During the week beginning 25th February we will welcome a HMIe inspection team to our school and nurseries. The team will consist of seven members, led by Managing Inspector, Ms Joan Esson.

We very much consider this part of the ongoing evaluation of our school and nurseries, and look forward to working with the team to identify strengths and areas for development within the centre, and to plan for our continued improvement.

Parents will have received a link to a survey which we would encourage you to complete as part of this process.

Here are the links again:

The online survey for parents (Early learning and childcare settings): https://forms.education.gov.scot/s/IZSM0/

The online survey for parents/carers (School): https://forms.education.gov.scot/s/67IR5/

Please remember that the surveys close on Wednesday 13th February.

REMININDER: Severe weather telephone line:

PHONE: 0800 564 2272
PIN: 2080
Please call to find out whether the school and nursery are open during bad weather.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

*Monday 18th February and Tuesday 19th February - No school or nursery. HOLIDAY.

*Wednesday 20th February - No school or nursery. STAFF TRAINING (INSET) DAY.

*WEEK BEGINNING 25th February - Nursery Enrolment week.

*WEEK BEGINNING 25th February - HMIe inspection of the school and nurseries.

*Thursday 28th February – Author Visit. Mike Nicholson will visit the school to work with the children.

*Thursday 7th March - World Book Day is being organised by the pupil council this term. There will be an opportunity for parents to visit the school between 8.50am and 10am to join your child in class whilst they take part in a Literacy lesson. We hope to see you there. Details will be issued closer to the time.

*Friday 5th April – School and nurseries close for Easter.
For term dates visit: https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/32/school_term_dates

Acting Head Teacher - Mrs Sarah Taylor.
Contact the school on 01445 712165 or gairloch.primary@highland.gov.uk
AUTHOR VISIT – THURSDAY 28th FEBRUARY

On Thursday 28th February, we will welcome Mike Nicholson to our school. Mike Nicholson is an author who writes books for children across the primary school age range, including picture books, books in Scots, and mystery adventure stories. When he comes to school he will involve the children in the following sessions:

P1-3: Thistle Street, Thistle Sands and Thistle Games – sessions which will look at Scots language and rhyming words.

P4-5: Museum Mystery Squad – work around a series of books about a team of 3 children based in a museum.

P6-7: A writing session based on how an author gets from a blank sheet of paper to a finished book, and considering where authors get their ideas from.

We very much look forward to these visits, which are a great opportunity to enhance our Literacy Development work in school. Thank you very much to Ms Eleanor Kennedy, class teacher at Kinlochewe Primary School, for working with Mrs MacKenzie and Mr McDonagh to organise this event. A really great example of how our teachers are working collaboratively across our cluster.

For further information about Mike Nicholson and his work, visit:
http://scottishbooktrust.com/profile-author/981

HEAD LICE
We issue regular advice to parents about Head Lice prevention and treatment. We hope you find this useful.

Head Lice are a common problem in school aged children. They can’t be prevented, but regular checking ensures early detection and treatment if necessary. Parents and carers should check their children’s heads once a week during hair washing. You need your usual shampoo, conditioner, and a detection comb – ask your local pharmacist to recommend a suitable one. Remember that you are looking for living moving lice, the only evidence that your child is infected. If you find a living louse, ask your local pharmacist, school nurse, health visitor or GP for advice regarding treatment.

For further information see:
http://www.nits.net/bugbusting
http://www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk
and search on ‘head lice

NURSERY BAKE OFF SUCCESS!

Message from our nursery EYPs

Five teams competed in the cheesecake challenge. The challenge was to bake a cheesecake using a cheesecake mix and decorate it. Points were awarded for best adult/child input. This was a very difficult decision and the points were awarded to the team where the child helped with the washing up. Thank you to Alison who came and judged the best decorated cheesecake. Due to your own voting, the winners of the bake off were Ella and Morag, who went home with their very own bake off trophy.

Thank you all for coming in and taking part. It was great to see you all sharing the floor book and the children’s profiles. Lots of fun was had by all.