

School Newsletter

Term 1 2025



Acorns class have been learning about different vocations that help others.



Smoothie making at the fundraiser café.

Pupil-led Fundraising for charities!



Employment Opportunities

Class Teacher Part Time Role

Supply Teachers Casual Roles

Volunteer Opportunities

Handyman Flexible work schedule

Classroom / Playground Assistant Part Time Role

Please contact us by email if you are interested or for more information:
office@providencechristian.school

All staff and volunteers at our school must be committed Christians

Upcoming Events

Soup & Pudding Lunch:
1st Nov 12pm-2pm at MA Memorial Hall

Craft Market Stall
6th Dec 1pm-5pm at Spòrsnis, Ness

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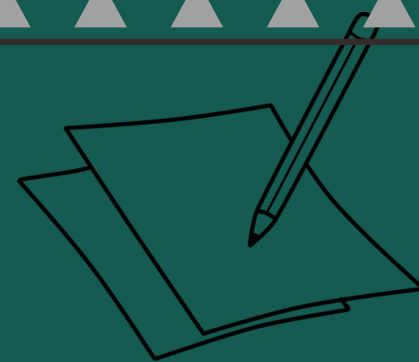
Cearns Community Centre, Cearn Shulaisgeir,
Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, HS1 2YN

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A note from the Headteacher

An overview of the past term from Mrs Stewart.



We began our new session with an opening assembly led by Rev. K. Stewart, worshipping God and asking for His help for the term ahead. We were blessed to welcome five new Primary 1 pupils, as well as a new Primary 2 and a new Primary 5 pupil. They all enjoyed harvesting our potatoes and taking a bag home to share with their families!

In September, Fabian, a French divinity student visited us at Providence and he shared information about his locality and intention to open a Christian school in France when he completes his studies. We have been encouraged to pray for this by our pupils during daily worship. We were also privileged to have a visit from Alejandro, from Mexico, and his hosts (Rev and Mrs D Macdonald) who answered many of the pupil's questions about Mexico and particularly about the wildlife in this vast country. Alejandro did a fantastic job answering them all which was not easy! Their interest, support and visits were very much appreciated.

Our topics this term — “People Who Help Us” in the Acorns and “Brave and Strong” in the Oaks — have given us opportunities to learn from members of our community who serve as nurses, a firefighter, and a police dog handler. Pupils asked lots of questions and enjoyed practising with various medical tools.

In our topic work, The Acorns have also been learning about the bravery of Grace Darling, the young daughter of an English lighthouse keeper who helped rescue nine men from a shipwreck in 1848 during a terrifying storm, and William Quarrier, a man from Greenock, Scotland, who had great faith in God to provide for needs. He established a village of over 40 homes in Bridge of Weir, near Glasgow, complete with a school, church, and hospital, to house thousands of homeless orphans in the 19th century. They have created portrait drawings of them both as well as a clay model of Quarrier's Village. The Oaks have been researching the lives of William Tyndale, Mary Slessor and David Livingston and enjoyed studying the life of Brother Andrew as a class Novel.

As we focused on those ‘who help us’, we felt inspired to help others. The pupils planned a Soup, Sandwich, and Smoothie Lunch to raise funds for Blythswood Dinners — a project that provides school lunches for children in need abroad — and for The Society for the Distribution of Hebrew Scriptures, which helps others access the message of salvation. Our families and friends raised over £370, which we will share between the two projects.

Our Bible memorisation this term has been Matthew 5:3–10, and the pupils have been praising God through Psalms 12, 89, and 121, focusing on God as our help in all the situations we face.

This term we have also been blessed to welcome two new volunteer classroom assistants — Rona Wilson (Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings) and Sandra Macdonald (Tuesday mornings) — who have joined Christina Morrison in supporting our classes. Mrs. Amanda Murray continues to volunteer on Wednesday mornings to teach Gaelic, and Rev. P. Murray and Alexander Stewart have kindly been volunteering to lead PE instruction on Thursday afternoons.

Together with our teachers, Mr Musty and Miss Mackenzie and myself, they are helping to provide a Christ centred education for our pupils.

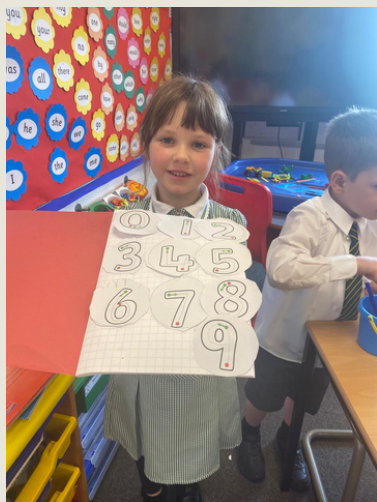
Our term ended with an Assembly led by Rev C Macdonald (retired). We thank God for His help in our learning journey, care for our well being and provision of resources and staff during our first term of 2025-26 session.

Acorns Corner

Providence Christian School are delighted to welcome a number of new pupils this new school year. Amongst them, were our enthusiastic new Primary 1 pupils!



First Days in Acorns Class!



Painting the grass for Quarriers model village.

Acorns class busy making model Quarriers homes with clay.

Learning Themes

‘People who help us’

Twelve Disciples



Oaks Corner



Oaks pupils counting a large coin donation we were given by a supporter.



Topic

In the Oaks class, our topic has focused on the theme 'Brave and Bold'. The pupils have been learning about significant figures of the Christian faith, such as William Tynedale, Mary Slessor, David Livingstone and Brother Andrew. The pupils learned about their lives and considered what elements of their lives made them Brave and Bold for the Lord.

Bible

The Oaks class have been working through the Sermon on the Mount and the life of Peter in Bible this term. We have spent time going through the Beatitudes (our memory verse focus for this term), considering what it means to be salt and light this world, how Jesus fulfilled many Old Testament prophecy during His time on earth and the problem of sin in our hearts.



Harris Tweed key rings made by pupils to sell at the cafe

Learning Themes

'Brave and Bold'

Sermon on the Mount

Some Extra Highlights

Soups, Sandwiches and Smoothies Fundraiser!

PCS pupils came together to organise a Soups, Sandwiches and Smoothies Fundraiser for Blythwood Dinners and The Society for Distributing Hebrew Scriptures. The children prepared soups, sandwiches and smoothies which were served to parents at a cafe event held at the school. Parents were able to make donations at the cafe. Some of the older pupils in the Oaks class also sold Harris Tweed keychains that they had made at their lunchtime Sewing Club. A fantastic sum of £350 was raised by the SSS fundraiser which will be split between these very worthwhile charities. Thank you to all who came along to support it!



Making smoothies at the cafe.



Parents enjoyed sampling the various items on offer at the cafe!



Selling crafts made by pupils.



Making soups with Miss MacKenzie's Mum!



Preparing sandwiches for the cafe.



Preparing vegetables for the soups.



Child Smile



We enjoyed hearing from Alasdair MacLeod (aka Captain Toothpaste) from Child Smile, who shared some information on how to keep our teeth healthy.

Mexican Visitor



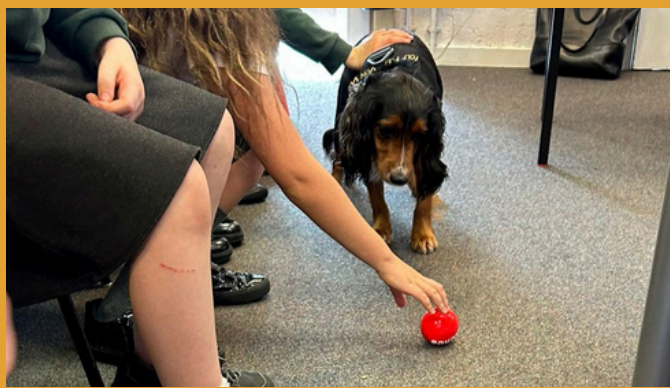
PCS enjoyed a visit from Alejandro Morrison, a friend of Rev and Mrs MacDonald. Alejandro lives a great distance away in Mexico City! The children enjoyed some time asking questions about this part of the world and finding out about the people and animals that live there!

Topic Visits

Our Interdisciplinary Learning Topics for this term were 'Brave and Bold' (Oaks Class) and 'People Who Help Us' (Acorns). To help our learning, we invited some people from the local community who have jobs which tie into these learning themes.



We enjoyed hearing from Fireman, DR Morrison who shared some interesting information about his work in the Fire Service.



Calum, the police dog handler visited PCS with Viv the Police Dog! Calum discussed Viv's training and did a live demonstration of her finding a scent in the classroom.

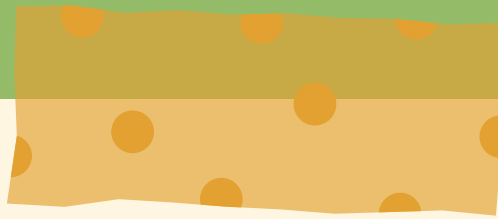


Nurses visited Providence to tell us about how they help people in their roles.



A note from the Chairman

Rev. Paul Murray, the Chairman of the PCS Board shares an update from this term.



The School Board has been very encouraged by the increase in the school roll for the 2025/2026 session. Our teachers continue to work very hard to ensure that our pupils are receiving a rigorous and Christ-centred education. We are also very pleased that the recruitment of volunteer classroom assistants has been successful, and trust that the new recruits are a valuable asset to our school.

The quarterly prayer meeting took place in September and was led by Rev Raymond Kemp. There was a healthy attendance and it was encouraging to see new faces with an interest in Christian education.

Since August, Board members have received Safeguarding Training and Governors Training, both of which have been helpful. The various sub-committees of the Board have also been meeting regularly to progress the aims of the school.

It was with heavy hearts that we agreed to allow our successful Toddler Group to fall into abeyance, because of lack of space on the school premises - it is hoped that this will be revived again in the future.

While valuing our current school premises, we continue to look for larger premises which would enable the school to grow. We are also actively pursuing whether a junior secondary school could be opened in August 2026. There are many obstacles in our way, but we trust that God is able to help us to overcome them, if that be His will.

We continue to value those who support the school, and to covet your prayers for the progress of Christian education in our island.

Ways to Donate to PCS

The school is under the auspices of the Lewis Christian Education Association which is the charity to which all money will be paid to be used by the school.

BACS Payment
Lewis Christian Education Association
Bank of Scotland
Sort code: 80-09-73
Account Number: 00100710

Cheque
Please make cheques payable to:
Lewis Christian Education Association
c/o 13 Marybank, Stornoway, HS2 0DF



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Prayer Notes



Thanksgiving

- A new year with twenty eager pupils
- Five enthusiastic new Primary One pupils
- Ongoing prayerful and financial support from PCS supporters
- God's provision of our building, staff and volunteers
- New opportunities and prospects of achievements by God's grace

Requests

- Please pray for our pupils to grow in knowledge of the world God has created for their good
- Pray that the character of the pupils will be built up to reflect the Lord Jesus Christ and be willing to serve in this world
- Pray for our staff and volunteers' health and keeping in the term ahead
- Pray that our school community will continue to grow and be united in the mission of the school
- Pray that we will be a light in the community here in the Cearn
- Please pray that we would find a new teacher to cover the part-time post advertised