

CANISBAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER no. 3

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Dear Families,

Trip for P5-7 Tuesday 8th November 2022

RHET (Royal Highland Educational Trust) Food and Farming Event

The class will be attending this all-day event on Tuesday 8th November.



FOOD AND FARMING DAY – CAITHNESS SCHOOLS TUESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER, 2022

A day of experiential learning for upper primary pupils held at Quoybrae Mart, Watten.

This event is **FREE** to schools and includes transport to and from the event.

Pupils will work their way around activity stations learning about sheep and wool, beef production, dairy and butter making, cereal crops, and the importance of pollinators.

Food and Farming Days support the Curriculum for Excellence in areas such as Social Studies, HWB - Food & Health, Science, and Technology.



“Taking the Classroom to the Countryside”

Please note that for this outing the children will need **a snack, drink and packed lunch** with them on this day. They will need to wear **suitable warm clothing and sturdy outdoor footwear** (as part of the health and safety at the event we are required to wash our footwear when we arrive and before leaving the site). Gloves should not be worn unless the temperature is very cold. If the weather necessitates the wearing of gloves then it is **essential** that they are washed after the farm visit to eliminate risk of cross contamination. Gloves will be removed at the handwash time, bagged up and sent home for washing.

Poppy Scotland

Remembrance Day is on Friday of next week. The Poppy collection will be coming round each day next week.

School Photos – Sorry but I still do not have a date for this. I think there must be staffing issues for the company at the moment.

Christmas Holidays (reminder) - Last day of term is Thursday 22nd December. We re-open on Monday 9th January.

Message from the Pupil Council

Dear families,

We are here to ask you if any of you have time for the Parent Council.

It would be very much appreciated if you are willing to give this time. We are at an all-time low of members so we cannot do things like Halloween parties, Christmas show P1 verses and P7 song and things like funding for school trips. Talking of funds, the nursery are trying to get a garden upgrade and we would appreciate funds for the Pupil Council/School for Purchases. Anything is appreciated especially if anyone will go forward to the Parent Council.

From

Pupil Council, Canisbay School

Parent Council

At the last AGM we were unable to form a committee.

An EGM is being arranged for Monday 14th November at 6pm in school. Please consider coming along, even if you do not want to take an office bearer role. By coming along, it ensures that people who take on office bearers roles know there are plenty of people who will offer help. Please let me know if anyone in your family will be coming along. This will be on the same Google Form that I am putting out for attendance at the Open Afternoon. Please see the link in the email.

House Points, etc.

As part of house points, children will be rewarded for wearing school uniform and ensuring they have what they need for class each day, e.g. water bottles, charged chromebooks for P5-7, P.E. kit, etc. Children who were not bringing these things to school regularly in P5-7 were given a note home. These were specific to their own targets however there hasn't been much of an improvement for these individuals. We will do this process again, however this time ask for a reply slip to be signed.

Archie Foundation

As part of their work in supporting families the Archie Foundation are looking for volunteers.

*We are welcoming applications for volunteers, to help run our activity days and our Responder visits to help support bereaved children and families, **Highland wide**. If you would like more information, please contact Malcolm.stewart@archie.org*

Open Afternoon (P1-7 only although ELC by request)

On Thursday 17th November we will be holding an open afternoon. You are welcome to come into school any time between 1:30pm and 3pm. This is a drop in session rather than a start time and end time.

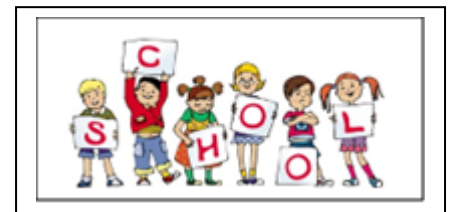
ELC are not part of this event but please remember that parents are welcome at any time to come in and be part of a session. We feel that this is a better way to understand how the ELC runs and for your child to show you around. Also remember that profiles are available to be viewed and interacted with at any time.

If however, you are in school for the open afternoon and it fits in well for you to visit ELC at the same time please let us know and we will arrange this.

Format - The format for our open session will remain the same as these have been developed with staff, parent and child feedback over the previous 8 years before the pandemic. We feel this is a successful format. This is part of our engagement with families throughout the year. As well as our open session we issue Learning Profiles regularly, we hold parent appointments in February/March and share an end of year report in June.

Discussion with Teacher - As well as taking part in activities with your child, you can also take the chance to have an informal chat with your child's teacher. If you have a specific matter to discuss that would require an individual appointment please let me know and this would be arranged for another time. I will also be available on this day if anyone has any questions or matters they wish to discuss.

Checklist - In order to make the day as efficient/worthwhile as possible your child will have a checklist of tasks that they must try to do whilst you are in visiting. There will be a main task on this sheet which should be completed. There is no pressure to complete all parts of the checklist.



Organisation - If you have more than one child in school we understand that this can be tricky for the open sessions but please try to prioritise the top learning task for each child. After having done this with your child in each class please feel free to gather your children for them to show you around different areas in school.

Questionnaires –Results of the most recent questionnaires collated in school are displayed near the office, are available on the website and were also shared via a newsletter. These are results from the Positive Relationships Questionnaire and the Learning Questionnaire from June 2022. A small school questionnaire for self-evaluation will also be requested on this day.

Attend - Please complete the Google Form to let me know that you will be attending so that we know in advance if your child will not have anyone coming to the open afternoon. We usually give any children in this position, a specific role on the day.

Photos - Small display of some photos in the middle area from events held in the last year.

Achievements Board - This board is continually updated as we share and learn of children's achievements within school and outwith school. Please help us by sharing your children's achievements with us at any time.

End of your visit - When you are leaving, you are welcome to take your child(ren) with you but you **must** let the class teacher know as this may be before the end of the normal day.

Lost Property - Good opportunity to view Lost Property items, there is an overflowing box at the moment.

Thank you and we look forward to welcoming you into the school.

Thank you,
R Moodie, Headteacher, Canisbay School

Community Events

Active Schools Activities - <https://booking.highlifehighland.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Thurso-Active-Schools-1427681677462939/photos/pcb.3205171439713945/3205168693047553/>

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Feis Workshops – they are looking for mor people to join the workshops and the next one is on Saturday 19th Nov

Feis Ghallaibh

Buthan-obrach ceòl traidiseanta *Traditional music workshops*



Dates: 2022

Àrd Sgoil Inbhir Ùige / *Wick High School*

Sat. 27 August

Sat. 17 September

Sat. 29 October

Sat. 19 November

Would you like to learn to play an instrument or join other musicians, playing individually or in groups. New faces always welcome.

Tuilleadh fiosrachaidh bho / More information from Christine:
01847 82 1321
or turn up on the day.
Cosgais / Fee: £5
Bring an instrument or book an instrument from Christine
Venue: Wick High School 10am till 1pm

Le taic bho/with support from:



Also 2 events shown on the next page.

Wick Players Youth Nights

We would like to share the news of our upcoming youth nights which are open for all youths between the ages of 11 and 18. We hope to start these evenings on Monday 7th November 2022, thereafter every Monday evening from 7-9pm. These youth nights will include panto and drama workshops, games and activities. We would love to welcome some new faces into the club, whether these potential new members would like to get involved backstage in our different departments such as hair and makeup, wardrobe or sound and lighting, or if they'd like to be on the stage treading the boards.



WICK PLAYERS OSCR Registered Charity SC019008

3. 2. 1 ACT! Youth Nights AND Drama Workshops

Join us for evenings packed full of games, activities, drama and panto workshops!

FOR AGES 11-18

www.wickplayers.com
info@wickplayers.com

MONDAY EVENINGS FROM 7-9PM
@ MORAY STREET DRAMA CENTRE

Taste North

Taste North is back for 2022 and will take place in a brand-new venue. Enjoy a day filled with foodie delights, demonstrations from local chefs, artisan produce, crafts, and more!



taste north

Demos with local food by local chefs

Take part in Caithness and Sutherland's finest food challenge at the Highland's finest food, drink and craft festival

Sunday 6th November 2022
11am to 4:30pm
East Caithness Community Facility,
Newton Road, Wick

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