



E-SGOIL NEWS

OUR TERM 1 NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 - OCTOBER 2023

Welcome to our Term 1 Newsletter which is very much focussed on learner voice. Many of the young people involved in our programmes have provided content and contributed pieces of work in order to show how e-Sgoil has made a difference to them.

We are proud of the progress so many of our learners have made during their time with us and this newsletter gives them the chance to share some of that with you.

In other news this month, registration for our 2023/24 Study Support programme is now live and webinars start on 30th October. You can find out more about how to register on Pg 6.

As well as developing new material, we have also spent time refreshing and repackaging collections created in recent years. Collections now hosted on Thinglink include: Disruption Resources, Big Questions and Senior Phase Learning Spaces.

New for 2023-24 we are now producing weekly email newsletters.

If you would like to have our newsletters delivered straight in to your inbox you can sign up to our mailing list using the form [here](#) or scan the QR code.



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i-Sgoil

i-Sgoil is a provision which seeks to support learners from across Scotland who have been unable to engage with their local school for an extended period of time. It caters for learners between P2 and S6 allowing young people to re-engage with learning from their 'safe space' in a way that avoids many anxiety or sensory triggers.



i-Sgoil learners remain on their local school roll and our staff work closely with local school staff to support learners and their families on an ongoing basis.

i-Sgoil allows for learners to be part of a live, interactive learning community and provides young people with a broad curricular offer, with the opportunity for those in S4-6 to gain SQA qualifications and awards. Although we would ultimately wish to see learners transition back to a local school, we recognise that this will not always be possible for some.

Click the image below to see a selection of the work our learners have produced and hear what some of them say about the programme.



Gaelic / Gàidhlig

The National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher Gàidhlig and Gaelic (Learners) classes have made an excellent start to the year with pupils benefitting from the chance to work with pupils from other schools, feeling supported by their e-Sgoil teachers and enjoying learning online.

An S6 Gàidhlig pupil commented *“Studying Higher and Advanced Higher Gàidhlig with e-Sgoil has given me the opportunity to meet others my own age studying Gàidhlig in different schools. I’ve really enjoyed working alongside different people and have found the e-Sgoil teachers helpful and supportive.”*

Pupils across a range of classes commented on how they felt supported.

Another of the Advanced Higher Gàidhlig pupils commented *“I like how if you are stuck then the teacher will find another way to explain it to you.”*

And this is echoed by a National 5 Gàidhlig pupil who said *“I like how we can easily say if we are stuck on anything.”* as part of their end of term 1 feedback on the course. This also was true for National 5 Gaelic (Learner) pupils *“The teachers are very helpful, and give lots of help / understanding with tricky words or phrases.”*



IONNSAICHIBH GÀIDHLIG

A' tòiseachadh aig deireadh an Lùnastail 2023

Ionnsaichibh Gàidhlig, an cànan nàiseanta as sine ann an Alba, air-loidhne le oileanaich eile bho air feadh na h-Alba tro e-Sgoil.

Cuìn & càite
Leasanan dà uair san t-seachdain air-loidhne tro Microsoft Teams

Cùrsaichean rim faotainn

- N5 Gaelic (Learners)
- H Gaelic (Learners)
- Gàidhlig Nàiseanta 5
- Gàidhlig Àrd-ìre
- Gàidhlig aig Àrd Ìre Adhartach

Airson tuilleadh fiosrachaidh agus gus ur n-ùidh a chlàradh tadhal air www.e-sgoil.com/gaidhlig/

UHI OUTER HEBRIDES INNSE GALL

The online, live format and approach to sharing resources seems to work well for National 5 Gaelic (Learners) and Higher Gaelic (Learners) alike, with the following comments received from pupils as part of their term 1 feedback to e-Sgoil teachers.

“I enjoy that it’s live videos and not pre recorded and the teachers understand when you have issues and help you to work through them and excel.”

National 5 Gaelic (Learners)

“I like how the instructions are very clear, and everything is fairly easy to find.”

Higher Gaelic (Learners)



MISNEACHD

EALAIN

art for Gaelic Medium pupils

Gaelic (Learners) 1 + 2

Within the primary side of the provision these programmes have hit the ground running for 2023, with Misneachd sessions full for the academic session and Gaelic (Learners) full until January 2024.

There is some availability for Ealain in Term 2, 3 and 4.

Click the image below to watch a short video about this programme and see some of the work the pupils have produced.

One of the teachers of a class involved with Ealain commented

“Chòrd na leasan ealain againn gu mòr, bha a’ chlann an sàs gu mòr agus dh’ionnsaich iad tòrr anns na seiseanan”

(We enjoyed the lessons very much and the children were very engaged and learned a lot from the sessions).



The teacher for a P3/4 class involved with Misneachd commented:

“those in the G3/4 class that have taken part have without exception enjoyed their introduction to e-Sgoil - the most common word was 'fun' and that is without me even asking how they felt!”

Another teacher of a primary class involved with Misneachd has told us

“The provision is great and the children love their sessions”

You can find more information on our Gaelic/Gàidhlig programmes [here](#)



Study Support

We are delighted to offer fifty-one weekly Study Support webinars, covering a wide range of subjects/levels, for Senior Phase learners who are working towards National Qualifications.

Check out the timetable by clicking on the image



Registration is free to all learners and can be accessed [here](#)

Some of the young people involved last year said:

Thank you! Honestly don't know what I would do without this webinar group.

As a disabled person I find the webinars more accessible than the supported study at my school. It is great and easily accessible for all.

I am delighted to hear that e-Sgoil will again be offering its Evening Study Support Programme for senior phase pupils.

The 2023-24 programme, building on the success of last year's popular programme will again offer a wide range of subjects at different levels.

The Evening Study Support Programme, along with many other formal and informal e-Sgoil programmes, demonstrates again the success of e-Sgoil and the benefits for young people throughout Scotland.



Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Jenny Gilruth
said of the programme:

If you are based in a school and wish further information for your learners please contact



If you are a learner and wish to sign up or find out more then please click the image below.



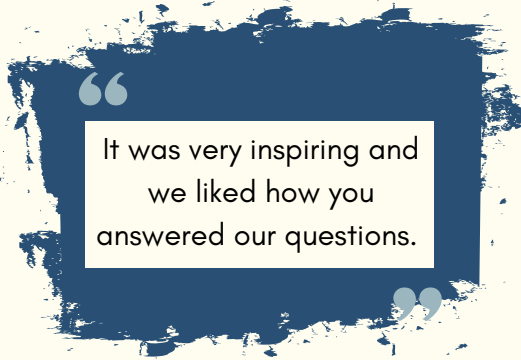
Webinars will start in the week beginning October 30th 2023.

DYW Live returned with a bang for Term 1 of 2023/24, with around 30 courses on offer to Scottish learners via Glow and a packed schedule of themed online events open to all.



The first of these themed weeks, [National Coding Week](#), included sessions from Tech She Can on cyber security and from Maria Bell of Silicon Croft and was well received by the schools across Scotland as well as those in England, Wales and Guernsey that attended.

Learners reported:



[Maths Week Scotland](#) followed, during the week of school closures in many parts of Scotland. Despite the disruption, more than 1,000 learners tuned in to the live events - some at home, some in classrooms - all of them keen to engage...

There was another very busy week in October in which the stars of both Creative Careers Week, delivered by the DYW National team, and Global [Space Week](#) aligned.

We learned about the latest news from Saxavord Spaceport in Shetland, how a Scottish/Ukrainian company is working at the forefront of the rapidly growing market for launching and servicing small satellites and how technology is creating new opportunities for young people to use their talents to work in the space industry.

[DYW Live courses](#), delivered using MS Teams in Glow, are going well this year too. For example, children and young people from 15 local authority areas - from the Outer Hebrides in the North West to Edinburgh in the South East - are learning about engineering with BEAR Scotland, while more than 2500 learners from 32 different schools have signed up for Languages and Your Career sessions with SCILT, Scotland's National Centre for Languages.

Information on all the DYW Live offers can be found on our website.

Click the logo below to be directed.



You can also get programme news via the DYW Live social media accounts and our weekly email newsletter





Monday 20th November 2023

Come and celebrate children's rights on World Children's Day with Children's Commissioner, Nicola Killean.

In two Scotland's Assembly sessions, for Primary & Secondary, learners will explore rights, and find out how they can get involved in shaping the Commissioner's plans. More information to follow, via our social media and weekly email newsletters.



Highlights coming up next term include **Subject Choices week** (4th-8th December), which will be packed with useful advice - both general and relating to specific job sectors - for learners considering their options choices.

We're also delighted to be working with Barclays Bank and the Business in the Community team to offer a series of money management workshops suitable for young people from P6 to S6.

See the [Barclays Lifeskills](#) page for more info and to register.

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