

# *SGOIL A' BHAC*



## NEWSLETTER

SESSION 2006/2007

Term 1

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## 1. STAFF CHANGES

We welcome the following members of staff to the school:

Maureen Murray, Amy Maclean, Laura Dillon, Christine Maxwell and Donna Barden [Monday (am), Tuesday and Wednesday (all day)].

We trust that they will enjoy their time at Sgoil a' Bhac.

## 2. SCHOOL ROLL

The overall school roll for this session is 187. There were 7 entrants into P1 English, and 9 into P1 Gaelic. The total roll for the Primary department is 126 (65 Mainstream & 61 GMU) and 61 for the Secondary.

## 3. P1 ENTRANTS

As in previous years, P1 entrants will initially be in school until 12.00noon. As from **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> September** they will continue in school until **3.00pm**.

## 4. SCHEME OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

A copy of the Scheme of School Attendance showing term and holiday dates is attached.

## 5. SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school once more congratulates both pupils and parents for the way in which they support the school policy of encouraging pupils to wear school uniform. The stockist is the school office, and enquiries should be made to the school. The fleeces and hats, now available, are a very welcome addition to the school uniform in particular where pupils are taking part in outdoor events in cold weather.

**May I remind parents that clothes worn in school should be clearly marked with pupils' names.** Every session the school has unclaimed clothes – jerseys, jackets, sweatshirts etc. These could easily be returned if each item of clothing carried a nametag.

Valuables and money should not be left in cloakrooms. These should be left, for safe keeping, either with the classteacher or at the School Office.

## 6. ABSENCES

On returning to school, following an absence, pupils should bring an explanatory note to their classteacher. This would eliminate any pupils being recorded as having "*unauthorised absences*".

As you may be aware, the Scottish Office has now set targets for schools with regard to school attendance and the high attendances of previous years form the basis on which this year's high target is set. We therefore rely on the continuing support of parents in keeping school absences to a minimum.

## **7. PIPING INSTRUCTOR**

Mr Iain Murdo Morrison, Piping Instructor, will visit the school this session on Monday afternoons.

## **8. REFURBISHMENT**

During the Summer Holidays work began on screening off the Gym/Assembly Hall from the Crush Hall. The works will enhance the whole area and close off the Assembly Hall from the rest of the school reducing noise which currently interferes with teaching elsewhere in the building. The entrance steps in to the Assembly Hall have also been widened.

Towards the end of term 1 and throughout Term 2 extensive refurbishment of the Technical Room is to be carried out creating a modern, compact workshop and additional classroom.

The railings on the peripheral wall at the front of the school have are now being replaced and will be painted in due course.

## **9. WEEKLY CANTEEN MENUS**

To allow parents to select lunches for their children and encourage healthy eating weekly menu sheets will be issued to all P1-P3 pupils on Friday of each week. Pupils should tick the relevant section indicating their menu choices and take this to school each day.

## **10.AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS**

A comprehensive range of afterschool clubs is now being organised and details will be circulated to parents in the very near future.

## **11.FREE SCHOOL MILK**

Milk will be available free to all Primary pupils on a daily basis from Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2006.

**SCHEME OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE 2006/2007**

<b>AUTUMN 2006</b>		
<b>OPEN</b>	<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2006</b>
	<b>Pupils</b>	<b>Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> August 2006</b>
<b>CLOSE</b>	<b>Teachers/Pupils</b>	<b>Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2006</b>
<b>WINTER 2006</b>		
<b>OPEN</b>	<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2006</b>
	<b>Pupils</b>	<b>Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2006</b>
<b>CLOSE</b>	<b>Teachers/Pupils</b>	<b>Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2006</b>
<b>SPRING 2007</b>		
<b>OPEN</b>	<b>Teachers/Pupils</b>	<b>Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2007</b>
<b>CLOSE</b>	<b>Teachers/Pupils</b>	<b>Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2007</b>
<b>SUMMER 2007</b>		
<b>OPEN</b>	<b>Teachers/Pupils</b>	<b>Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2007</b>
<b>CLOSE</b>	<b>Teachers/Pupils</b>	<b>Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2007</b>

***LOCAL HOLIDAYS***

<b>30<sup>th</sup> November &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> December 2006</b>	<b>2 days</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> February 2007</b>	<b>3 days</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> May 2007</b>	<b>3 days</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8 days</b>

***INSERVICE***

<b>14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> &amp; 16<sup>th</sup> August 2006</b>	<b>3 days</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> &amp; 25<sup>th</sup> October 2006</b>	<b>2 days</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5 days</b>

***GENERAL INFORMATION***

<b>Local Holidays</b>	<b>8 days</b>
<b>National Mod</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> – 21st October 2006</b>