



Naidheachdan Lacasdail

COVID-19

There have been a high number of absences across the school this week. Thank you to parents who have kept us informed regarding testing and isolation periods.

In school, we continue to encourage pupils to adhere to the current guidance of hand washing and hand sanitising. Staff are wearing face coverings in all communal areas of the school and some wear them within the classrooms too. Pupils continue to sit facing the same way in class and in the cafeteria.

Any updated information and guidance will be shared with parents. The children are to be commended for their resilience and positive attitude towards the restrictions which have now been in place for well over a year.

NEW APPOINTMENT

Congratulations to Mr S Campbell who has been appointed to the post of Acting Principal Teacher while Mrs Rigg is on Maternity Leave.

Mr Campbell will start his new post on Monday 8th November. A special Assembly took place this morning to announce the news to pupils.

I look forward to working with Mr Campbell in his new role.



UHI STUDENT TEACHERS

This week we welcomed Mrs Christine Macleod and Miss Katy Graham to Laxdale School. Both are Teaching Students from UHI. Mrs Macleod is working with Mrs L Morrison and P4/5 pupils and Miss Graham is working with Mrs M Maciver and GM4-5.



Mrs C Macleod



Miss K Graham

BONFIRE NIGHT

Remember, Remember the 5th of November, gunpowder treason and plot!

Assembly this week focused on Bonfire Night Safety. Pupils had an online book read to them, watched a safety Powerpoint and took part in a safety quiz.

Staff would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Bonfire Night.

SWIMMING

P5 pupils started a block of swimming lessons this morning. It was good to see the pupils in the pool learning essential swimming skills. Their lessons will continue over the coming weeks.

CHILDREN IN NEED

GM6-7 pupils are busy planning and organising Children in Need this year. Many of the activities will take place in classrooms due to the current restrictions. More information will follow nearer the time.

For Children in Need this year, we are going to have a Virtual Talent Show. If you would like to enter, please send in your video to your class teacher via SEESAW or email. You can also send them into the Laxdale School Facebook page, via Messenger. Please send your videos in by Wednesday 17th November 2021. Thank you

Angus and Hannah, GM7

WALK TO WILLOWGLEN PARK

As part of their learning around COP26 and Climate Change, all classes will visit Willowglen Park at the Castle Grounds on Monday 8th November. The pupils and staff will walk there, two classes at a time. Tim Pickering and his daughter Koren will speak to the pupils about trees and their link to Climate Change.

Please ensure your child has a warm waterproof jacket and suitable footwear for the walk and for being in the Castle Grounds. Appropriate Risk Assessments have been completed for the trip. We hope the weather will be favourable for the visits.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Please ensure all order forms and money is sent in to class teachers as soon as possible. The orders will be going in to Malcolm Macleod Photography on Friday 12th November.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

COP26 - Monday 1st October to Friday 12th November	
Scottish Book Week - Monday 15th to 21st November	
Tuesday 16 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7.00pm - Parent Council Meeting
Wednesday 17 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Là na Gaidhlig
Thursday 18 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BOOK BUG DAY - P1, P2/3 and GM1-3
Friday 19 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children in Need
Thursday 25 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas lights switch on
Friday 26 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School closed
Monday 29 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School closed
Tuesday 30 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P1 Tree Planting
Wednesday 1 st December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly - House Captains and Sports Council updates
Thursday 9 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Lunch in Cafeteria Online Panto - Aladdin Pupils can wear a Christmas Jumper
Friday 10 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Save the Children, Wear a Christmas Jumper Day
CHRISTMAS PARTY WEEK	
Monday 13 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM4-5 party (pm)
Tuesday 14 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM1-3 party (pm)
Wednesday 15 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Assembly - Rev. Canon Peter Moger P5-6 party (pm)
Thursday 16 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P7 party (am) P4-5 party (pm)
Friday 17 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P2-3 party (am) GM6-7 party (am) P1 party (pm)
Monday 20 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carol Service/Christmas Songs (virtual)
Tuesday 21 st December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School closes for the Christmas Holiday

THIG A CHLUICH

Please see below details of Thig a Chluich, facilitated by Comunn nam Parant. This is an excellent opportunity for parents of pre-school children to learn more about GME in a fun, informal setting for all.



The poster is titled "THIG A CHLUICH TIMETABLE" and features a light blue background with a grid pattern. It contains six white paper-like cards with rounded corners and hole punches on the left side. Each card lists the location, dates, and time for a session. The cards are decorated with various colorful icons: a piggy bank, a star, a rainbow, and a rocket. In the bottom right corner, there are logos for "Bòrd na Gàidhlig" and "Comann nam Pàrant".

THIG A CHLUICH
an Eilean Siar

STORNOWAY

Retirement Centre, Bayhead
Tuesday 26th October
Tuesday 2nd November
Tuesday 9th November
Tuesday 16th November
Tuesday 23rd November
Tuesday 30th November
Tuesday 7th December
Tuesday 14th December
10 - 1130am



NESS

SPÒRS NIS
Thursday 28th October
Thursday 25th November
10 - 1130am



UIG

Timsgarry Community Hall
Thursday 4th November
Thursday 2nd December
10 - 1130am



TARBERT

Tarbert Community Centre
Thursday 11th November
Thursday 9th December
10 - 1130am



SHAWBOST

Ionad na Seann Sgoil
Thursday 18th November
Thursday 16th December
10 - 1130am

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 Bòrd na Gàidhlig
 Comann nam Pàrant
Foghlam tro Mheadhan na Gàidhlig
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NON UNIFORM DATES FOR SESSION 2021-22

Friday 19th November 2021 (Children in Need)

Friday 17th December 2021

Friday 28th January 2022

Friday 25th February 2022

Friday 25th March 2022

Friday 22nd April 2022

Friday 27th May 2022

Friday 24th June 2022

FOODBANK/FARESHARE

Please remember that this service is available to all families who are struggling at this challenging time. Please know that you can contact the service and it is totally anonymous and there is no referral process. If you are interested, please contact the school or text or email Rachel at [07970959193](tel:07970959193) / rmacdonald1s@gnes.net

Have a good weekend.

M Macleod
Head Teacher

