

SGOIL A' BHAC



NEWSLETTER

SESSION 2008/2009

Term 4

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The last term of the school session always tends to be a hectic time with Sports, football, basketball, trips, etc. all having to be fitted into a rather crowded timetable. Exact dates for some of these activities have yet to be determined and parents will be kept duly informed.

1. School Closures

The school will be closed for May Holiday on **Friday 1st and Monday 4th May 2009.**

The school will close for the summer holidays on **Wednesday, 1st July** and reopens for pupils on **Thursday, 20th August 2009.**

2. Bog Slog

The Annual Bog Slog in aid of school funds will take place on **Thursday 30th April** [weather permitting]. Details to follow.

3. Secondary Exams

The end of session examinations will take place for all secondary pupils on **Monday 18th, Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st June 2009.**

4. Entrants – Induction Day for Primary / Secondary Pupils

All P1 entrants for **Session 2009/2010** will be welcomed at 9.15am on **Tuesday 16th June** for a morning session. This will allow children to meet with their teachers and future classmates. At 12.00 noon on this day parents of new entrants are welcome to take their children to the school cafeteria so that they (**both parents & children**) can see and sample the range of food available.

On the same day, **Tuesday 16th June** all P7 pupils from Back, Tong and Tolsta schools are welcomed for a day's Induction to the Secondary Department of the school.

5. Secondary 2 Pupils – Visit to The Nicolson Institute

The above visit which should be regarded as a normal school day, will also take place on **Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th June.** Pupils should proceed directly to The Nicolson Institute by Stornoway school transport. Detailed arrangements for the visit will be made by the receiving school.

6. Coca-Cola 7s – Scottish Schools Girls' Competition

Having won the Western Isles and the North of Scotland competitions Sgoil a' Bhac girls' football team are through to the Regional Finals Dingwall on **Monday 27th April 2009.** The winners of the Regional finals will progress to the National. We wish them the very best in their efforts to reach the National finals.

7. Charlie Nicolson Primary Football Competition

The Charlie Nicolson Primary Football Competition will take place on **Tuesday 19th May 2009.**

8. Secondary Games Day

The Rural School Secondary Games Day will take place this year on **Tuesday 26th May** at Upper Coll. Details to follow.

9. Secondary 2 – Trip to Fairburn Activity Centre

This trip is scheduled for five days from **Monday, 8th June to Friday, 12th June**. We hope that this trip will be one of the highlights of the pupils' time at Sgoil a' Bhac.

10. School Sports Day

It is hoped that the School Sports Day will take place on **Wednesday 27th May**. The sports day will be combined with a Fun Day. The sports part of the day will start early (around 11.00am). Please pencil this date into your diaries. Details to follow.

11. Rural Schools Sports

It is proposed that Rural School Sports for Upper Primary and Secondary be held at the athletic track in Stornoway in **June** (*date to be confirmed*). Details to follow.

12. School Prizegiving

The school session will come to an end with the annual Prizegiving ceremony beginning at **12.30pm on Wednesday 1st July 2009**.

13. School Uniform

It is the policy of the school to encourage pupils to wear school uniform whilst in attendance at school and the school would like to express its thanks to all parents who support this policy.

14. “Authorised” and “Unauthorised” Absence from School

The school recognises that there may be occasions when parents' holiday periods may coincide with the school term and as a result it is inevitable that children may miss schooling. When there is an element of choice, however, parents are strongly discouraged from taking holidays during school time.

The recent report “**Improving Achievements in Scotland Schools**” states:

“Parents need to think carefully before taking children out of school during term time for whatever reason; condoned absence is a major problem.”



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SCHEME OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE 2009/2010

AUTUMN 2009

OPEN	Teachers	Monday, 17 th August 2009
	Pupils	Thursday, 20 th August 2009
CLOSE	Teachers/Pupils	Friday, 9 th October 2009

WINTER 2009

OPEN	Teachers	Tuesday, 20 th October 2009
	Pupils	Thursday, 22 nd October 2009
CLOSE	Teachers/Pupils	Tuesday, 22 nd December 2009

SPRING 2010

OPEN	Teachers/Pupils	Tuesday, 5 th January 2010
CLOSE	Teachers/Pupils	Friday, 26 th March 2010

SUMMER 2010

OPEN	Teachers/Pupils	Monday, 12 th April 2010
CLOSE	Teachers/Pupils	Wednesday, 30 th June 2010

OCCASIONAL HOLIDAYS

26 th , 27 th & 30 th November 2009	3 days
12 th , 15 th & 16 th February 2010	3 days
30 th April & 3 rd May 2010	2 days
TOTAL	8 days

INSERVICE

17 th , 18 th & 19 th August 2009	3 days
20 th & 21 st October 2009	2 days
TOTAL	5 days

GENERAL INFORMATION

Local Holidays	8 days
National Mod	9 th – 16 th October 2009