

SGOIL A' BHAC



NEWSLETTER

SESSION 2006/2007

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, 4th** and **Monday, 7th & Tuesday, 8th May 2007.**

General Elections – The infant rooms in the school will be used for election purposes on **Thursday 3rd May**. P1 and P2 pupils **should not** attend school on that day.

The school will close for the summer holidays on **Friday, 29th June** and reopens for pupils on **Thursday, 16th August 2007.**

2. Bog Slog

The Annual Bog Slog in aid of school funds will take place on **Thursday, 3rd May** [weather permitting]. Details to follow.

3. Secondary Exams

The end of session examinations will take place for all secondary pupils from **Wednesday, 16th May until Wednesday, 23rd May**, both dates inclusive.

4. Entrants – Induction Day for Primary / Secondary Pupils

All P1 entrants for **Session 2007/2008** will be welcomed at 9.15am on **Thursday, 17th May** 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, **Thursday, 17th May**, 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 **Thursday, 17th May**. 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. Secondary Games Day

The Secondary Games Day will take place this year on **Thursday, 29th May** at Upper Coll. Details to follow.

7. Secondary 2 – Trip to Fairburn Activity Centre

This trip is scheduled for five days from **Monday, 11th June to Friday, 16th June**. As in previous years we hope that this trip will be one of the highlights of the pupils' time at Sgoil a' Bhac.

Activities will also be arranged for S1 pupils during this week.

8. Bingo Evening

A Bingo Evening is to be held on **Wednesday, 23rd May** to raise fund for the S2 school trip to Fairburn. Details to follow.

9. School Sports Day

It is hoped that the School Sports Day will take place on **Wednesday, 30th 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.

10. 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.

11. School Prizegiving

The school session will come to an end with the annual Prizegiving ceremony beginning at **12.30pm** on **Friday, 29th June**.

12. 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. An order form for uniforms for the coming session has been issued to all pupils.

13. “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.”*

14. School Trips

As is customary a number of class trips will be taking place throughout the summer term. Details to follow. On occasions, the assistance of parents may be requested.



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SCHEME OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE 2007/2008

AUTUMN 2007

OPEN	Teachers	Monday, 13 th August 2007
	Pupils	Thursday, 16 th August 2007
CLOSE	Teachers/Pupils	Friday, 12 th October 2007

WINTER 2007

OPEN	Teachers	Tuesday, 23 rd October 2007
	Pupils	Thursday, 25 th October 2007
CLOSE	Teachers/Pupils	Friday, 21 st December 2007

SPRING 2008

OPEN	Teachers/Pupils	Tuesday, 8 th January 2008
CLOSE	Teachers/Pupils	Friday, 28 th March 2008

SUMMER 2008

OPEN	Teachers/Pupils	Monday, 14 th April 2008
CLOSE	Teachers/Pupils	Friday, 27 th June 2008

OCCASIONAL HOLIDAYS

29 th & 30 th November & 3 rd December 2007	3 days
15 th , 18 th & 19 th February 2008	3 days
2 nd & 5 th May 2008	2 days
TOTAL	8 days

INSERVICE

13 th , 14 th & 15 th August 2007	3 days
23 rd & 24 th October 2006	2 days
TOTAL	5 days

GENERAL INFORMATION

Local Holidays	8 days
National Mod	12 th – 20 th October 2007