



Fàilte gu Seisean Fiosrachaidh Bun-Sgoil Ghàidhlig Bhaile a' Ghobhainn 1.05.25





Cruth / Format

- Information session
- Tour of the School / Captains & Vice Captains
- Q/A with our Pupil Council



Meet the Leadership Team



Mgr Paul Cassidy
Executive Head Teacher



Mrs Kristina Urquhart
Head of School



Mrs Ann Quinn
Acting Principal Teacher



Mrs Charlotte Meney
Principal Teacher



Mrs Roisin Geddes
Acting Principal Teacher



Meet our Teachers





Meet the Support for Learning Workers



Mr R. Neill-Took



Mr C. Allan



Miss B. Paul



Mrs Folan



Meet our Clerical Assistants and our Janitor



Mrs G. Iafrate



Mrs P. Collins

Janitor



Mrs J. McGrath



Ar Sgoil / Our School



- Our school was first established in August 2018 (with a roll of just 50 pupils!).
- We moved from the Glasgow Gaelic School in 2018 to an annexe in Whiteinch.
- In 2019, we moved to our permanent, refurbished home in Govan.
- In 2020, Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Bhaile a' Ghobhainn formally became a standalone school.
- We now have 9 classes and 243 pupils.
- We have 27 children enrolled for August 2025, with 31 Primary 7s leaving.



Ar Lèirsinn/Our Vision

"At Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Bhaile a' Ghobhainn our vision is to provide a safe, caring and happy learning environment, centred in the Gaelic language and culture. We will support our learners to develop the qualities, knowledge and skills to enable them to form positive relationships, display kindness, experience success and participate meaningfully in society."





Luachan/School Values

- ☐ **Urramach**/Respectful
- ☐ **Àrachadh**/Nurturing
- ☐ **Càirdeil**/Friendly
- ☐ **Taiceil**/Supportive
- ☐ **Brosnachail**/Encouraging





Iomadachd / Equalities & Diversity

- At Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Bhaile a' Ghobhainn we believe that all children should receive equal access to the full school curriculum and wider school experience regardless of first language, disability, race, gender, cultural or socio-economic background
- We believe that every child has the right to equality of outcome and to achieve their full potential
- We aim to create a diverse curriculum which reflects the diversity of our pupils, our local and wider community



Our School Logo

- ❖ The logo below was designed by pupils in our school to symbolise the rich history of the Govan shipyard and the Glasgow Clyde. The badge has been adapted slightly for the uniform, to ensure that it is clear and simple.
- ❖ However, the original design is used on correspondence.



Èideadh Sgoile / Uniform



- Maroon tartan for skirt, kilt, pinafore and tie
- Navy and Maroon jumpers/cardigans (crew neck or v-neck)
- White polo-shirt
- Navy trousers / shorts
- A navy badged blazer
- Badged items are not compulsory, but the school colours must be worn
- The badged and tartan items for our school are available to order online from Schoolwear Made Easy: [Govan Gaelic Primary School](#)
- They also sell P.E. packs.





Na Taighean/ House System

☐ Laomainn

☐ Neibhis

☐ Cruachan

☐ Cliseam



☐ Parent Council kindly gift all our new P1 children a house colour t-shirt

☐ Angela Wooliejoes for merchandise



Foghlam Tron Ghàidhlig/ Gaelic Medium Education



- **Total Immersion phase**: from the first day of P1 until the end of P3, with a clear emphasis on developing oral fluency and a secure foundation in the Gaelic language. During this phase, all subjects will be exclusively taught through the medium of Gaelic.
- **Immersion phase**: from end of P3/start of P4 and this continues to the end of P7.
- The curriculum in its entirety continues to be taught through the medium of Gaelic.
- However, at this stage English is gradually introduced as a subject (e.g. English phonics, English spelling rules) but all teaching and learning is still taught through Gaelic



Why choose GME for your child?



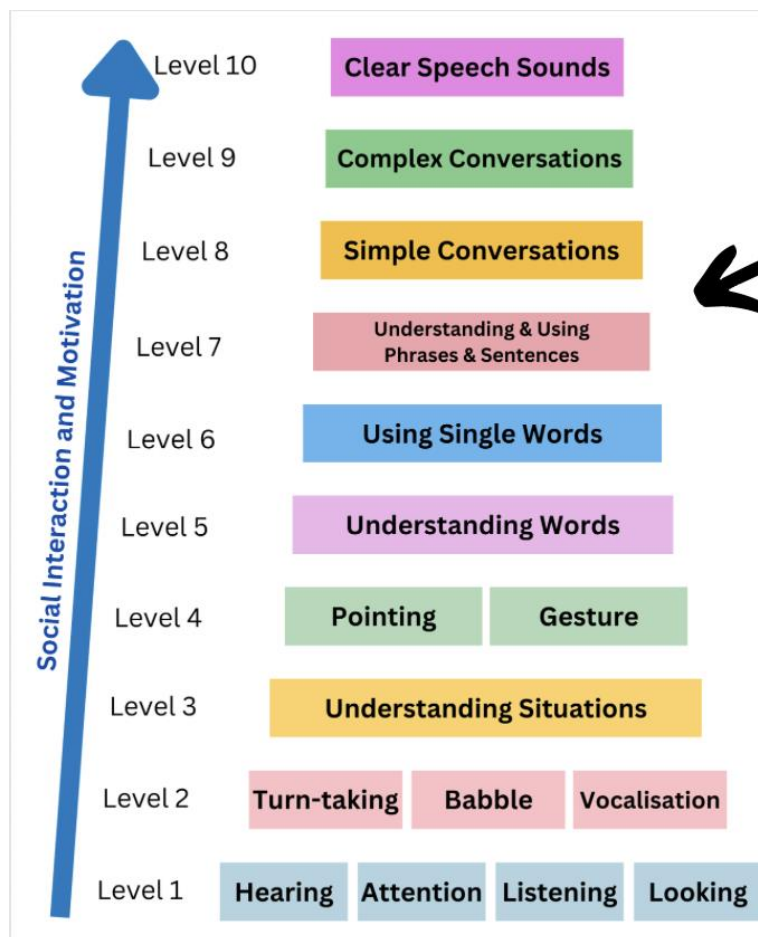
Child at the Centre



Role of the Parent/Carer/
Extended Family



Gaelic embedded in
the home



Building Blocks of Language

Parental Engagement & Involvement

- Home support is crucial for your child's development in Gaelic Medium Education.
- Commit to your own language journey to aid your child's acquisition of Gaelic.
- **Get involved!**
- Take Gaelic classes, assist with homework, attend school workshops
- Normalise Gaelic at home:
- Create a language-rich environment by watching, listening to, and reading Gaelic stories.
- Valuing Gaelic language and culture at home will greatly enhance your child's passion for the language.



Ionnsachadh tro Chluich / Play-based Learning



- ❑ The children have opportunities to engage in a range of play experiences, including child-led free play, adult initiated play, and more structured adult directed tasks. It is important that the children receive this balance in order to ensure they are progressing throughout the curriculum as well as supporting their own interests.
- ❑ Teachers plan engaging areas together for Literacy, Numeracy and STEAM (Science, Technologies, Engineering, Art and Maths)
- ❑ Pupils' complete daily targets in class
- ❑ Teachers provide Gaelic input - emphasis on songs, rhymes, stories and repetition of language
- ❑ Smooth transition
- ❑ Mrs Geddes





Leubailean/ Label

- PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING (school uniform, jackets, water bottles, lunchboxes)
- On P. E. days – which will be confirmed in August – children should come to school in their P. E. kit
- P.E. Kit should comprise of:
- Navy / Maroon Joggers / leggings / shorts
- A white, navy t-shirt / school polo



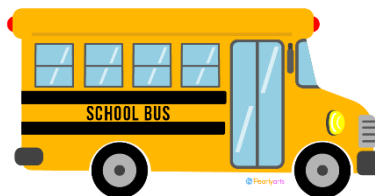
Govan Gaelic Primary Poloshirt White
£9.95



Govan Gaelic Primary Tracksuit Bottoms Navy
£15.95



Govan Gaelic Primary Hooded Sweatshirt
Navy
£16.00



Còmhdail / Transport



- Parents' responsibility to formally apply for transport (if you are 1.2 miles from the school (Google Maps) using the Free School Transport form at <https://glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=17882>
- If transport is granted, a pickup point will be assigned, as well as information about pick up/drop off times
- Code of Conduct policy for School Transport

On arrival at school:

- Pupils are met by school staff
- Staff supervision in the playground from 8:45am
- Pupils are escorted to the bus/taxi at the end of the school day by teachers/SMT

The screenshot shows the Glasgow City Council website's 'School Travel Assistance' page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the Glasgow City Council logo and a search bar. Below the navigation bar, the page title 'School Travel Assistance' is displayed. A 'Background' section explains the council's obligation to provide transport assistance for eligible children. A 'Free School Transport Application' button is prominently featured. To the right, there's a 'Related content' sidebar with links to 'Education Maintenance Allowance', 'Clothing Grants and Free School Meals', and 'myaccount information'. The main content area includes a 'Please note the following:' section with bullet points detailing eligibility criteria, such as age (5-21), National Entitlement Card (NEC) status, and specific circumstances for transport provision.



Break Time

- We encourage children to make healthy choices at snack times and for lunch
- 15-minute interval (class time)
- We are a **NUT-FREE** school
- Please do not send any nuts or food containing nuts to school. This includes popular brands of chocolate spreads
- We also ask that children do not bring lollipops or fizzy drinks as part of their snack or lunch





Lunch Time

- 45-minute lunch break
- All P1-5 pupils are currently entitled to a Free School Lunch from the Fuel Zone
- Please check the website for the menu
- Halal, Vegetarian options are available
- Meals for children with **food allergies** can be prepared when supported by a letter from a GP
- Supervision
- Parent Pay (select your child's food)
- Packed lunches also eat in the dinner hall





Cobhair Chloinne / Breakfast Club & After School Care

- Breakfast Club is available from 8:00am-8:45am-serving toast, cereal and juice - £2 per day (additional children £1)
- The after-school club is run by Òganán, a Gaelic organisation, situated within the school premises
- They also run holiday clubs during the Summer holidays, October holidays and Easter holidays
- Please see Oganán's website for more details

òganán
GAELIC ORGANISATION

Cùram Ro-sgoilearan Cùram Sgoilearan Clubaichean nan Saor-làithean Cothroman Fios Thugainn





Tabhartasan / Clothing Grants & Free School Meals



- While all P1-5 pupils are currently entitled to a Free School Meal, you should still apply for a Clothing Grant and Free School Meals grant if this is something you are entitled to
- Clothing Grant Applications for the new school session 2025/2026 will open in June 2025
- Information and application forms can be found at: <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/schoolsandlearning>



Leigheasan/ Medicines

- Parents should inform the school of any medical requirements relating to their child.
- If a child requires medication during the school day, parents must complete the appropriate medical form at the school office
- Only medicines prescribed by a doctor can be administered during the school day





Frithealadh / Attendance



- Please contact 0141 287 0039, before 09:30am and provide details to the Pupil Absence Reporting Line.
- You can also use the online service
<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence>
- If you do not contact the school by 9.30am you will receive a text message from the school office
- Working in partnership with Parents to maximise attendance
- Inform After School Care of absences



Stuthan Eile / Other Essentials

- Filled water bottle
- Small school bag
- The children can visit the toilet regularly and when required. There is a toilet at the back of their class
- However, we would appreciate if you would pack a spare pair of pants in your child's school bag in case of any accidents



Deisealachd airson na Sgoile



- recognise their own belongings
- fasten their own shoes (Velcro fastenings are helpful)
- put on and take off their own jacket and jumper or cardigan
- use the toilet independently and wash their hands
- open snacks and eat meals using appropriate cutlery and utensils

Learning

- * talk about colours and shapes
- * count using numbers to ten
- * help them recognise and begin to write their own name
- * practise holding and using a pencil
- * discuss feelings in relation to starting P1



Transition Arrangements



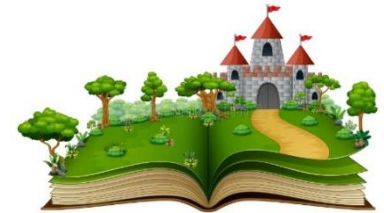
- I will liaise with the Early Years Establishments, including non-GME nurseries and Gaelic Medium Nurseries, to ensure smooth transitions for children.
- This month, we are hosting several “Stay and Play” sessions, offering parents and children the opportunity to experience a Gaelic Medium classroom firsthand. These sessions will help families feel comfortable and informed about the school environment.
- Parents and children are invited in small groups to meet staff, explore the school, and build confidence in the upcoming transition.
- **In June**, we will hold a P1 Induction Day whereby all children will spend time in a P1 classroom with a teacher and they will be introduced to their P1 buddies
- Our aim is to encourage the children to go into the class independently.
- Parents are also invited on these days to join us for a coffee. We will be joined by our after-school provision, our parent council your children's buddies and there will be a few exciting surprises on the day!



Booklets



- ☐ Please engage with the resources provided in the booklet. It is important that, between now and your child's upcoming stay and play sessions, they begin to engage with the language, if they are not already doing so.
- ☐ The transition booklet should be completed and returned during the first stay and play session.
- ☐ Additionally, on the school website, there is a video I would like you to watch with your child before the first session.





Conaltradh / Communication

- There is also some information about the different ways we will be communicating in August. Please familiarise yourself with this information at home. I will be disussing this in more detail at the June Induction day.
- Phone the school office 0141 445 1767
- Email: gw17macdonaldkristin@glow.sch.uk
- Email via the Headteacher Inbox: headteacher@govangaelic-pri.glasgow.sch.uk
- X (Twitter) Bghobhainn
- School Website
- Monthly Newsletters / Letters



Xpressions/ Groupcall– almost all communication from school is sent via Xpressions – both parents can sign up – allow notifications or check regularly.

ParentPay – school meals selection and pay for trips etc





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STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS FOR NEW P1 PUPILS & PARENT/GUARDIANS

There will be 2 groups for Stay and Play Sessions. Your child is in group **1**. You and your child are invited to **attend 2 Stay and Play Sessions** on:

Group 1: Tuesday the 20th of May 2025: from 9:30am to 10:30am

Group 2: Tuesday the 20th of May 2025: from 1:30pm to 2:30pm

Group 2: Tuesday the 27th of May 2025: from 9:30am to 10:30am

Group 1: Tuesday the 27th of May 2025: from 1:30pm to 2:30pm

These sessions, facilitated by school staff, will provide an opportunity for you both to experience a range of play-based learning experiences and meet other children and parents, whilst becoming more familiar with your child's new school environment.

P1 PUPIL INDUCTION DAY – 03.06.25 from 9:15am-11:00am

Our P1 Induction Day will be held on the morning Tuesday the 3rd of June. This will enable our pupils to experience the morning routine of a P1 class, and to go out into the playground for snack time with the older children. While the children are in classes, there will be an opportunity for parents/guardians to find out more about our school.