

SGOIL A' BHAC



NEWSLETTER

SESSION 2008/2009

Term 2

website: www.sgoilabhac.org.uk

The second term of the school session tends to be a fairly active one with various parents' meetings and social events leading up to school closure for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

1. PARENTS' EVENINGS

Parents' Meeting for pupils in S1 and Primary will take place on **Tuesday, 25th November 2008 from 3.00pm to 6.00pm**. Parents for whom these times are not convenient should contact the school for other arrangements if they wish to meet staff.

A meeting with parents of S2 pupils will take place on **Wednesday, 3rd December 2008** (details to follow).

S2 - S3 TRANSFER

Meetings outlining the options available to pupils in S3 & S4 are usually held in terms 2 & 3. The school is presently awaiting details of these meetings and notification will be sent to parents as soon as that information becomes available.

2. THANKSGIVING

The school will be closed for Thanksgiving **Thursday 27th, Friday 28th November, and Monday 1st December 2008**.

3. NATIONAL MOD – FALKIRK

The school wishes to congratulate all who participated in events at the Royal National Mod at Falkirk. Their success was due to hard work by pupils, parents and staff. Congratulations also to Còisir Sgìre a' Bhac for doing so well. The whole community is indebted to our Music Teacher Avril Duncan for all the opportunities she provides for both children and adults.

4. ARMISTICE DAY

A pupil-led Assembly followed by a 2 minute silence will be held at the school at 11.00am on **11th November** to commemorate Armistice Day. Pupils will also take part in the Remembrance Sunday Service on 9th November 2008.

5. OPEN EVENING – PRIMARY 7 PUPILS & PARENTS

An Open Evening is to be held for parents and pupils in P7 from Back, Tong, and Tolsta schools on **Wednesday, 19th November 2008 7.00pm**. The purpose of the meeting is to meet staff and show parents and pupils round the school. (Further details to follow).

6. CASHLESS CATERING

It is anticipated that the school cafeteria will transfer to a “cashless” system at the beginning of November 2008. The experience of schools across the country that have introduced this system is positive after the initial introductory phase.

7. VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

Can I remind all parents and visitors to the school that they must report to Reception on arrival at the school rather than go directly to any classroom or area of the school. It is important that this is adhered to. Thank you for your cooperation.

8. MOLDOVA PROJECT

The school is to undertake a cross-curricular project in term 2. The project will focus on various aspects of Moldova and all pupils from Pre-school to S2 will take part.

9. SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school would wish, once more, to thank parents for the encouragement given to children with regard to the wearing of school uniform. **May I remind parents that clothes worn in school should be clearly marked with pupils' names.** Parents may now download an order form for uniforms from the school website. The contact person for school uniforms is Katherine Maciver, telephone number 820277.

10. CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The school Christmas Concert, to which parents and friends of the school are warmly invited, will take place on the evening of **Wednesday, 17th December** starting at **7.00pm**. A collection in aid of Bethesda Hospice will be taken at the door.

11. SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTIES/SOCIAL

The dates for this session's Christmas parties/socials have been arranged as follows:

Primary 5/6/7	Monday, 15th December (evening)
Secondary 1/2	Tuesday, 16th December (evening)
Primary 3/4	Friday, 19th December (afternoon)
Primary 1/2	Monday, 22nd December (afternoon)
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13. CHRISTMAS SERVICE

A service for pupils and staff will be held on the afternoon of **Tuesday 23rd December** at 1.30pm. This will take the form of a school assembly and will be addressed by the Rev. I. D. Campbell, School Chaplain.

14. END OF TERM

Please note that the school closes for the Christmas holidays on **Tuesday 23rd December 2008 at 3pm** and reopens on **Tuesday, 6th January 2009.**