan na Cloinne project.

The tutor will start later in February. We can't wait to get started with this musical project and we will be in touch with more information very soon.

Residential 2024-2025

What a great weekend C7 had at Blairvadach back in October 2024.

Huge thank you to Mgr Di Christina, Mrs Urquhart, Mrs Geddes, Mgr Allan and Mgr Neill-Took who accompanied the children.

C7 will continue their adventures over the next few weeks with three sessions at the Pinkston Basin exploring Glasgow's outdoor spaces and watersports.



Ministerial Visit—Leas Phrìomh **Mhinistear—Kate Forbes**



To celebrate that our current C7 are the first children to go from C1 to C7 in Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Bhaile a' Ghobhainn since the school opened, Olivia Dickson, on behalf on C7, invited the Deputy First Minister of Scotland, Kate Forbes to the school. Mrs Forbes also has responsibility for Gaelic.

Mrs Forbes visited us in January and was entertained by our children singing and performing. She then took questions about her job from our Comhairle nan Sgoilearan before visiting C7 in their class to have a chat with them. She was very complimentary of our school!

Math fhèin Sgioba Bun-sgoil
Ghàidhlig Bhaile a' Ghobhainn

Cruinneachadh Burns

On Wednesday the 5th of February, we hosted our Robert Burns assembly after having to postpone the event due to Storm Éowyn.



During the assembly, children from each class recited a Burns poem. We were delighted to have children from the Oganan Nursery join us for this event! The finalists enjoyed some shortbread and a taste of Irn-bru at the end of the assembly!

A massive thank you goes to our fabulous Captains and Vice Captains who did an outstanding job at hosting this event. We are also very grateful to Mgr DiCristina and our P7 Pupil Council, who had the very difficult task of judging the performances.



Math fhèin gu Evie (C5), Maisie S (C4) agus Olivia (C1) a bhuannaich!

Clann ann an Èis



We hosted our very first Ceilidh-athon at the school on the 15th of November! The children were tasked with learning several ceilidh dances for this event. We were all incredibly proud of the children for their hard work and commitment to learning the dances, and for the enthusiasm they showed on the day.

Thank you to the families who generously donated to the cause, and to those who joined us on the day to support the children!

Whilst preparing for this event, we welcomed Douglas Hutchison, Executive Director of Education. He enjoyed his time at the school, immersing himself in the vibrant atmosphere and witnessing first-hand the excitement surrounding our Children in Need event 2024!

Tadhal air clasaichean— An t-Samhain 2024

Class Visits—November 2023/4

During November, Mrs Urquhart and Mr Cassidy had the chance to visit all classes in the school with a class teacher colleague. These visits are known as senior management and peer visits.

We had a great time visiting all the classes and seeing the fantastic learning.

The Gaelic language lessons which were focussed on talking and listening were active, engaging and demonstrated how highly skilled our teachers are in supporting our children in their language acquisition.

‘S math a rinn sibh uile agus cùmaibh suas an deagh obair!



Làithean-Saora

Deireadh-seachdain a' Ghearrain The February Weekend

Monday 17th February 2024
Tuesday 18th February 2024

Wednesday 19th February 2024
(In-Service)

Làithean-Saora na Càisge Easter Holiday

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday 4th April
2025

Monday, 7th April - Monday, 21st
April 2025

Schools return on Tuesday, 22nd
April 2025

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Diary Dates February/March
Leabhar-Latha— An Gearran/Am Màrt

21st Feb	C5 performing in Govan Cross Centre to raise funds for Fèis Dhràma	10th—14th Mar	Health Week
24th—28th Feb	Seachdain na Gàidhlig	11th Mar	C7 Pinkston Water Sports Session 3
24th Feb	C7 visiting Àrd Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu	12th Mar	C7's Scottish Country Dancing
25th Feb	C3/4 visiting Kelvingrove Museum	13th Mar	C5 Fèis Dhràma at Govan High
25th Feb	C3 taking part in healthy eating workshop	14th Mar	SEL Awards for PATHS
25th Feb	C7 Pinkston Water sports Session 1	19th Mar	C2 trip to Kelvingrove Museum (TBC)
27th Feb	Ho-Ro Gheallaidh na Cloinne	24th Mar	Sgioba ball coise to Ibrox Community Complex for Govan friendlies event
28th Feb	P7 virtual assembly with Àrd Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu	25th Mar	C1 trip to Kelvingrove Museum (TBC)
3rd Mar	Super 7's event	26th Mar	C2/1 trip to Kelvingrove Museum (TBC)
4th Mar	C7 Pinkston Water Sports Session 2	27th Mar	C7's WW2 Workshop
7th—16th Mar	British Science Week	28th Mar	C7 Assembly with Àrd Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu

Additional Support Needs in Gaelic Medium Education

Please see details of the event below

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDS IN GAELIC MEDIUM EDUCATION (GME)

SEACHDAIN NA GÀIDHLIG WORLD GAELIC WEEK MEET-UP

Saturday 1st March 2025
1pm–3pm

Cranhill Community Centre
(Cranhill Beacon)
Bell Rock Street, Glasgow, G33 3HE

Free parking is available in the community centre car park and on-street nearby.

Event led by the Foghlam-G partnership:
Glasgow City Council Education Services / Govan Gaelic Primary School Parent Council

Event Information

An event where like-experienced adults can make connections and the children can play in a safe, inclusive and friendly environment.

Soft play and other activities will be available, but please remember you are responsible for your child/children at all times.

Thanks to our external funders, refreshments will be provided at this meet-up.

We will be joined by Gaelic-speaking facilitators, and will have resources available to support families relating to ASN and GME.

Your child does not need a formal diagnosis to attend our meet-ups.

For the whole family

Our meet-ups are open to all Parents/Carers/Children/Siblings of children aged 0-P7 who currently attend or are planning to attend GME or Gaelic Early Years provision.



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BUILDING CONNECTIONS

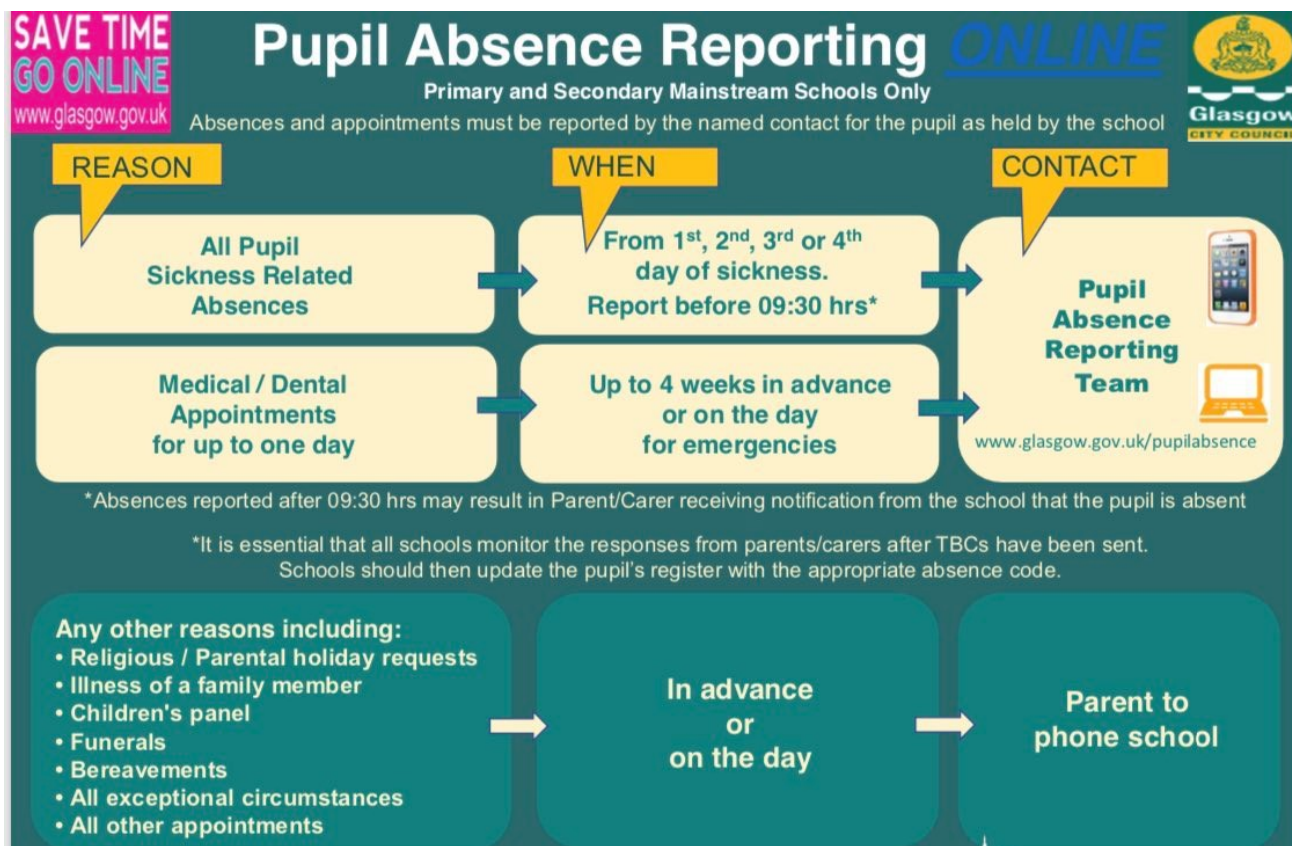
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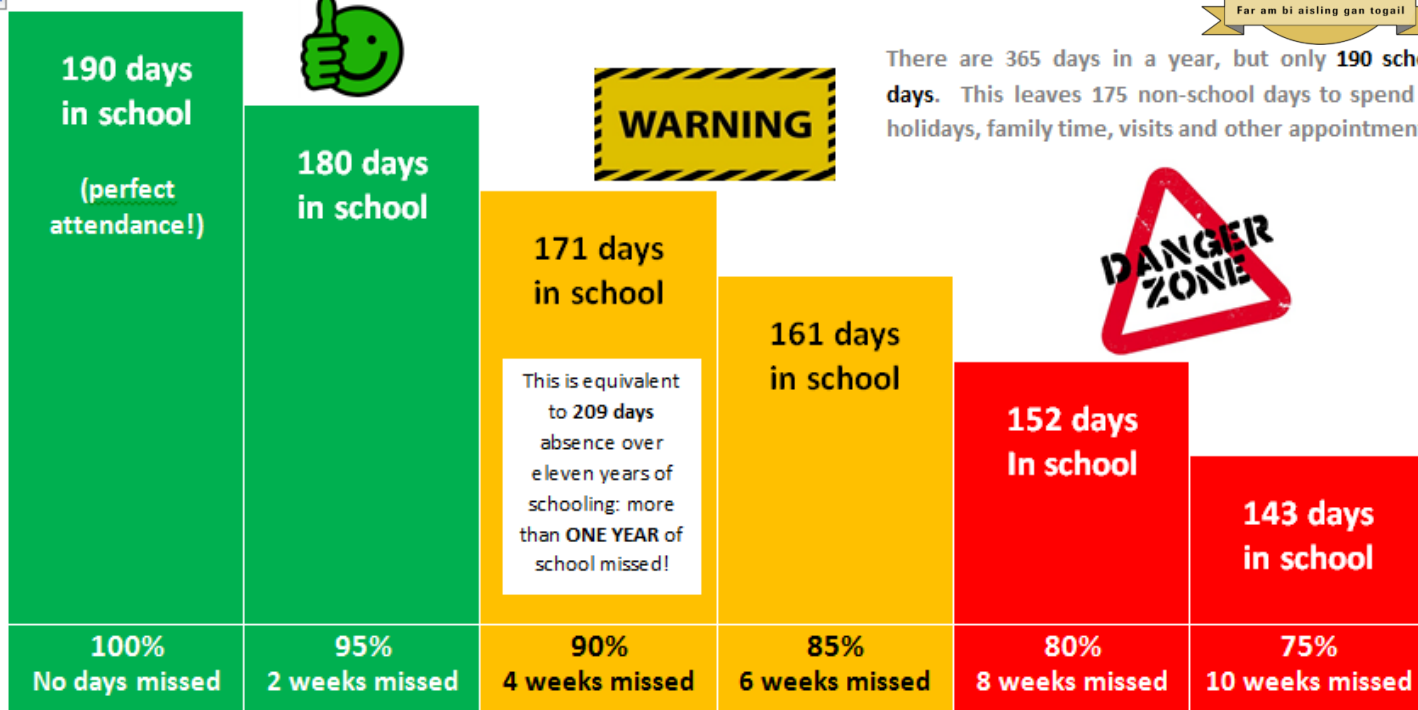
Pupil Absence Line

Phone: 0141 287 0039

Website: www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence



Understanding your child's attendance percentage



This level of attendance gives your child the **best possible chance** of making good progress and having success in their learning

This level of attendance is **worrying**. It will make it harder for your child to make good progress and they are less likely to have success in their learning

This level of attendance is **extremely concerning**. It will be very difficult for your child to make good progress in their learning and there is likely to be a serious impact on their success in school



ATTENDANCE MATTERS... every school day counts!

FÈIS WEEK 2025

April 14th – 17th

Fèis Bheag AGE 0-5

Our parent and child Fèis Bheag sessions give wee ones a taste of Fèis!

Booking has not opened yet for Fèis Bheag – more info to follow. Please join our [mailing list](#), or follow our social media to stay up to date!

Fèis Mheadhan P1-P3 GME

Fèis Mheadhan is structured similarly to our Fèis Mhòr, but includes a focused range of classes, including song, sports, drama and art. We have a fantastic team of Fèis Mheadhan core tutors and supervisors – as well as visiting tutors from Fèis Mhòr. Fèis Mheadhan will also have the chance to participate in our morning and afternoon activities alongside Fèis Mhòr!

Fèis Mhòr P4-S2 GME

Fèis Mhòr offers a wide range of choices including music, sports and art. We are incredibly fortunate to have a team of tutors who are experts in their field and guarantee a fun week for Fèis Mhòr! This year we have brand new morning and afternoon activities, to encourage participants to speak Gaelic with their peers, as well as make new friends and get to know our tutors better!

Family Ceilidh WEDNESDAY APRIL 16TH

Our team of Fèis tutors, featuring some of Scotland's finest musicians, will play a ceilidh in the evening. A night filled with music, songs, dancing and fun, suitable for all the family!

Entry by donation



Booking open now!



Cost per child: £95, Additional siblings £85.50

When: Monday-Thursday 10am - 4pm
Participant concert Thursday 2pm

Where: Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu
147 Berkeley Street, G3 7HP

Register [here](#)

A number of funded places are available for those who are in receipt of a clothing grant – please contact feisghaidhligghlaschu@gmail.com

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