

E-SGOIL NEWS

OUR TERMLY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2023

Welcome to our Term 3 Newsletter which is presented in a more condensed format than usual to provide you with a concise overview of e-Sgoil news.

Our dispersed management team have just recently returned from development days in Inverness where we spent time reflecting, reviewing and looking to the future along with colleagues from Education Scotland. The immediate connection between colleagues who had only ever seen each other on screen was a powerful reminder of the strong, online bonds which lie at the heart of the e-Sgoil network.

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Early Years

Dug's Discovery Den, designed for our youngest learners, continues to be a popular attraction on our website.

Click on Dug's picture in the banner above to access these interactive learning spaces in English & Gaelic.

This term Dug has been way up north visiting Early Years settings in Shetland. He visited our young learners in Happyhansel, Aith, Sound and Bells Brae nurseries.

He was even lucky enough to meet the Jarl Squad ahead of Shetland's annual fire festival 'Up Helly Aa', dress up as a Viking and sit at the helm of his very own Viking Longship as well as making lots of new friends.

Dug is looking for his next big adventure! If there are any schools or Local Authorities who would be interested in Dug visiting their Early Years settings then get in touch.



Primary

This term we enjoyed two special Scotland's Assemblies celebrating Burn's Night with Scots Champion of the Year Dr Jamie Fairbairn and we also took part in Seachdain na Gàidhlig (World Gaelic Week) where we learnt some Gaelic and heard from Gaelic Medium pupils. These, plus all our previous Scotland's Assemblies, can be viewed on demand **here**

Our 1st & 2nd Level learning spaces continue to be popular and are regularly updated with new content. Why not take part in the Easter Egg Hunt taking place in these interactive spaces at the moment? You can find them on the **P2-7 page** of our website

Coming up

BACK FOR 2023!

eSgoil are partnering with Tree of Knowledge to bring fun, confidence, inspiration & motivation to EVERY P7 in Scotland ahead of the big move to S1 in August!

Watch out for special Scotland's Assemblies coming up, all about moving to Big School!



More information and sign your class up at:

bit.ly/TOKBIGSCHOOL2023

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Senior Phase

Our Evening and Easter Webinar programmes continue to prove very popular with learners across all Local Authority areas in Scotland, with 4250 individual registrations so far for evening webinars. 415 learners completed evaluations of the programme last term, rating their 'overall webinar experience' at 4.5/5.

Coming up

Our Senior Phase Learning Spaces are being refreshed and will be published early in Term 4 to support senior phase learnings with exam prep.

Registration is still open for Easter Study Support daytime webinars, which run between April 3rd and April 14th. The programme is very popular, but there are still spaces on all webinars.

The programme this year will also include two general **Study Skills** sessions.

Click on the image on the right for full information.



Registration for Evening Study Support webinars remains open and evening webinars will continue right up to the SQA Exams.

More information and sign up via our Study Support webpage

Gaelic

The Gaelic Team at e-Sgoil celebrated success at the Scottish Gaelic Awards in February winning the Learning award for Misneachd, support for Gaelic Medium pupils with their language skills and confidence.

This term, over 200 pupils from primary schools across Scotland have had the chance to learn some Gaelic as part of the new e-Sgoil 1 + 2 Gaelic taster lessons.



Pictured L-R: Ann-Chris MacLean, Mairi Mackay & Donna Barden from our Gaelic team

Coming up

Expressions of interest have now opened for courses from August 2023 including Gaelic (Learners) for school pupils and adults and Gaidhlig courses for school pupils. A small number of spaces are available for new schools to join the Gaelic 1 + 2 Gaelic (Learners) taster sessions in Term 4. For more information visit the **Gaelic page** on our website.

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It's been a busy term at DYW Live with themed events for Languages Week Scotland, Seachdain na Gaidhlig, British Science Week, Scottish Apprenticeship Week and the hugely popular Talk to a Farmer week, for which nearly 8,000 learners were registered.

All the videos from the themed weeks can be accessed on demand on the **DYW Live webpage**.

Coming up in Term 4



DYW Live will be launching their own social media channels with a week of special content commencing Monday 17th April. Search for DYW Live on Twitter, Facebook & Instagram, or click on the logos on the left, follow us to be part of launch week and keep in touch with all that's coming up from the DYW Live team and our partners.

We are very pleased to be offering a Virtual Work Placement opportunity for senior phase learners in late May/June. Planning Aid Scotland will host a week-long placement for young people interested in developing essential workplace skills like teamwork, project management, customer service and administration, as well as learning more about careers involving social enterprise, charities, community development, town planning and design. Find out more **here**.

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