

# *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 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2009.**

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

**2. Bog Slog**

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

**3. Secondary Exams**

The end of session examinations will take place for all secondary pupils on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> May 2009.**

**8. Secondary Games Day**

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

## **9. Secondary 2 – Trip to Fairburn Activity Centre**

This trip is scheduled for five days from **Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> June to Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> August 2009
	Pupils	Thursday, 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2009
CLOSE	Teachers/Pupils	Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2009

### WINTER 2009

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

### SPRING 2010

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

### SUMMER 2010

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

### **OCCASIONAL HOLIDAYS**

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

### **INSERVICE**

17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2009	3 days
20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2009	2 days
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5 days</b>

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Local Holidays	8 days
National Mod	9 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2009