



Sgoil Lionacleit News

Christmas Concert 2014

December 2014



HEAD LINES FROM Mr Miller MacDonald

Just after the October holiday our S4 Hospitality pupils, working with S6 pupils, organised a number of events for Wear It Pink Day raising over £500.00 for Breast Cancer Research.

This year we have combined the Junior and Senior Dances into one. This was suggested last year and if successful may be made permanent. With all arrangements in place it promises to be as enjoyable as in previous years!

I wish to congratulate Uist Youth Theatre on their excellent performance and production of Alice in Wonderland. It was superb! The help of the Parent Council in providing refreshments and treats at the Pantomime was appreciated by all.

There have been some changes in personnel to our Parent Council: Roddy MacIsaac and Margaret MacDonald have stepped down from their positions of Chair and Treasurer. Howard Warner takes over as Chair, George McGhee moves to Treasurer and the Secretary is Libby Patterson. I wish to thank Roddy and Margaret for their work on the Parent Council and for their support of our young people. I was pleased to welcome new parents to our Parent Council. I wish to thank S1 parents for their helpful suggestions at our first Parent Focus Group that took place on Thursday 11th December.

Professional Update has been introduced in Sgoil Lionacleit for all teachers. Professional Update is administered by the GTC Scotland and its key purposes are to: maintain and improve the quality of teachers; enhance the impact they have on pupils' learning; support, maintain and enhance teachers' continued professionalism and the reputation of the teaching profession in Scotland.

With the end of term fast approaching may I wish pupils, parents and staff a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year!



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Pictured above top: S5/6 band member Cameron MacKay; The Gaelic Choir; S5/6 band members Kirsty MacLean, Sarah MacMillan, Laurence Donkers, Fergus MacVicar & Anndra MacIsaac; S5/6 band members Daisy Melnyczuk & Caitlin MacPhee. **Pictured above lower:** SL Pipe Bank; Rachael MacDonald; Katie MacLennan & Sarah MacMillan. **Pictured right:** Highland dancer Alanna Lindsay.

It was a full house at Sgoil Lionacleit Theatre on the night of Monday 15th December for the return of the school Christmas Concert. Pupils and staff performed a diversity of music and dance which included the rousing skirl of the Sgoil Lionacleit Pipe Band, a skilled display of control from the Highland dancer, interpretations of Christmas rock and pop songs from the two talented S5/S6 bands, and Gaelic, English and Italian carols were sung by the school choir. Many thanks to Mr Gillies and Mrs MacDonald for organising the event and bringing this showcase of talent to the wider community.

The Season For Giving

a fantastic track record for raising funds for charitable organisations and during this term a number of deserving causes have benefited from the support of pupils and staff as detailed below, and on page 2.

With the coming of Christmas we are reminded how important it is to give to those less fortunate than ourselves. Sgoil Lionacleit has

Caring with Cake

On the 19th of November our S1 R.E classes organised a bake sale. The bake sale was to raise funds for pupils in Licia English Medium Primary School, Kerala, India. The S1 R.E classes got a letter from the pupils a little while before, asking if they could help make theirs a better school. S1 baked lots of yummy cakes and by the end of our bake sale we had raised over £200 for the school!

The bake sale was a lot of help to Licia school. We would like to thank our R.E teachers: Mrs MacIntyre, Mrs Townsend, Ms Szweczyk and also Mr Gilles. We would especially like to thank all the people who bought cakes, the people who took the time to bake, and the girls that gave up their lunch time to sell what was left over.



Pictured above back row: S1 pupils Katie Walker, Kyra Stephenson, Beth Lindsay, Amber MacVicar, Joanne Laing, Ruairidh Gray, **Front row:** Emily Steele, Shona Steele, Tamzin MacLeod

By Emma Monk and Rebekka MacIntosh, S1

Shoebox Appeal



Pictured above: S1 R.E. classes with their shoeboxes neatly wrapped and full of useful items.

Air an 3mh latha den t-Samhain, thàinig ceithir de na clasaichean air a'chiad bhliadhna còmhla airson bogsaichean a lionadh do Bhlythswood. Thug sinn uile rudan beaga a-steach dhan sgoil airson na bogsaichean a lionadh: bonaidean, scarfaichean, bruisean fhiaclan, stuth sgrìobhaidh agus rudan mar sin. Lion sinn na bogsaichean le rudan snog agus phaisg sinn iad ann am paipear brèagha. Tha iad a-nis air an rathad gu clann a tha a'fuireach ann an dùthchannan bochda air feadh an t-saoghail.

Article by Clas S1



... The Season For Giving (continued from page 1) Three months in the planning, S4 Hospitality pupils Hannah MacDonald, Joanna Walker, Rhianna Gordon, Katie MacLennan and Alison Steele (pictured right) organised activities to raise funds for Wear It Pink the international breast cancer charity, on Friday 24th October. The activities included a bake sale, staff coffee morning, guess the weight of the cake, guess the number of sweets in the jar, a bonus ball competition, best dressed male and female pupil, and best dressed male and female member of staff.

This Skills for Work event helped us develop our planning and organisational skills. These included advertising, consultation with school management, ordering supplies, managing the budget, market research and planning games.



Pictured above: Mr Fraser, Mr Gillies and Connor MacLeod S6, hammin' it up for Wear It

Each person in the S4 Hospitality class had specific roles and duties which made the day successful and enjoyable for everyone involved. Many thanks to all those who baked and donated on the day.

In addition to the mouth watering baking by the S4s, S6 pupils, led by Erin Warner, organised and hosted a well attended karaoke in the theatre at lunchtime on the same day. Pupils and staff dressed in a plethora of pinks and rocked it up to a diverse selection of tracks. The audience took a final clapometer style vote and the clear winner at the end of the contest was Connor MacLeod S6 who encouraged other members of the audience to take part and join him on the stage for The Final Countdown. Together the S4s and S6s raised a phenomenal grand total of £517.75.



Wear It Pink

Hospitality article: Written by S4 Hospitality pupils pictured above.

Dodgeball Devestation



Pictured above: The S6 Dodgeball elite with their worthy teacher opponents.

On Thursday 27th November the S6 Sports and Recreation Skills for Work class played the teachers in a game of Ultimate Dodgeball to raise money and awareness for the British Heart Foundation. Even with a ten point advantage the teachers came up short against the more agile S6s. The total raised was £132. Special thanks to all who were involved, to all who made a donation, and to the teachers for being great sports. They didn't stand a chance! *By Seorus Brass S6*

Children In Need



Pictured left: S3 pupils Cameron MacInnes, Callean Martindale, Calum MacPhee, Niall Walker and DJ MacMillan volunteered to take part in a spinathon to raise funds for Children In Need.



Pictured left lower: Lee Stewart S4, unmistakably soaking a teacher as he pours a bucketful of water over Principal Teacher of Social Subjects, Mrs Morrison, in the Soak-a-Teacher event. A huge thanks to all the teachers that took part and donned **their sou'westers, wellies and packmacs.** A worthy £176 was raised for Children In Need.

Panto In Wonderland

Directed by Rachael MacDonald and Rachel MacIsaac, this year Uist Youth Theatre's pantomime production of Alice in Wonderland delighted audiences over three performances. The hours of rehearsal that the team put in was demonstrated by the quality of the acting, singing and dancing. Crew members created a magical atmosphere with lighting and sound and Kathleen MacInnes expertly played piano to accompany the songs.

Brilliant performances were given by some of the experienced members of the group and there were many surprises from the debut cast. The result was a lively, entertaining, well paced production full of panto capers and hilarious comic moments. Thanks to the support of Mrs Wright and of the school, 'Alice' was another Uist Youth Theatre triumph!



Pictured above: The cast and crew of Uist Youth Theatre warming up before their performance.

RAISING AWARENESS

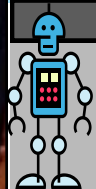
In collaboration with NHS Scotland, through Health Promotions Officer Isabel Steele, S6 pupils came up with a novel way to bring attention to World AIDS Day, which took place on the 1st December. Eating cake is always a popular brektime activity at SL and hundreds of cakes supplied by MacLean's Bakery piped with the AIDS Awareness logo on top, were given away to thankful pupils.

World AIDS Day raises awareness in young people of this condition and helps to empower them to make informed choices to protect themselves.



Pictured right: S1 girls being offered cake by S6 volunteers.

Engineering Club Robots



A group of pupils have been working together with PT of Mathematics Mr Murphy and PT of Technical Mr Fraser, on an engineering project. Pupils have been issued with a LEGO Mindstorms robot and are in the process of learning how to program the robot to do a variety of tasks.

The group are planning to do some fundraising activities next term to allow for the purchase of additional kits. This will enable the pupils to work in teams on the project. The Engineering pupils are currently looking into creating an interesting Enterprise project to generate funds for these additional resources. Any pupils interested in getting involved with the Engineering Club should contact Mr Murphy or Mr Fraser.

Empowering Pupils for Work



Pictured above: Skills for Work pupils during their visit to Loch Carnan Power Station.

Two groups of pupils went out to visit the Loch Carnan Power Station recently as part of the Skills for Work courses. Both the Energy and Engineering Skills for Work classes were given a presentation detailing the history of the power station and the facts and figures behind the day-to-day operations that help keep our lights on in our challenging climate. Pupils were shown around the power station and found out how the station supplies energy to the islands.

Throughout the visit pupils got to see the vast diesel engines and other systems involved in running the power station. They were allowed access to the top of the engines inside the power station, and outdoors some brave pupils climbed up the outside of the massive storage tanks despite the chilly breeze!

Pupils were given the opportunity to visit the control room and workshop within the Power Station and came away from the trip with a better understanding of how energy is generated and what impact this has on the environment.

Thanks to Mr Fraser and Mr McFadzean for accompanying pupils and Mr George MacAulay for driving the minibus.



Pictured above: Georgia MacMillan S2, Kara Creighton S3, Mary Rose MacIsaac S2 and Anna Campbell S2.

Bha seachd sgoilearan deug ann am buidheann Film G am bliadhna. 'S e "Gealladh" cuspair na farpaise agus an dèidh beagan smaoinichaidh fhuair sinn deagh bheachd airson film. Sgrìobh sinn an sgrìopt againn le cuideachadh bho Phòl Steele agus Mairi Anna Chaimbeul agus bha sinn ag obair air thairis air ceithir seachdainean. Chlàir sinn a' mhòr chuid den fhilm ann an latha. Fhuair na cleasaichean an cothrom na faclan aca ionnsachadh nuair a bha iad a' feitheamh ri dhol mu choinneimh a' chamara. Bha sgoilearan eile an sàs ann a bhith ag obrachadh a' chamara, a' stiùireadh agus a' gearradh. Chùm sinn oirnn gus an robh e ceart agus tha sinn gu math toilichte mar a dh'obraich am film. Dèanaibh

cinnteach gun coimhead sibh air nuair a thig e a-mach air làrach-lìn Film G anns an Fhaoilleach 2015. Tha am buidheann uabhasach taingeil dhan a h-uile duine a chuidich sinn.

Seventeen pupils were involved in this year's Film G group. The theme for this year's competition is "Promise" and after thinking about it for a while, we thought of a really good idea for a film. We worked on the script for four weeks and Paul Steele and Mary Ann Campbell helped us to write it. Most of the filming took place during the course of one day. The actors got the chance to learn their lines before going in front of the camera and other pupils were involved with operating the equipment, directing and editing. We kept going until it was right and we are really pleased with the way the film worked out. Make sure you all watch the film when it is posted on the Film G website in January 2015. Everyone in the group is very grateful to all those who helped us.

By Maria McGoldrick S1

Gaelic Café Open To All



Faodaidh sgoilear sam bith tadhail ann an seòmar 37 ann an Roinn Eaconmas Dachaigh airson tì agus briosgaid gach Dimàirt aig àm-dinnearach. Tha an club a' toirt cothrom do sgoilearan tighinn còmhla agus còmhradh ri chèile tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig. 'S e A' bh-ph Pheutan agus Mairi Anna Chaimbeul a tha a' ruith a' chlub. Thathar an dùil an club a chumail a' dol gu àm na Càisge an ath-bhliadhna. Tha a h-uile duine anns a' bhuidheann taingeil do ChNAG airson an taic-airgid a thug iad seachad airson a' chlub a chur air bhonn.

Kara Creighton & Georgina Nic a' Mhaoilein, S2

Joining the Debate



Pictured above: Fiona NicDhòmhnaill S4 agus Katie NicIlfhinnein S4.

Tha a h-uile duine ann an Sgoil Lionacleit moiteil à Katie NicIlfhinnein agus Fiona NicDhòmhnaill a ghabh pàirt ann an Deasbad BT na h-Alba ann an Steòrnabhagh anns an t-Samhain. Ged nach d' fhuair iad na b'fhaide na an dàrna cuairt, rinn iad fìor mhath agus faodaidh iad a bhith moiteil asta fhèin cuideachd.

Everyone at Sgoil Lionacleit is proud of Katie MacLennan and Fiona MacDonald (S4) for reaching the second round of the BT Gaelic Debate in Stornoway in November. They were commended for their performance and they should also be proud of the exemplary manner in which they conducted themselves.



Young Scotland card holders are

entitled to a 10% discount on their shopping at any of Scotland's Co-operative Food outlets.

To access this discount the card holder has to be there in person. So if you want to help your family reduce the household bills why not offer to lend a hand and go and do the shopping with them.

Basketball Festival



On the Wednesday 12th November John Kerray, Highlands and Islands Basketball Development Officer, came to visit the school with other officials from Basketball Scotland. A basketball festival was organised with the help of Active Schools to promote basketball and healthy lifestyles for all P6 - P7 pupils in Uist.

Games were played all morning to allow pupils the chance to apply their newly learnt skills in a game situation. While this was happening, pupils from Higher PE and the Sport and Recreation course were given the opportunity to take part in an officiating course. Once this was completed we then went on to referee the games played in the basketball festival using the correct procedures to teach the younger pupils the rules of basketball.

This whole event was sponsored by The Scottish Salmon Company who provided t-shirts while BBC Alba filmed for the TV and took pictures of the pupils in action.

The event was enjoyed by all and it is hoped that more pupils will now become interested in basketball and continue to improve their skills by attending the Uist Otters Basketball Training sessions for P6 - S2.

Article by Skills for Work, Sport and Recreation Team

Mòd Awards



Sgoilearan a fhuair duaisean sgrìobhaidh aig a' Mhòd Nàiseanta ann an Inbhir Nis. Anns an dealbh: Roddy Thompson, Kerri NicNeill agus Anna Marie Pheutan.

Hygiene Certificates Achieved



Congratulations to (back row) Megan MacLeod, Bobby MacDonald, Anna MacRae, DJ MacMillan, Finlay Aucott, Maria Steele, (front row) Sophie MacAulay, Laura Steele, Stephanie MacPhee and Catriona MacLeod who recently passed the REHIS Food Hygiene certificate. Thanks to Esther MacDonald (pictured far left) who ran the course and to Alasdair MacEachen for arranging the funding.

Enterprise Workshops



This term a number of our pupils took part in Enterprise events hosted by Skills Development Scotland and Include Us. Former pupils Rebecca Steele and Natalie Matheson (pictured left) talked to pupils about their involvement with Young Apprentice opportunities and local entrepreneurs came to share their expertise and business acumen at an event for S3 pupils (pictured below).



Cross-Country to Edinburgh

Congratulations to Paul Morrison and Owen Johnson whose continuing success in Cross Country running is taking them once again to Holyrood, Edinburgh. They have been chosen to represent the North of Scotland in the Scottish Inter-District Cross Country Championships on 10th January 2015. The top nine runners from each of the Scottish districts will compete at this prestigious event.



Inspirational Short Stories



Tha Sgoil Lionacleit air leabhar de sgeulachdan goirid air a bheil an tiotal "An Tilleadh agus Sgeulachdan Eile" fhollseachadh.

Chaidh na sgeulachdan a thrusadh thar nam bliadhnaichean agus thathar a' cur meal-a-naidheachd air na sgrìobhadairean a tha a' faicinn an cuid obrach ann an clò.

Tha measgachadh de chuspairean a' nochdadh sna sgeulachdan. Tha cuid, mar eisimpleir stèidhichte air tachartas sònraichte ann an eachdraidh, tha feadhainn eile a' bualadh air cùisean

pearsanta a tha a' bualadh air beatha an ùghdair.

Thathar an dòchas gum misnich an leabhar seo feadhainn a tha nan sgoilearan an-dràsta an mac-meanmainn a chleachdadh gus tuilleadh sgeulachdan tarraingeach a sgrìobhadh.

Tha Roinn na Gàidhlig fada an comain Comhairle nan Leabhraichean airson stiùireadh agus taic-airgid. Thathar cuideachd a' toirt taing do Churstaigh Nic Ill Eathain agus Seonaidh Dòmhnallach airson comhdach an leabhair a dhealbhadh agus don Bh. Phòsta Anna Reid a bha ag obair ann an Roinn Ealain Sgoil Lionacleit gus an do leig i dhith a dreuchd am bliadhna. Feumar cuideachd a ràdh nach biodh am pròiseact air tighinn gu buil às aonais na rinn Ruairaidh Mac an t-Saoir a bha uair na sgoilear ann an Sgoil Lionacleit agus Dòmhnall MacAmhlaigh a bha na cheannard air Roinn na Gàidhlig bho dh'fhosgail an sgoil gun do leig e dheth a dhreuchd ann an 2010.

Tha an leabhar a' cosg £7.50 agus faodar a cheannach bho Roinn na Gàidhlig.

The Gaelic Department has recently published a book of Gaelic short stories entitled "An Tilleadh agus Sgeulachdan eile". The stories were all written by former pupils and it is hoped that this book will inspire current pupils to use their imagination when engaging in creative writing. The book costs £7.50 and it can be purchased from the Gaelic Department.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- School Christmas Assembly Friday 19th December 11.00am
- School Closes for Christmas Friday 19th December
- School Opens Tuesday 6th January
- S2 Parents' Evening Tuesday 13th January
- S3 Parents' Evening and Choices Evening Tuesday 27th January