



**Condorrat Primary**  
**Bun-Sgoil Chondobhrait**

October Newsletter 2022/ Cuairt Litir An Dàmhair 2022

Respect



Ùrram

Growth Mindset



Mòr  
Eanchainn

Feeling Safe



A' Falreachadh  
Sàbhalte

Àrach



Nurture

Ag Obair  
Còmhla



Teamwork

Coimhearsnachd  
Toilichte



A Happy  
Community

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to be based back at Condorrat and look forward to working with you all for the remainder of the session.

**Feasgair Fosgailte/Open Afternoon.**

The school will be open to parents on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of October from 1:15pm. This is an opportunity for you all to see your child's classroom and to wander through the school to look at displays. This is very informal and not an individual progress meeting with your child's teacher. Entry is through the main door. The uniform bank will be open, and lost property will be on display.

**Aodach Sgoile/School Uniform.**

With the exception of PE days, it is expected that our pupils will come to school dressed in their school uniform. We have been made aware that some of our older pupils are trying to avoid this - we will work on encouraging them to wear school uniform to school, and as always we appreciate your support with this.

**Ceannardan & Iarr-cheannardan/House Captains & Vice Captains**

Elections for our House Captains were held recently. P7 pupils who wanted to take part recorded a video of their speech and all classes watched them before voting. The results were as follows:

**Bruce** - Captain Zane McColl, Vice Captain Esme O'Connor, **Burns** - Captain Phoebe Hutton, Vice Captain Robbie MacDonald, **Fleming** - Captain Taylor Hotchkiss, Vice Captain Cori-James Thomas and, **Mackintosh** - Orla Speirs, Vice Captain Shay Murphy. Well done to everyone who took part. Mrs Marshall will work with our Captains and Vice Captains to organise a 'House' activity every term. All children will have a coloured badge to show what house they are in, if they come home with one you will know what it means!

**Obair Dachaigh/Homework.**

Thank you to everyone who responded to our recent survey about homework. Based on the feedback we received we are going to make some changes to how we issue homework. **After the October week** homework will be issued **fortnightly**. This means homework will be issued on a Monday and returned on the Friday of the following week. Reading books may still be issued weekly, depending on the age and stage of

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your child. We will issue further guidance to parents after the October week about homework as staff are working to ensure that homework is consistent across all stages within the school.

#### **Fèis Ball-coise/Football Festival**

We have 40 pupils attending a football festival at Broadwood this week with Miss Dalbeck. I am sure they will all enjoy the experience and represent the school well.

#### **Duais Spòrs Na h-Alba/Sport Scotland Award**

Miss Dalbeck is leading pupils in working towards this award, and due to the fabulous work she does in school we have already achieved a Bronze Award! We hope to achieve Silver by June - we will keep you updated on this!

#### **A Mhòid Nàiseanta/National Mòd**

Many of our learners have been working hard preparing to compete in the National Mòd in Perth over the October break. Many thanks to Mary MacLean, who has been coming into school every week to help the children prepare. Miss Deans is also taking the school choir to Perth. Good luck to everyone who is taking part.

#### **Làithean-saora/October Week.**

Don't forget school is closed to pupils from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> October for our Autumn break.

#### **Disco Oidhche Shamhna/Hallowe'en Discos.**

The Parent Council have organised these on Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> of October. P1-P3 6:30pm - 7:30pm, P4-P7 7:45pm - 9:00pm. Payment of £1 on entry and there will be raffle tickets and a tuck shop. Entry is through the hall door at the kitchen (back of the school), and pick up is at the main door of the school.

#### **Aithisgean & Frithealadh/Reports & Absence.**

You will soon be receiving your child's report for the first school term. Please remember to return the comments sheet with your feedback. Some of you will also receive an attendance letter. Please remember that in line with NLC Policy, anyone who has an attendance below 95% will receive a letter. Attendance is monitored termly, so this term's report covers August to October. Due to this, one absence will count as around 3%. One day counts as two absences, so many of you will be surprised by the figures. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to discuss your child's attendance, and how we can support you with this.

#### **Ainmean Air Aodach/Labelling Clothes**

A little reminder to put names on all clothes as we are building quite a collection of unclaimed clothes, and we do not know who they belong to!

#### **Banca Aodaich/Uniform bank**

Our uniform bank has been hugely successful this year. This will be open during the open afternoon on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of October. An order form will also come via groupcall if you would rather order online. We are also been thinking about having a bank of previously loved but outgrown Hallowe'en costumes, Christmas jumpers and winter coats/jackets in preparation for Hallowe'en/festive season/winter. If you can donate to any of these banks we would be grateful - please ensure all items are washed before donating.

#### **Am Bòrd Òir/Golden Table**

P1/2E sat at the Golden Table in September - well done! The next Golden Table is on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October - who will be next?

**Làthaichean Gun Aodach-sgoile/Non-Uniform Days**

Non-uniform day in October is for fancy dress. This is on Monday the 31st of October. Lots of spooky activities are planned, as well as dookin' for apples.

**Deitichean Cudtromch/Dates to Note.**

You may wish to note these future dates in your diary. Details will follow nearer the time.

4 <sup>th</sup> November	Big Breakfast Event
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu immunisation Day
14 <sup>th</sup> November	In-Service Day, school closed to pupils
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' Night (In School)

*Please do not hesitate if you wish to discuss the contents of the newsletter, or indeed any other school matter.*

*Yours sincerely,*



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Head Teacher.*