

SGOIL A' BHAC



NEWSLETTER

SESSION 2007/2008

Term 1

website: www.sgoilabhac.org.uk

1. STAFF CHANGES

We welcome the following members of staff to the school:

Lorraine Walker [E3/4], Angela Macdonald [G1/2] and Laura Maynard [Art]. We are also very pleased that Amy Maclean who taught E4/5 last session as a probationer teacher now has a permanent post in the school.

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

2. SCHOOL ROLL

The overall school roll for this session is 175. There were 7 entrants into P1 English, and 6 into P1 Gaelic. The total roll for the Primary department is 115 (61 Mainstream & 54 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, 10th 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. 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.

9. AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

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

The Gaelic Activities Club for P1-P4 will re-commence mid-September. Details to follow.

SCHEME OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE 2007/2008

AUTUMN 2007		
OPEN	Teachers	Monday, 13th August 2007
	Pupils	Thursday, 16th August 2007
CLOSE	Teachers/Pupils	Friday, 12th October 2007
WINTER 2007		
OPEN	Teachers	Tuesday, 23rd October 2007
	Pupils	Thursday, 25th October 2007
CLOSE	Teachers/Pupils	Friday, 21st December 2007
SPRING 2008		
OPEN	Teachers/Pupils	Tuesday, 8th January 2008
CLOSE	Teachers/Pupils	Friday, 28th March 2008
SUMMER 2008		
OPEN	Teachers/Pupils	Monday, 14th April 2008
CLOSE	Teachers/Pupils	Friday, 27th June 2008

OCCASIONAL HOLIDAYS

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

INSERVICE

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

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