



Bunsgoil Ghàidhlig Ghleann Dail Litir-naidheachd

An Lùnastal 2025

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

Summer has been and gone and our 2025/26 academic year is already underway. I hope you all had a fabulous summer break. It has been lovely seeing the children come back so excited, and immaculately turned out in their school uniform. On Friday, I believe we had 100% of children in school uniform which was amazing.

A huge welcome to all of our new families joining us. Our new Primary 1 cohort have started so well and settled (I say this at low breadth not wishing to jinx anything). And I must say, what a lovely, calm and productive start it has been throughout the school. This is a real testament to the work you do at home and also to the effort the staff have made over the holidays and in-service days to create such a welcoming atmosphere.

Staffing

During the summer holidays we received some welcome news that Mr McGeachy and Miss Ferrier would be re-joining us. This is in addition to our two new wonderful members of staff completing their probationary year with us this year: Miss McPherson and Miss Bowman. We also welcome back our Support for Learning worker, Mrs Sloan.

However, we were also informed that our long-standing clerical member of staff, Miss MacKay would be leaving us. Miss MacKay will still be in and around the school (largely to answer my 101 questions) but she will be based full time in Àrdsgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu. We wish her all the very best in her new role.

Achievements

Please remember as the year goes on to let us know of any out-of-school achievements. We always like to make a fuss and celebrate children's extra-curricular achievements as assemblies and school displays.

End of Day Bus List

Could I request that we start as we mean to go on, and that any changes to the end of day bus lists are communicated to our clerical staff as soon as possible. Our bus lists are distributed to staff around 2.30pm, making last minute alterations a challenge. Similarly, we aim to have our children on the bus and for the bus to depart close to 3pm (if not before). Therefore, turning up at 3pm and requesting to collect your child with no prior warning is difficult, unfortunately this is not a made-up scenario happening twice last week. We thank you for your continue cooperation and communication.

Jamie McCusker Acting Head Teacher

**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS
EVERY DAY**



School Improvement Priorities 2025-2026

Leasachadh

Our school improvement information will be available on the school website in the coming days.

Our main focuses for this session are:

- Continuing to develop Gaelic immersive approaches
- Develop and embed the use of Glasgow Counts—Glasgow's numeracy and mathematics framework
- Develop our use of feedback in all curricular areas
- Continue to strengthen parental engagement in learning and the life of the school.



Communication



For anyone seeking to get in touch, I am available for any parent/carer wishing to pass on information via the below email address:

headteacher@glendalegaelic-pri.glasgow.sch.uk

You are, of course, welcome to contact us by phone but please bear in mind at certain times the office may not be staffed.

0141 429 3183

Medical information / Allergies

If, over the summer, there have been any changes to your child's medical and/or allergy information, guidance or medication could you please inform the school ASAP.

We cannot administer medicines without the correct paperwork completed by parents/carers.



Saor-làithean ri thighinn

An t-Sultain

Friday 26th-Monday 29th—Sept week-end

An Dàmhair

Friday 10th—In-service day

Monday 13th-Friday 17th—October week



Toys

Please do not encourage the bringing of toys/gadgets from home to school. They can be incredibly distracting for children and we would not wish to see anything valuable being lost or damaged. Our session has started off in a beautifully calm, productive manner. We wish to give our children the best environment possible to flourish and we are always grateful for your continued support.

Meet the Teacher

On **Friday 22nd August**, we invite you to come in and meet your child's class teacher. This is an opportunity to see the classroom and ask any general questions. If you wish to ask anything specific to your child's learning please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

It will operate as a drop-in session between **3.30-4.30pm**. This will allow parents with more than one child at the school to pop in and out of the classes. There will be no formal presentations given by staff but there will be examples of resources and staff on hand to discuss the routines of the class.

Keeping Safe at Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghleann Dail

In our on-going journey of promoting close working relationships and transparency with parents/carers I wish to keep families abreast of our school practices.

We plan to host many information sessions as we begin the 2025/26 academic year. Throughout the year, we will have sessions on various school practices such as how we provide support to our learners, Curriculum for Excellence and promoting positive behaviour. Please come along and join us.

As our website continues to be updated we will have a section dedicated to 'keeping safe' and 'child protection'. It will include anti-bullying information, allergy information, child protection policies and various other processes on-going here at BSGGD to keep our whole school community safe and happy.



**PLEASE REMEMBER
WE ARE A NUT
FREE SCHOOL**



Diary Dates

Fri 22nd
Aug

Meet the Teacher (3.30-4.30pm)
(All Classes)

TBC

C7—Blairvadach Information Session

Mon 8th
Sept

C7 Depart for Blairvadach. Times TBC

Uniform

The children are all looking incredibly smart in their school uniform. Last week, we achieved 100% of our pupils in school uniform. We do not require school logos but school colours would be most appreciated.

We also have a PE uniform. It is Glasgow City Council's policy not to allow football strips to be worn in schools. Please avoid sending your child to school in a football strip, this does also include Scotland strips. I would also advise against branded clothing and stick to our school colours. Information on this can be found on our website.

If parents/carers wish to ask any questions about our school uniform policy please do not hesitate to contact our school office.

Blairvadach

Our Primary 7 residential trip is fast approaching. I am awaiting on some more information coming in from Blairvadach and I hope to be in touch this week to give you a date for another information session. The Blairvadach website has some useful information already available.

If any parents/carers of children in C7 have any questions in the meantime please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Contact us:

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Parent Council

I am incredibly thankful to all of our parents who are active within the Parent Council. You do so much to help and promote our wonderful school.

If any parent would like to join any of the Parent Council meetings or offer any support in Parental Council activities your assistance would be most welcome.

If you wish to join our Parent Council please get in touch via the following email address:

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