



# Sgoil Àraich Tollbrae

## January 2017 Newsletter



### What are we learning about in Sgoil Àraich this month?

Happy New Year from the Sgoil Àraich Tollbrae team!

As it is Burns Day on the 25<sup>th</sup>, we are learning about Scotland and Scottish and Gaelic culture across the whole school. This month, Nursery boys and girls will be finding out about Scottish symbols including the Saltire, tartan and thistles and will learn and listen to simple traditional Gaelic songs and rhymes. At the end of the month, we will enjoy a wee Burns Supper. Children will be encouraged to try traditional Scottish foods and drinks such as haggis, neeps and tatties, shortbread, tablet and Irn Bru. They will also have the opportunity to try their hand playing bagpipes! Our choir are learning some Gaelic songs too, and they will perform them for and with Sgoil Àraich children throughout the month. If you have any more ideas for helping children to learn more about Scottish and Gaelic culture – we would love to hear them.

We are also having a very active start to 2017 in Sgoil Àraich. Each week, we will try our hand at a different Scottish sport including shinty, curling and Highland Games. Last week, we had a very successful visit to Airdrieonians FC at the Excelsior Stadium followed by a football skills session with our P7 Young Sports Leaders. Keep on checking our Twitter feed for more sporty news and photos.

Our Leabhar a' Mhios (Book of the Month) is *Ceitidh Morag agus an Da Sheanmhair* (Katie Morag and the Two Grandmothers) and our Òran a' Mhios/Song of the Month is *Brochan lom, tana lom* (Thin porridge).

### Opening up learning

#### Opening Up Learning afternoon

Our next Opening Up Learning session will be on Thursday 9th February. The focus will be Early Literacy and the Scottish Book Trust Book Bug Bags. We hope to arrange some Gaelic storytelling for this session too. We will send out invitations nearer the time.

#### Follow Me Folders

Your child's Follow Me folder will be sent home for you to look through next week. Inside the folder will be a feedback form that we would ask you to complete. We are looking forward to hearing what you think about your child's learning and any suggestions on how we can further improve the Follow me folders.

#### High Five for Fruit Bags

Due to a change in our delivery days, fruit bags will now be on sale for 50p on a **Wednesday** morning. Thank you for your support with this.

#### Book Swap Bags

Our Book Swap books will be set out in the Parents Area every Wednesday for you to return and choose a new book to take home and share. A reminder that many of the books have been read aloud and recorded. Links to these are available from the Nursery page of our school website <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/tollbraeps/>

## Rhyme of the Month for January – Brochan lom, tana lom

Brochan lom, tana lom

Brochan lom sùghain

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### English translation

Thin porridge, thin  
sowans

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## **Christmas Fairtrade Raffle**

Thank you to all parents who donated prizes and bought tickets for the Nursery raffle. We raised £165! When we move into our new accommodation, we will work with the children to decide how we will spend this.

The prize winners were

Olivia Watson (Nursery)    David Gordon (Nursery)    Lee Crawford (P6)    Tyrell Priestly (P1)

### **Dates for your diary**

Week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January – enrolment for next session's Primary One children

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January – Parents Group meeting @7pm. All parents welcome.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Opening Up Learning morning. All parents welcome - invitation letter to follow

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Nursery closed for February weekend

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Nursery closed for staff INSET day

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Parents Group meeting @7pm. All parents welcome.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 3.15 – 5.00pm – Learning Showcase for Nursery – P7 in main hall. All parents welcome.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – World Book Day (dress down day)

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Sgoil Àraich Stay and Play Day. All parents welcome.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Nursery Spring Tea @10.30am. All parents welcome.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Parents Group meeting @7pm. All parents welcome.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Whole school Dress Down Day. No money donations – please donate a bottle for our Summer Fayre instead.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – last Sgoil Àraich session of the Spring term.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Sgoil Àraich reopens for Summer term.