

Laxdale News

Friday 12th November 2021



Naidheachdan Lacasdail

COVID-19

We continue to see a high number of absences this week. As mentioned in earlier correspondence, we have reintroduced the class bubbles and playground zones as an additional measure to keep the pupils safe.

Thank you to all the parents who have been in contact with the school to keep us updated about their child's situation.

Please keep pupils at home if they have any symptoms. The current guidance states that pupils should be symptom free for 48 hours before returning to school.

CROSS COUNTRY

Stornoway Running and Athletic Club will be hosting the first of 3 cross country races in Stornoway on the 20th November 2021. Pupils were given information to enter. The school has received 41 entries to the first race which is a fantastic number.

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parent Council Meeting will take place, online, on Tuesday 16th November at 7.00pm. Please see the Parent Council Facebook page to find out how to join the meeting.

COP 26 BOARDS

The classes have been busy painting new display boards for outside the school. The boards display messages about looking after our environment as part of the whole school project on Climate Change and the COP26 conference.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Laxdale School will be represented at the Remembrance Day service in the High Church on Sunday 14th November. Miss Macleod and Mr Campbell will accompany four House Captains to the church service and then up to the War Memorial to lay the wreath.

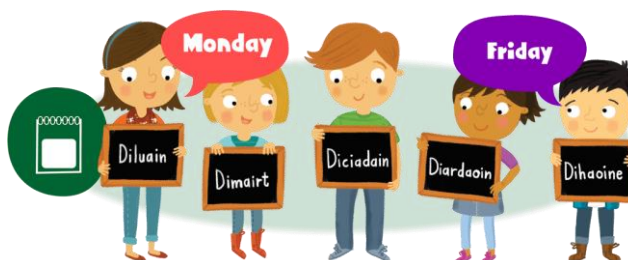
A two-minute silence was observed in school at 11am on Thursday 11th November. The classes then watched a recorded Assembly from Faith Thomson, Salvation Army.



We will Remember Them

LATHA NA GAIDHLIG

Staff and pupils will celebrate Là na Gàidhlig on Wednesday 17th November. GM pupils will support EM pupils with activities throughout the day. The focus for the day will be learning Gaelic words and phrases as well as celebrating the Gaelic language and culture.



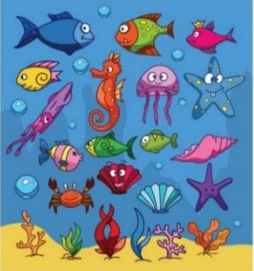
CHILDREN IN NEED

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.

Children in Need 2021


Friday the 19th of November


Dress-up Theme
*"Colours of the Sea" and
Colourful Crazy Hair*



Donations

Pupils are welcome to bring in a donation for 'Children in Need' on Friday





Merchandise

Wristbands and Pin Badges will be available for sale all week, from Monday the 15th November.

They cost £1 each and can be paid for in class.

Activities

Current restrictions require all activities on the day to take place in classrooms. This means that there will be no stalls for buying things like cakes and toys. To be clear, the only money pupils will require is for the merchandise, and to give an optional donation on the fundraising day itself (Friday the 19th). Be assured that lots of exciting activities will be taking place in each class for Pudsey!

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

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

As there have been so many pupil absences this week, we have extended the deadline for school photo orders to Wednesday 17th November. Please ensure all orders are in the school by that date.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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 features a light blue background with a grid pattern. At the top left is a logo for 'THIG A CHLUICH an Eilean Siar' with a rainbow. The title 'THIG A CHLUICH TIMETABLE' is in large blue letters. There are four white paper-like cards with rounded corners and hole punches on the left side, each representing a location. The cards are decorated with various icons: a pig for Stornoway, a star for Ness, a rainbow for Uig, and a rocket for Tarbert. The Shawbost card has a simple white background. The text on each card lists the venue, dates, and time. At the bottom, there are social media icons for Facebook and Instagram, and logos for 'Bòrd na Gàidhlig' and 'Comann nam Pàrant'.

THIG A CHLUICH
an Eilean Siar

THIG A CHLUICH TIMETABLE

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
 Gaelic Medium Education in Scotland

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/ rmacdonald1s@gnes.net

Have a good weekend.

M Macleod
Head Teacher