Comann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta)

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Gaelic Medium Education in Scotland

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Facal-toisich a' Chathraiche

Tha mi toilichte Aithisg Bhliadhnail Chomann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta) airson 2025/26 a thoirt dhuibh.

Choinnich a' chomataidh ceithir tursan ann an 2025-26, le luchd-dreuchd a' coinneachadh grunn thursan a bharrachd.

Chaidh Bile nan Cànanan Albannach aontachadh air 17 Ògmhios 2025 agus chaidh e na Achd air 31 Iuchar 2025. Ghabh sinn pàirt anns a' phròiseas co-chomhairleachaidh air an reachdas agus tha sinn toilichte gu bheil ceumannan san Achd a neartaicheas frèam-obrach reachdail FtG nar beachd. Chaidh na riaghailtean tòiseachaidh tùsail a chur an gnìomh air 30 Samhain, agus chuir sinn fàilte gu sònraichte air ullachadh a bhios a' ciallachadh gu bheil atharrachadh sam bith air ullachaidhean còmhdhail sgoile a-nis na mholadh buntainneach fo Achd nan Sgoiltean (Co-chomhairleachadh) Alba 2010. Tha sinn a' coimhead air adhart ri tòiseachadh nan riaghailtean eile a bheir buaidh air FtG anns an teirm phàrlamaideach ùr.

Tha sinn gu math draghail mun dìth adhartais ann a bhith a' stèidheachadh FtG aig ìre na bun-sgoile ann an sgìre Comhairle Crìochan na h-Alba agus gur dòcha nach tèid am pròiseas reachdail a leantainn às dèidh an iarrtais bho phàrantan a chaidh a chur a-steach san Iuchar. Cumaidh an sgioba againn orra a' toirt taic do phàrantan agus a' conaltradh ri luchd-ùidh eile às an leth. Saoilidh mi gun aontaicheamaid uile nach bu chòir dha a bhith cho doirbh seo do theaghlaichean cothrom fhaighinn air FtG agus cumaidh sinn oirnn a' dèanamh iomairt airson leasachaidhean ann an reachdas.

Ach 's e naidheachd nas dòchasaiche a th' ann gu bheilear air tidsear fhastadh airson a' chlas tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig às ùire a chaidh a stèidheachadh o chionn ghoirid ann an Loch Àlainn agus gum bithear a' cur fàilte orra san Lùnastal. Tha sinn gu sònraichte toilichte gun deach FtG a chur an comas ann an sgoil cho beag is cho dùthchail ann an coimhearsnachd far a bheil a' Ghàidhlig làidir.

Tha solar ùr airson foghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig ro-chudromach oir tha sinn a' faicinn treand de chrìonadh ann an àireamhan ann an sgìrean leithid Glaschu, a' Ghàidhealtachd agus na h-Eileanan Siar. Tha e coltach gu bheil seo mar thoradh air crìonadh-sluaigh ann an sgìrean dùthchail gu ìre ach chan eil seo daonnan fìor. Mar bhuidheann, tha sinn a' leantainn oirnn le iomairt airson ceumannan a bhrosnaicheas leudachadh air FtG, leithid a bhith a' cur aghaidh air fastadh is gleidheadh thidsearan, agus barrachd taic cànain do thidsearan is sgoilearan ann an clasaichean agus ann an coimhearsnachdan.

Chair's Introduction

I am pleased to present Comann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta)'s Annual Report for 2025/26.

The committee met on four occasions in 2025-26, with office bearers meeting on several additional occasions.

The Scottish Languages Bill was passed on 17 June 2025 and became an Act on 31 July 2025. We contributed to the consultation process on the legislation and are pleased that the Act contains measures which we feel will strengthen the legislative framework for GME. The initial commencement regulations took effect on the 30th November and we particularly welcomed provision that will mean that any changes to transport arrangements is now a relevant proposal under the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010. We look forward to the commencement of other regulations which will have an impact on GME in the new parliamentary term.

We are very concerned about the lack of progression in establishing GMPE in the Scottish Borders Council area and the possible failure to follow statutory process following the request from parents submitted in July. Our team will continue to support parents and liaise with other stakeholders on their behalf. I think we would all agree that it should not be this difficult for families to access GME and we will continue to campaign for improvements in legislation.

On a more positive note, recruitment to the most recently established Gaelic medium class which is in Lochaline has been successful and they will welcome their teacher in August. We are particularly pleased to see GM provision made possible in such a small rural school in a strong Gaelic speaking community.

The importance of new provision cannot be understated as we are starting to see a trend of declining numbers in areas such as Glasgow, Highland and the Western Isles. This can be partly explained by the declining population in rural areas but not in all instances. As an organisation we continue to campaign for measures which will encourage expansion of GME such as tackling teacher recruitment and retention along with more language support for teachers and pupils in classes and in communities. We are supportive of the work of community officers such as the Comunn na Gàidhlig iomairtean officers, and would welcome an expansion of the programme.

Tha sinn taiceil do dh'obair nan oifigearan coimhearsnachd leithid oifigearan iomairtean aig Comunn na Gàidhlig, agus chuireamaid fàilte air leudachadh air a' phròg ram.

Tha sinn cuideachd gu math mothachail air cho cudromach 's a tha leasachadh cànain anns na tràth-bhliadhnaichean agus ged a tha an sgioba againn a' dèanamh obair ionmholta le teaghlaichean agus ann an roinn nan tràth-bhliadhnaichean tha sinn air ar cuingealachadh le maoineachadh a tha a' cur bacadh air meud agus raoin-obrach an sgioba againn.

Tha tòrr dhùbhlan an lùib lìbhrigeadh foghlam àrd-sgoile tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig fhathast, agus chuir sinn fàilte air an aithisg 'Foghlam Àrd-sgoile tro Mheadhan na Gàidhlig: Measadh agus Molaidhean Leasachaidh' a sgrìobh Wilson MacLeòid agus Jim Whannel do Bhòrd na Gàidhlig sa Ghearran. Tha tòrr mholaidhean san aithisg do dh'ùghdarrasan ionadail, buidhnean nàiseanta agus Riaghaltas na h-Alba agus tha iad uile cudromach airson solar FtG aig ìre na h-àrd-sgoile agus tha sinn a' dèanamh fiughair ri barrachd a chluinntinn sa bhliadhna a tha romhainn air mar a thèid na molaidhean seo a thoirt air adhart.

Tha sinn fhathast a' feitheamh ris an aithisg air an sgrùdadh-comais aig Comhairle nan Eilean Siar air àrd-sgoil Ghàidhlig airson nan Eileanan Siar.

Chaidh aithisg fìor chudromach eile, 'A' Luachadh Càileachd Foghlam na Gàidhlig', fhoillseachadh le Luchd-sgrùdaidh an Rìgh airson Foghlaim ann an Alba (HMIE) san Fhaoilleach. Bheir seo buaidh air leasachadh foghlam na Gàidhlig. Bhrosnaichinn a h-uile pàrant aig a bheil ùidh san dòigh sam bu chòir FtG àrd-chàileachd a bhith air a lìbhrigeadh le Riaghaltas na h-Alba, ùghdarrasan ionadail agus sgoiltean, sùil a thoirt air an aithisg seo air làrach-lìn ùr HMIE.

Tha Comann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta) taingeil do Bhòrd na Gàidhlig agus Riaghaltas na h-Alba airson an taic ionmhais, tro Mhaoin Eadar-theachd Thràth do Chloinn agus Daoine Òga, agus do Chomunn na Gàidhlig airson taic rianachd leantainneach. Còmhla riumsa, tha mi cinnteach gum bi a h-uile ball den chomataidh airson taing mhòr a thoirt dhan sgioba dhìcheallach againn airson an cuid obrach gus taic a chumail rinn am-bliadhna, agus airson a h-uile rud a nì iad gus taic a thoirt dhan Ghàidhlig.

We are also very aware of the importance of early years language development and although our team do admirable work with families and in the early years sector we are limited by funding which restricts the size and scope of our team.

Delivery of Gaelic medium secondary provision continues to present challenges, and we welcomed the report 'Gaelic-medium Secondary Education: Assessment and Recommendations for Improvement' produced for Bòrd na Gàidhlig by Wilson Macleod and Jim Whannel in February. The report contains a substantial number of recommendations for local authorities, national organisations and Scottish Government which are all important for the future of secondary GM provision and we look forward to hearing more in the coming year on how these recommendations will be taken forward.

We are still awaiting the report on the Comhairle nan Eilean Siar feasibility study on a Gaelic secondary school for the Western Isles.

Another extremely important report 'Evaluating the Quality of Gaelic Education', which will influence the further development of Gaelic education, was published by His Majesty's Inspectors for Education in Scotland (HMIE) in January. I would encourage all parents who are interested in how Scottish Government, local authorities and schools should be delivering a high-quality GM provision to have a look at this report which is on the new HMIE website.

Comann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta) is grateful to Bòrd na Gàidhlig and Scottish Government, through the Children and Young Peoples Early Intervention Fund, for their financial support, and to Comunn na Gàidhlig for continuing administrative support. I am sure all committee members will join me in extending a wholehearted thank you to our hardworking and dedicated team for all their efforts in keeping us supported this year, and for all they do to support Gaelic.

I would like to thank all the parents in the local Comann nam Pàrant groups who have campaigned for, and supported, Gaelic medium education this year. We are mindful that parents have many commitments and the time and effort they give to CnP, both at local and national level, is very much appreciated.

Bu mhath leam taing a thoirt do na pàrantan air fad anns na buidhnean ionadail aig Comann nam Pàrant a tha air a bhith ag iomairt airson, agus a' toirt taic do dh'fhoghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig am-bliadhna. Tha sinn a' tuigsinn gu bheil mòran dhleastanasan air pàrantan agus thathar a' cur luach mòr anns an ùine agus san obair a bheir iad do CnP, an dà chuid aig ìre ionadail agus nàiseanta.

Mu dheireadh, 's e buidheann shaor-thoileach de phàrantan a th' anns a' chomataidh nàiseanta againn, a tha deònach an ùine phearsanta a thoirt seachad gus taic a thoirt dhan bhuidhinn. Tha mi a' toirt taing mhòr dhan a h-uile ball airson na rinn iad am-bliadhna, agus airson an obair, an ùine agus an dealas.

Eilidh NicFhionghain
Cathraiche Chomann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta).
An Cèitean 2026

Finally, our national committee is a voluntary body of parents, who willingly give up their personal time to support the organisation. I sincerely thank all members for their input this year, and for all their effort, time and commitment.

Helen Mackinnon
Comann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta) Chairperson
May 2026





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Ar n-obair

Tha sinn air leantainn oirnn le pàtran obrach measgaichte tron bhliadhna oir, ged a tha eadar-obrachaidhean aghaidh-ri-aghaidh uaireannan feumail agus riatanach, faodaidh tachartasan air-loidhne a bhith nas ruigsinniche do phàrantan agus tha iad leigeil leinn luchd-èisteachd nas fharsainge a ruighinn.

Our work

We have continued with a hybrid working pattern throughout the year as, although face-to-face interactions are sometimes useful and necessary, having online events can be more accessible for parents and allow us to reach a wider audience.

A' cumail taic ri pàrantan

Tha buidhnean Comann nam Pàrant a' cumail orra a' dèanamh obair chudromach aig ìre ionadail; a' cumail taic ri obair clas, a' cur air dòigh gnìomhan taobh a-muigh na sgoile agus ag iomairt air cùisean a tha deatamach a thaobh foghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig. Tha Innes, an t-oifigear leasachaidh againn ann gus taic a thoirt do na h-iomairtean ionadail sin.

Tha sinn a' leantainn oirnn le bhith a' ruith Sgeama Comhairleachaidh nam Pàrant againn, trom bi sinn a' cumail taic ri pàrantan gus Foghlam tro Mheadhan na Gàidhlig a bhrosnachadh san sgìre aca fhèin. Tha sinn air taic a thoirt do phàrantan le bhith a' lìbhrigeadh thachartasan ann an Siorrachd Rinn Friù an Ear, Siorrachd Rinn Friù, Siorrachd Lannraig, Farfar agus Baile Dhubhthaich. Ann an Siorrachd Rinn Friù an Ear agus Siorrachd Rinn Friù tha seiseanan BookBug ann gach seachdain a-nis ann an leabharlannan mar thoradh air an sgeama, nam measg Leabharlann Thornliebank, Leabharlann Baile Chlarc agus Leabharlann Phàislig. Bidh seiseanan Bookbug a' toirt deagh bhlasad do theaghlaichean air a' Ghàidhlig. Bheir e cothrom dhaibh am pàiste fhaicinn agus iad ag eadar-obrachadh tron chànan agus faodaidh na pàrantan a bhios a' lìbhrigeadh nan seiseanan seo fiosrachadh a thoirt seachad mu FtG san sgìre, rud a tha air a bhith gu math soirbheachail dhuinn. Tha an obair uile seo, a bharrachd air a' bhuidhinn Pàrant is Pàiste shoirbheachail a tha Kirsteen a' cuideachadh gus stiùireadh, air cuideachadh gus cur ris na h-àireamhan a tha a' clàradh ann am FtG san Lùnastal ann an Siorrachd Rinn Friù an Ear agus Siorrachd Rinn Friù.

Supporting Parents

Comann nam Pàrant groups continue to do important work at local level; supporting the work of the classroom, arranging activities in Gaelic outwith school and campaigning on issues that are critical to Gaelic medium provision. Innes, our development officer is available to support these local campaigns and initiatives.

We continue to run our Parental Advisory Scheme, where we support parents to promote Gaelic Medium Education within their local area. We have supported parents delivering events in East Renfrewshire, Renfrewshire, South Lanarkshire, Forfar and Tain. Within East Renfrewshire and Renfrewshire there are now BookBug sessions every week in libraries as a result of the scheme, including Thornliebank Library, Clarkston Library and Paisley Library. Bookbug sessions give families a great introduction to Gaelic. It allows them to see their child interact through the language and the parents delivering these sessions can give out first-hand information about GME within the area, which we have found to be very successful. All this work, as well as the successful Pàrant is Pàiste group which Kirsteen helps to facilitate, has helped to increase the numbers enrolling in GME in August in East Renfrewshire and Renfrewshire.

Innes has supported local Comann nam Pàrant groups throughout the country and helped to establish and reestablish groups in East Renfrewshire, Lochaber, Ullapool, Newtonmore and Tain. We regularly distribute information and attend meetings online and in-person when required to provide further support to the local groups.

Tha Innes air taic a chumail ri buidhnean Comann nam Pàrant air feadh na dùthcha agus air taic a thoirt seachad gus buidhnean a stèidheachadh no ath-stèidheachadh ann an Siorrachd Rinn Friù an Ear, Loch Abar, Ulapul, Baile Ùr an t-Slèibh agus Baile Dhubhthaich. Bidh sinn a' sgaoileadh fiosrachaidh gu cunbhalach agus a' frithealadh choinneamhan air-loidhne agus gu pearsanta nuair a bhios feum air sin gus barrachd taic a thoirt do na buidhnean ionadail.

Chùm sinn tachartas fiosrachaidh air-loidhne còmhla ri Bòrd na Gàidhlig a bha ag amas air pàrantan a tha a' beachdachadh air Foghlam tro Mheadhan na Gàidhlig. B' e tachartas nàiseanta a bha seo le còrr is 30 pàrant an làthair agus bha cleachdaichean an làthair bho thràth-bhliadhnaichean, bhon bhun-sgoil agus àrd-sgoil. Bha Comann nam Pàrant cuideachd an làthair aig seiseanan fiosrachaidh ann an sgoiltean agus chuidich iad buidhnean ionadail le bhith ag ullachadh agus a' sgaoileadh bileag ionadail a' sanasachd FtG.

Thug an sgioba againn taic do dh'iarrtas làidir airson Foghlam tro Mheadhan na Gàidhlig ann an Crìochan na h-Alba a chaidh a chur a-steach san Iuchar le ainm 35 duine-cloinne air an iarrtas. A' leantainn a' phròiseis san Stiùireadh Reachdail, rinn a' chomhairle ciad mheasadh agus measadh iomlan agus chaidh an fhreagairt fhoillseachadh air làrach-lìn na Comhairle air 6 Samhain, leis a' cho-dhùnadh *"Gus solar ionnsachaidh a thoirt air adhart airson Foghlam Bun-sgoile tro Mheadhan na Gàidhlig airson toiseach seisean sgoile 2026/2027."* Bha sinn air leth toilichte leis an adhartas a rinn na pàrantan agus thairis air na 6 mìosan a dh'fhalbh tha an sgioba againn air leantainn air adhart a' toirt taic do phàrantan agus tha iad air feuchainn ri com-pàirteachadh leis a' chomhairle. Tha dìth adhartais leis a' chomhairle na bhriseadh dùil; chan eil iad fhathast air innse do phàrantan far am bi an sgoil agus chan eil iad air sanas a chur a-mach airson tidsear fhathast.

We held an online information event with Bòrd na Gàidhlig for parents who are considering Gaelic Medium Education. This was a national event with over 30 parents in attendance where we had practitioners present from early years, primary and secondary. Comann nam Pàrant also attended information sessions in schools and assisted local groups in the preparation and distribution of a local leaflet advertising GME.

Our team supported a strong request submitted in July for Gaelic Medium Education in the Scottish Borders with 35 names of children on the request. Following the process in Statutory Guidance the council undertook an initial and full assessment publishing the response on the council website on the 6th of November 2025 with the decision stated, *"To take forward a learning provision for Gaelic Medium Primary Education for the beginning of school session 2026 / 2027."* We were delighted for parents and over the past 6 months our team have continued to support parents and have attempted to engage with the council. We are extremely disappointed with the lack of progress by the council; they have yet to inform parents on the location of the school and have not advertised for a teacher.



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Sgioba nan Tràth-bhliadhnaichean (air a mhaoineachadh le Maoin Eadar-theachd Thràth do Chloinn, Daoine Òga agus Teaghlaichean)

Tha maoineachadh aig Comann nam Pàrant gu 2027 a-nis às dèidh do Riaghaltas na h-Alba co-dhùnadh a' mhaoin seo a leudachadh fad bliadhna eile. Mar thoradh air a' mhaoineachadh seo, is urrainn dhuinn cumail oirnn leis an obair againn ann an roinn nan tràth-bhliadhnaichean leis an sgioba bheag againn anns a bheil aon mhanaidsear stèidhichte ann am meadhan na h-Alba agus dà oifigear pàirt-ùine stèidhichte sna h-Eileanan an Iar. Tha Oifigear Leasachaidh Cànain Teaghlaich againn cuideachd a tha ag amas air na tràth-bhliadhnaichean.

Bidh an sgioba againn anns na h-Eileanan an Iar a' cumail sheiseanan Thig a Chluich ann an Leòdhas agus sna Hearadh. Bidh na seiseanan buail a-steach airson cluich, sgeulachd is òrain seo airson clann ro-sgoile agus am pàrantan/luchd-cùraim a' tachairt gach Dimàirt ann an Steòrnabhagh, agus an uair sin gach cola-deug no gach mìos anns an Rubha, ann an Tolastadh, ann am Borgh agus air an Tairbeart. Tha na h-àireamhan a bhios a' frithealadh nan seiseanan seo brosnachail anns a h-uile sgìre. 'S e an seisean ann an Steòrnabhagh as trainge fhathast, far a bheil còrr is 20 leanabh an làthair gu tric. Bithear a' stiùireadh seisean Bookbug Gàidhlig ann an leabharlann Steòrnabhaigh turas sa mhìos cuideachd. Dh'obraich sinn ann an com-pàirteachas le sgioba HebCelt as t-samhradh sa chaidh cuideachd agus chùm sinn ceithir seiseanan òrain is sgeulachdan do theaghlaichean le cloinn òga aig an fhèis ann an Steòrnabhagh san Iuchar. Bha teaghlaichean bho air feadh na h-Alba, agus bho dhùthchannan eile, an làthair aig na seiseanan. Chaidh cuireadh a thoirt dhuinn tighinn air ais chun na fèise gus an aon àireamh de sheiseanan a chumail a-rithist as t-samhradh. Rè an t-samhraidh, stiùirich ar n-oifigearan sna h-Eileanan Siar seiseanan spòrs samhraidh aig diofar thràighean air feadh nan eilean. Bha iad air turas trì latha cuideachd gu Uibhist a Tuath, Uibhist a Deas agus Barraigh, far an do stiùirich iad seiseanan Thig a Chluich. Bha pàrantan an sin air leth toilichte tighinn do na seiseanan leis nach eil mòran ghnìomhachdan tràth-bhliadhnaichean Gàidhlig rim faighinn ann an Uibhist agus Barraigh.

Aig coinneamh leis an oifigear tràth-bhliadhnaichean Ghàidhlig agus manaidsear foghlaim na Gàidhlig aig Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, chaidh a' cheist a thogail carson a bhios cuid de dhaoine a' taghadh FtG dhan cuid chloinne is nach bi cuid eile. Thuirt sinn gum biomaid toilichte suirbhidh a chur a-mach do na teaghlaichean a tha an sàs san obair againn gus faighinn a-mach carson, agus dh'fhaighnich iad an gabhadh an aon suirbhidh a chur a-mach gu teaghlaichean le clann ann an sgoiltean-àraich is sgoiltean air feadh nan Eilean Siar.

Early Years Team (funded by Children, Young People and Families Early Intervention Fund)

Comann nam Pàrant now has funding until 2027 following the decision by Scottish Government to extend this fund for a further year. The funding allows us to continue our work in the early years sector with our small team of one manager based in the Central Belt and two part-time officers in the Western Isles. We also have a Family Language Development Officer whose work focuses on early years.

Our team in the Western Isles run Thig a Chluich sessions in Lewis and Harris. These drop-in play, story and song sessions for preschool children and their parents/carers take place every Tuesday in Stornoway, and then fortnightly or monthly in Point, Tolsta, Shawbost, Borve, and Tarbert. Numbers attending these sessions are encouraging in all areas. Stornoway remains the busiest session, where there are regularly over 20 children attending. They also lead a Gaelic Bookbug session in the Stornoway library once a month. We worked in partnership with the HebCelt team last summer and led four song and story sessions for families of young children attending the festival in Stornoway in July. Families from across Scotland attended the sessions, as well as from other countries. We have been invited back to the festival to lead the same number of sessions again this summer. During the summer our Western Isles officers led summer fun sessions at different beaches across the islands. They also made a three day visit to North and South Uist and Barra, where they led Thig a Chluich sessions. Parents there were delighted to attend the sessions are there are very few Gaelic early years activities in the Uists and Barra.

At a meeting with the Gaelic early years officer and Gaelic education manager for the Western Isles council the topic of why parents did and didn't choose GME for their children came up. We offered to send out a survey to our families to find out why, and they asked us if they could also send the same survey out to families of children in nurseries and schools across the Western Isles. We received around 400 replies, which have been very helpful for the Gaelic education team at the council to plan how best to support families with their Gaelic medium learning journey.

Fhuair sinn mu 400 freagairt, agus tha iad sin air a bhith glè fheumail do sgioba foghlaim Gàidhlig na comhairle gus planadh a dhèanamh air mar as fheàrr a bheir iad taic do theaghlaichean air an turas ionnsachaidh tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig aca.

Tha Kirsteen, Manaidsear nan Tràth-bhliadhnaichean againn, a' leantainn oirre a' stiùireadh seiseanan Bookbug mìosail ann an Leabharlann Chloinne Dhùn Èideann, san Leabharlann Nàiseanta agus ann an Leabharlann na h-Eaglaise Brice. Bidh teaghlaichean à diofar nàiseantachdan an làthair aig na seiseanan san Leabharlann Nàiseanta agus bidh na seiseanan gu tric làn. Stiùirich i seiseanan Bookbug aig na làithean-coimhearsnachdan Gàidhlig – Cruinn Còmhla – a chur Ionad Dhùn Èideann air dòigh.

San Ògmhios, dh'obraich sinn còmhla ri Bòrd na Gàidhlig gus seisean fiosrachaidh aghaidh-ri-aghaidh a chur air dòigh do theaghlaichean a bha airson barrachd fiosrachaidh fhaighinn mu Fhoghlam tro Mheadhan na Gàidhlig anns na Crìochan. Chaidh an seisean a chumail anns na Pùballan agus chuir sinn gnìomhan do chloinn air dòigh mar phàirt de seo gus nach fheumadh pàrantan cùram-chloinne a chur air dòigh airson tighinn ann.

Chaidh cuireadh a thoirt do Kirsteen san Lùnastal gus seiseanan Bookbug a chumail aig Fèis Leabhraichean Eadar-nàiseanta Dhùn Èideann. Reic an dà sheisean air a-mach agus chaidh an cumail air latha grianach brèagha anns an àrainn a-muigh do chloinn aig ionad ùr Fèis nan Leabhraichean.

Anns an t-Sultain stiùirich Kirsteen an Trèanadh againn airson Seisean Òran is Sgeulachdan ann an Inbhir Nis agus stiùirich i seisean eile ann an Dùn Èideann san Fhaoilleach. Bha cleachdaichean tràth-bhliadhnaichean à Ullapul, Inbhir Narann, Cataibh agus Eilginn an làthair aig seisean Inbhir Nis. Bha cleachdaichean tràth-bhliadhnaichean Gàidhlig, luchd-obrach sgoil-àraich, tidsearan bun-sgoile agus luchd-obrach tràth-bhliadhnaichean a tha ag obair ann an suidheachaidhean tro mheadhan na Beurla an làthair aig seisean Dhùn Èideann. Bha e fìor bhrosnachail agus cuideachail a bhith faicinn gun robh an uimhir de chleachdaichean airson òrain Gàidhlig a thoirt a-steach sna suidheachaidhean Beurla aca. Bha fios-air-ais fàbharach airson nan seiseanan trèanaidh againn agus am measg seo bha beachdan, mar eisimpleir, 'glè inntinneach agus glè chàirdeil, gu h-àraidh leis nach robh a' mhòr-chuid de dhaoine a bha ann eòlach air a' chèile', 'Chòrd an seisean rium gu mòr, bha e math molaidhean agus beachdan a chluinntinn bho Kirsteen agus luchd-frithealaidh eile'. Fhuair gach neach-frithealaidh lethbhreac de leabhar-làimhe nan òran againn, anns a bheil òrain a bhiodh freagarrach airson seiseanan agus còdan QR le faidhlichean fuaim airson gach òran, a bharrachd air goireasan-taic, leabhraichean, làraich-lìn le barrachd mholaidhean agus fhuair sinn tòrr fios-air-ais mu cho feumail 's a tha an goireas seo.

Kirsteen, our Early Years Manager continues to lead monthly Bookbug sessions in the Edinburgh Children's Library, National Library and Falkirk Library. The sessions at the National Library have families of many different nationalities attending and are often fully booked. She also led Bookbug sessions at the Gaelic Community Days – Cruinn Còmhla – organised by Ionad Dhùn Èideann.

In June we worked together with Bòrd na Gàidhlig to put on an in-person information session for families who wanted to find out more about Gaelic Medium Education in the Borders. The session was held in Peebles and we included activities for children so that parents didn't need to worry about organising childcare to come along.

In August Kirsteen was invited to lead Bookbug sessions at the Edinburgh International Book Festival. Both sessions were sold out and took place in beautiful sunshine in the outdoor children's area at the new venue for the Book Festival.

In September Kirsteen led our Song and Story Session Training in Inverness and led another session in Edinburgh in January. The Inverness session was attended by early years practitioners from Ullapool, Nairn, Inverness, Sutherland and Elgin. The Edinburgh session was attended by Gaelic early years practitioners, sgoil àraich staff, primary school teachers and early years practitioners who work in English medium settings. It was really encouraging and supportive to see so many practitioners keen to introduce Gaelic songs in their mainstream settings. Feedback from our training sessions was positive and included comments like 'very engaging and relaxed, especially considering most people were strangers', 'I enjoyed the session a lot, it was great to hear tips and ideas from Kirsteen and other attendees' Each attendee received a copy of our song handbook, which contains suggested songs for sessions and QR codes to sound files for each song, as well as suggested resources, props, books, websites for more ideas and we received lots of feedback about how helpful this resource is. We worked alongside Bòrd na Gàidhlig, who provided the administrative support to run these sessions.

In October Kirsteen and Innes attended an Information Session held by West Primary School in Paisley for parents who were thinking of enrolling their children in GME.

THIG A CHLUICH

Dh'obraich sinn còmhla ri Bòrd na Gàidhlig, a thug seachad an taic rianachd gus na seiseanan seo a ruith.

Anns an Dàmhair, chaidh Kirsteen agus Innes gu Seisean Fiosrachaidh a chuir Bun-sgoil an Iar ann am Pàislig air dòigh do phàrantan a bha a' beachdachadh air an cuid chloinne a chlàradh ann am Foghlam tro Mheadhan na Gàidhlig.

Bidh buidhnean Pàrant is Pàiste a' coinneachadh ann an Siorrachd Àir a Tuath, Cille Mheàrnaig, Drochaid an Easbaig, Pollokshields, Partaig, Pàislig, Baile Ùr na Maoirne, An t-Àrd Ruigh, Cille Bhrìghde an Ear, Sruighlea agus Dùn Èideann. Tha Kirsteen a' cumail oirre a' stiùireadh sheiseanan ann an Sruighlea agus sna Pùballan gach seachdain agus i a' cumail oirre ag obair air 'curraicealam' nan tràth-bliadhnaichean a tha a-nis ri fhaighinn air Neadan.scot airson buidhnean tràth-bhliadhnaichean air feadh na dùthcha gus an urrainn dhaibh a chleachdadh anns na seiseanan aca. Am-bliadhna tha mòran de na cuspairean airson nan duilleagan-obrach stèidhichte air faclan agus abairtean san leabhran ùr againn, Gàidhlig a-staigh.

Tha an t-Oifigear Leasachaidh Cànain Teaghlaich againn, Lewis, a' toirt seachad diofar chothroman do phàrantan is shean-phàrantan gus Gàidhlig a chleachdadh agus ionnsachadh. Tha a' mhòr-chuid de chothroman air-loidhne ach tha beagan tachartasan aghaidh-ri-aghaidh ann cuideachd. Bidh na clasaichean Gàidhlig do luchd-tòiseachaidh (A1) agus iar-luchd-tòiseachaidh (A2) a' cleachdadh a' chùrsa mhòr-chòrdte SpeakGaelic le clasaichean air-loidhne rim faighinn air diofar làithean agus aig diofar amannan. Tha seiseanan sònraichte ann cuideachd dhaibhsan a tha ag obair ann an roinn tràth-bhliadhnaichean na Gàidhlig a tha ag iarraidh am misneachd a thogail ann a bhith a' bruidhinn a' chànain ann an àrainneachd neo-fhoirmeil agus thaiceil - tha sinn ag amas air na cothroman seo a mheudachadh ann an com-pàirteachas le Bòrd na Gàidhlig.

Chaidh goireas ionnsachaidh ùr do theaghlaichean a chruthachadh is fhoillseachadh an-uiridh - leabhar-abairtean 'Gàidhlig a-staigh'. Tha sinn an dòchas gum bi an goireas seo feumail chan ann a-mhàin dhaibhsan a tha dìreach air tòiseachadh air Gàidhlig ionnsachadh còmhla ri an cuid cloinne, ach cuideachd dhaibhsan a tha fileanta sa chànan mar-thà ach aig nach eil am briathrachas, is dòchas, airson suidheachaidhean dachaigheil. Tha an leabhar a' coimhead air diofar shuidheachaidhean, bho bhith a' dol dhan taigh-bheag gu bhith a' bruidhinn mu bhiadh a tha air a dhol dheth. Tha faidhlichean claisneachd agus bhideothan goirid airson an leabhair rim faighinn air SoundCloud agus YouTube. Tha an tionndadh air-loidhne den leabhar-d air a bhith ri fhaighinn air Neadan.scot bhon Chèitean an-uiridh, agus tha an tionndadh clò-bhuailte air a bhith ri fhaighinn bhon Dàmhair air adhart. Faodar lethbhreacan òrdachadh air-loidhne.

Parant is Pàiste groups meet in North Ayrshire, Kilmarnock, Bishopbriggs, Pollokshields, Partick, Paisley, Newton Mearns, Airdrie, East Kilbride, Stirling, Peebles and Edinburgh. Kirsteen continues to lead the weekly sessions in Stirling and Peebles and is continuing to work on the early years 'curriculum' which is now available on Neadan.scot for early years groups across the country to use at their sessions. This year many of the themes for the worksheets are based around words and phrases from our new booklet Gaelic a-staigh.

Lewis, our Family Language Development Officer provides a variety of opportunities for parents and grandparents to use and learn Gaelic, mainly online but with some in-person events. The Gaelic classes for beginners (A1) and post-beginners (A2) follow the popular SpeakGaelic course, with a variety of days and times available for online classes. There are also special sessions available for those working in the Gaelic early years sector who are looking to build their confidence speaking the language in an informal and supportive environment - we are looking to expand these opportunities in partnership with Bòrd na Gàidhlig.

A new learning resource for families was developed and published last year– the 'Gàidhlig a-staigh' phrasebook. We hope this resource will be useful not only to those who have just started learning Gaelic alongside their children, but also to those who are already operationally fluent in the language but perhaps lack the vocabulary for more domestic settings. The book covers various situations, from going to the toilet to speaking about gone-off food. The audio files and short videos for the book are available on SoundCloud and YouTube. The online e-book version has been available since May of last year on Neadan.scot, and the printed version was made available from October onwards. Copies can be ordered online.





Seachdain na Gàidhlig do sgoiltean ann an Dùn Èideann

Tron t-seachdain a' tòiseachadh 27mh Giblean 2026 chùm Comann nam Pàrant an tachartas bliadhnail aca, Seachdain Dhùn Èideann. Seo cothrom a th' ann air a thabhann do sgoilearan bhun-sgoiltean ann am foghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig ann am BS4-7 a bhith a' dol gu gnìomhan tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig ann an diofar ionadan luchd-turais ann an Dùn Èideann. Am-bliadhna chùm sinn seiseanan ann an Dynamic Earth, Taigh-tasgaidh Nàiseanta na h-Alba, Gailearaidh Portraid Nàiseanta na h-Alba, Caisteal Dhùn Èideann agus Lùchairt Thaigh an Ròid.

Aig Our Dynamic Earth, chaidh bùth-obrach eadar-obrachail a chumail le Shona Chaimbeul mun fhànas agus bha cothrom aig na sgoilearan an uair sin a dhol timcheall taisbeanadh inntinneach ann an Dynamic Earth. B' i Kirsteen Mhoireach a bha os cionn thursan tursan timcheall taisbeanadh sònraichte aig Taigh Tasgaidh Nàiseanta na h-Alba, 'Fuamhairean'. Às dèidh an taisbeanaidh, bha cothrom aig na sgoilearan a bhith a' togail mhodailean fuamhairean anns a' bhùth-obrach. Aig Gailearaidh Portraid Nàiseanta na h-Alba, b' i Chiorstaidh NicArtair a thug a' chlann timcheall a' ghailearaidh a' coimhead nas dlùithe ri pìosan ealain agus às dèidh làimh bha cothrom aig na sgoilearan pìosan aca fhèin a churthachadh. Rinn Caitlin Andrew agus Catrìona NicIlleMhoire turas timcheall air caisteal Dhùn Èideann, a' gabhail a-steach a bhith a' dol timcheall a' chaisteil gu lèir is a bhith a' dol a-steach do na seann phrìosanan. Chaidh sèisean spòrsail a chumail le Megan Dale timcheall Lùchairt Taigh an Ròid le fòcas air eachdraidh Màiri Banrigh na h-Alba. Chaidh na tursan uile a chumail tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig a-mhàin agus cha bhiodh seo air a bhith comasach às aonais taic bho luchd-obrach aig a h-uile ionad turasachd.

Am-bliadhna ghabh 17 sgoiltean eadar-dhealaichte agus còrr is 400 sgoilear pàirt tron t-seachdain bho air feadh meadhan na h-Alba, sgìre Chomhairle na Gàidhealtachd, Earra-Ghàidheal agus Bhòid - agus airson a' chiad turais ann an iomadach bliadhna, bha cuideachd buidhean sgoile ann bho Chomhairle nan Eilean Siar. Tha e na adhbhar misneachd dhuinn a bhith a' faicinn an uiread de sholarachadh foghlam Gàidhlig a thilleas bliadhna às dèidh bliadhna, agus tha sinn gu math mothachail air an oidhrip mhòr a tha seo airson sgoiltean, gu h-àraid an fheadhainn a dh'fheumas fuireach ann an Dùn Èideann airson 2 neo 3 oidhcheannan. Chuir sinn cèilidh air dòigh aig Àrainn Darroch airson nan sgoilearan a bha a' fuireach ann an Dùn Èideann agus cuideachd chuir sinn fàilte air sgoilearan bho Bhun Sgoil Taobh na Pàirce.

Gaelic week for schools in Edinburgh

During week commencing 27 April 2026, Comann nam Pàrant held their annual event, Seachdain Dhùn Èideann / Edinburgh Gaelic Week. This is an opportunity offered to all Gaelic Medium Primary Schools for P4-7 pupils to attend activities through the medium of Gaelic at different attractions within Edinburgh. This year we held sessions at Dynamic Earth, the National Museum of Scotland, the National Portrait Galleries of Scotland, Edinburgh Castle and the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

At Our Dynamic Earth, Shona Campbell ran an interactive workshop about space and the pupils then had the opportunity to tour the fascinating exhibition at Dynamic Earth. At the National Museum of Scotland, Kirsteen Murray led tours round a current exhibition at the museum, 'Giants'. The pupils then had the opportunity to build 'giant' models in the workshop. At the National Portrait Galleries of Scotland, Chiorstaidh MacArthur led the school groups round the galleries looking more closely at the art and then they had the opportunity to create some art of their own. At Edinburgh Castle, Catriona Morrison & Caitlin Andrews conducted a tour of the castle which included going round the whole castle and into the old prisons. At Palace of Holyroodhouse, Megan Dale led an engaging workshop which included a tour of the palace focusing on the history of Mary Queen of Scots. All these tours were conducted entirely through the medium of Gaelic and would not have been possible without the collaboration of staff at the different attractions.

This year 17 different schools and over 400 pupils attending the sessions throughout the week from schools across the central belt as well as Highland Council, Argyll & Bute Council and for the first time in several years a school group from Comhairle nan Eilean Siar. It is very encouraging to see the number of Gaelic Medium provisions that return year after year, and we are very aware of the large undertaking this is for schools, especially for those who are staying in Edinburgh for 2 or 3 nights. Many thanks to school staff and parents who make this opportunity possible for the pupils. On Wednesday night we organised a cèilidh at the Darroch Campus for the school groups that were staying in Edinburgh as well as welcoming pupils from Taobh na Pairce.

Seachdain Dhùn Èideann









Conaltradh Comann nam Pàrant

Tha dà làraich-lìn aig Comann nam Pàrant, www.parant.org.uk is www.neadan.scot agus tha sinn gnìomhach air Facebook, Instagram agus X.

Tha Parant.org.uk a' toirt seachad fiosrachadh mu Fhoghlam tro Mheadhan na Gàidhlig do phàrantan. Tha seo a' gabhail a-steach liosta den t-solar uile airson foghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig le fiosrachadh conaltraidh airson sgoiltean. Tha stuthan taic agus ceanglaichean ri làraichean-lìn feumail eile ann do phàrantan cuideachd.

Is e amas na dàrna làraich-lìn www.neadan.scot a bhith na làrach coileanta do phàrantan le fòcas air na tràth-bhliadhnaichean. Tha pailteas fiosrachaidh air an làraich-lìn a' gabhail a-steach comhairle do phàrantan mu bhith a' cleachdadh barrachd Gàidhlig san dachaigh. Tha an t-oifigear leasachaidh teaghlaich fhathast a' cruthachadh agus a' leasachadh barrachd ghoireasan agus mar sin, dèan cinnteach gun lean thu na meadhanan sòisealta againn airson na susbaint as ùire.

Tha cuairt-litir ràitheil againn do phàrantan anns a bheil fiosrachadh mu iomairtean foghlaim nàiseanta a bharrachd air susbaint co-cheangailte ris a' Ghàidhlig agus fiosrachadh mu obair ionadail aig Comann nam Pàrant.

Tha sinn air grunn ghoireasan ullachadh airson sgaoileadh aig tachartasan fiosrachaidh agus tha iad sin rim faighinn bhuainn an-asgaidh.

Comann nam Pàrant Comms

Comann nam Pàrant have two websites, www.parant.org.uk & www.neadan.scot and we are active on Facebook, Instagram and X.

Parant.org.uk provides information on Gaelic Medium Education for parents. This includes a list of all Gaelic medium provision with contact details for schools. There are also support materials and links to other useful websites for parents.

The second website www.neadan.scot aims to be a one-stop-shop for parents with a focus on early years. There is a wealth of information on the website including advice for families on how to use more Gaelic in the home. The family development officer continues to develop and create more resources, and please do follow our social media for up-to-date and new content.

We have a quarterly newsletter for parents which has information on national educational initiatives, as well as Gaelic related content and features on local Comann nam Pàrant activities.

We have produced a number of resources for distribution at information events and these are available from us at no cost.

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Co-obrachadh

Bidh sinn ag obrachadh le agus a' cumail coinneamhan cunbhalach le sgioba an Fhoghlaim aig Bòrd na Gàidhlig.

Bidh coinneamhan cunbhalach againn le Luchd-Sgrùdaidh an Rìgh airson Foghlam ann an Alba agus tha sinn taingeil airson an taic le bhith a' sgaoileadh fios agus a' cuairteachadh na cuairt-litreach againn.

Tha sinn nar buill den Bhuidhinn Thar-phàrtaidh air Teaghlaichean a' Cumail taic ri Ionnsachadh Chloinne.

M Wentworth

Collaborative working

We have regular meetings with, and work in partnership with, the education team at Bòrd na Gàidhlig.

We have regular meetings with His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education in Scotland and appreciate their support in sharing information and circulating our newsletter.

We are members of the Cross-Party Group on Families Supporting Children's Learning.

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Comann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta)

Tha Comann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta), a' bhuidheann stiùiridh airson nam buidhnean ionadail, na charthannas clàraichte an Alba le prìomh amas "a bhith a' cur air adhart agus a' toirt taice do stèidheachadh is cumail suas Foghlam tro Mheadhan na Gàidhlig". Tha comas aig a h-uile sgìre far am bheil buidheann CnP ionadail a bhith air an riochdachadh air a' chomataidh nàiseanta, a' ciallachadh gun cluinnear guth gach pàrant aig ìre nàiseanta.

Comann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta), the umbrella body for Comann nam Pàrant groups, is a registered charity in Scotland whose main aim is "to promote and support the establishment and maintenance of education through the medium of Gaelic". All areas with local CnP groups are able to be represented on the national committee, thus ensuring that all parents can have a voice at national level.

Comataidh Chomann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta) 2025 / 2026

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