

# Raising awareness of

THE APPIN community was welcomed to a Gaelic education information day on Sunday with cups of tea and home-baking. All the Gaelic groups in the Appin area came together to tell the community what they were about, provide information on their activities and generally raise awareness of Gaelic in the area. Allan Coltart, who is chairman of the local branch of Comann nam Pàrant, the support group for parents of children learning Gaelic, told *The Oban Times* that some folk in the area did not even know that Strath of Appin Primary School had a Gaelic medium unit.

A number of Gaelic groups had stalls at the

information day to give parents and others an idea of what was available in the area as well fun activities for youngsters along for the afternoon. As well as the Gaelic medium unit and Gaelic nursery - Croileagan na h-Apainn - there was the Gaelic Book Council, Comunn na Gàidhlig, Comann nam Pàrant and Sradagan an Obain (Oban Gaelic Youth Club).

Strath of Appin Gaelic Medium Unit has 12 pupils now, none of whose parents speak Gaelic themselves but have a connection with the language somewhere in their family background. The school's Gaelic medium unit started a few years ago with just eight pupils.



*Callum King, 15 months, Appin, gets a helping hand from Verity Antcliff of Croileagan na h-Apainn.*



*Niall Jordan, aged 13, Connel, was on hand to add a bit of music to the Appin Gaelic education information day.*