

Sgoil Lionacleit NEWS

Alex O'HENLEY WORKSHOP

DECEMBER 2016



On Wednesday 12th October a number of S2/3 pupils attended a workshop where they learned to commentate on a football match in Gaelic. The workshop was run by Alex O' Henley who is well-known for his sports commentaries in Gaelic on radio and television. Alex was assisted with the running of this workshop by Paul Steele who is also well known to our pupils for his involvement with Film G and other projects of a technical nature. We would like to thank both



**HEADLINES FROM
Acting Head Teacher
Mr Donald MacLeod**

gentlemen for giving of their time to provide our pupils with such an interesting experience. The pupils who engaged in this activity (pictured above from left to right) were Angus MacDonald, Beth Lindsay, Lee MacDougall, Ryan MacIntyre and Calum MacMillan, (not pictured David Bird, Jack MacDonald and Neil Donan MacMillan).

SEAFOOD IN SCHOOLS WORKSHOP



Sgoil Lionacleit pupils had an opportunity recently to find out all about the nutritional properties of Seafood through workshops from visiting experts. A chef demonstrated haddock with bananas and salsa which proved very popular among pupils and staff.



It is with great pleasure that I confirm that Mr Gordon Young, the new Head Teacher in Sgoil Lionacleit, will be joining the school on Thursday 5th January. I look forward to introducing him to pupils and staff. I would also wish him well in his new post working with the Sgoil Lionacleit school community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank pupils, parents and staff for their assistance and encouragement during my time in the school. It has been a pleasure to get to know you all and to work together with the young people that we are so privileged to have in these islands. I will leave Uist in January with many fond memories of my time in the school and certainly hope to be back in the not too distant future to catch up with the people it has been my pleasure to meet in Uist.

S2 RME/RE FILM STUDY



Both S2 RME/RE classes took part in a joint project this term revolving around a film study of 'The Boy in The Striped Pyjamas'. We explored issues such as prejudice, discrimination, propaganda, social justice, suffering, martyrdom, mercy and forgiveness. We also learned more about the life of Jane Haining, the only Scot to die in Auschwitz.

GAELIC MEDIUM EDUCATION WEBSITE LINK



New on our school website is the information from the parents' workshop on raising attainment from the Education Scotland blog.

Follow this link <http://www.sgoillionacleit.org.uk/downloads.html> and look for the education Scotland Learning blog logo.

MARITIME STUDIES CLASS MV HEBRIDIES TRIP

On Thursday the 17th of November the pupils from the Maritime Studies class had the privilege of joining the Cal Mac Crew on the MV Hebrides ferry on the Lochmaddy to Uig route.



While we were on the Hebrides we got an insight of all the different jobs that are required on the boat to help maintain the ship and ensure a nice and safe journey. We got to see the crew in action up in the bridge, down in the engine room and also in the galley. By Jordan MacPherson.



Nollaig Chridheil agus
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LATHA NA GÀIDHLIGE ANN AN SGOIL LIONACLEIT

Mar sgoiltean eile anns na h-Eileanan an Iar chomharraich Sgoil Lionacleit an latha le cothroman a thoirt dha sgoilearan agus luchd-teagaisg barrachd Gàidhlig a chleachdadh agus is àbhaist dhaibh.

Chaidh a h-uile duine a bhrosnachadh gus fiù 's "Ciamar a tha thu" a ràdh agus chaidh deagh oidhirpean a dhèanamh anns an talla-bidh le sgoilearan ag iarraidh am biadh ann an Gàidhlig agus an luchd-obrach gam freagairt ann an Gàidhlig!

Fhuair a' mhòr chuid de sgoilearan cothrom èisteachd ri Ceitidh Nic a' Phì à Sabhal Mòr Ostaig is i ag innse mu na cùrsaichean eadar-dhealaichte a dh'fhaodas oileanaich a dhèanamh an sin. Dh'innis Màiri Anna Chaimbeul a tha ag obair aig CNAG mar a thàinig i fhèin gu bhith na h-oileanach ann an SMO. Tha a' chuid mhòr de na sgoilearan eòlach air Màiri Anna a tha à Uibhist a Deas agus a tha an sàs ann a bhith a' cur air dòigh mòran chur-seachadan dha sgoilearan anns an sgoil agus anns a' choimhearsnachd.

Fhuair triùir sgoilear às an sgoil cothrom a dhol a-null a Sgoil Uibhist a Tuath airson cuideachadh le *Book Bug* tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig. B'iadsan Marion NicCorcadail, Anna NicIain agus Coinneach MacIliop agus bha iad a' leughadh leabhraichean dha clann na bun-sgoile; rud a chòrd gu mòr riutha.

Dheisealaich luchd-ionnsaichidh na Gàidhlig air an dàrna bliadhna *Quiz* a b'urrainn dha luchd-ionnsachaidh a' chiad bhliadhna a dhèanamh agus abair gu robh spòrs aca le chèile leis an sin.

'S dòcha gur ann aig luchd bruidhinn na Gàidhlig air a' chiad bhliadhna agus na tidsearan a thàinig còmhla riutha anns an Talla Drama aig àm-bidh a bha an spòrs bu mhòtha! An sin ruith na sgoilearan bùth-obrach far an robh iad ag ionnsachadh beagan Gàidhlig dha luchd-teagaisg aig nach robh Gàidhlig. Tha iad an dòchas cumail orra leis an oidhirp seo agus bu toigh leotha taing mhòr a thoirt dha na tidsearan a thàinig agus a ghabh pàirt san spòrs!

'S e latha soirbheachail dha-rìribh a bh'ann agus bu toigh leinn cumail a' dol le feadhainn de na rudan air an do thòisich sinn Diciadain!

LATHA NA GÀIDHLIGE ANN AN SGOIL LIONACLEIT

In common with other schools in the Western Isles, Sgoil Lionacleit celebrated Latha na Gàidhlig on Wednesday 23rd November.

All pupils and staff were encouraged to exchange a few words in Gaelic even if "Ciamar a tha thu" was all they could manage! A big effort was made at lunchtime when Mr MacDonald DHT encouraged all pupils to ask for their lunches in Gaelic and this was supported by the efforts of the cafeteria staff to engage with pupils in Gaelic.

Most pupils got the opportunity to participate in a presentation by Katie MacPhee of SMO during which she provided much information about the different courses available at the college. Katie was accompanied by Mary Ann Campbell who told pupils how she came to be a student at SMO and how she had benefitted from that experience. Mary Ann, who works for CNAG, is well known to our pupils as she is involved in promoting a number of Gaelic related activities both in school and in the community.

Three pupils from Sgoil Lionacleit were given the opportunity to visit Sgoil Uibhist a Tuath and participate in their Gaelic *Book Bug* event. The pupils were involved in rereading some Gaelic books to younger pupils.

The Gaelic learners class in S2 prepared a Quiz for the Gaelic learners class in S1 and much fun was had by both groups in their different roles.

Perhaps the greatest amount of fun was had by the S1 Gàidhlig speakers class and the teaching staff who joined them in the Theatre at lunchtime! The S1 class ran a workshop at which they taught the non-Gaelic speaking teachers in attendance some Gaelic! It is hoped to develop this initiative in the coming months.

This was the first time that Latha na Gàidhlig was celebrated at Sgoil Lionacleit but we hope to be able to develop some of the activities further and we would welcome any ideas you may have to promote the language. We would also encourage all fluent speakers of the language to engage with our young people whenever the opportunity presents itself as it is imperative that they have opportunities to develop their language skills outside of the classroom.

New Lunchtime Club

We hope to have a Scripture Union Club up and running in January. This involves a short lunchtime meeting in Room 69, offering young people an opportunity to look at the message of the Bible, as well as to enjoy time and games with friends.





This continues to be well supported and we are pleased to report that the vast majority of the school are wearing the required school clothes on a daily basis. We wish to acknowledge the significant effort this takes on the part of our parents/carers and thank them for that. It is much appreciated by the school community.



LEGO APPEAL



The lunchtime craft club is looking for Lego. If you have any to spare, we would love to hear from you. Contact: Mrs. Townsend, Room 69.

REHIS FOOD HYGIENE CERTIFICATES



Congratulations to all the pupils who did the REHIS food hygiene certificate recently. The chief executive of CNES Malcolm Burr presented pupils with their certificates. Thanks to Esther MacDonald for running the course and Alasdair MacEachen for his support. Also in the photo is acting HT Donald MacLeod and Faculty Head V. Beaton. Pupils missing from the photo: Sophie Aucott and Cameron MacInnes.

RECYCLED CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SYRIA

We started the card club not knowing what would come of it; we were just happy to be involved. Our plan was to upcycle old Christmas cards and make them into lovely new ones to sell. It all started in October and we thought that it would only last for a month and then we would only sell once in the first week in December. However, we were delighted when we reached our one hundredth card, and we were even more delighted when we reached our three hundredth card. Once we started running out of supplies, we decided that we should start to sell! After only two days of selling we raised over £50 for the Syrian Refugee Crisis. We will announce the full amount in the next newsletter. A big thank you to all our customers!



By Sam Jordan and Lucy Campbell on behalf of The Card Club

In the picture you can see (L to R)

Jodi Bagley, Lucy Campbell, Sam Jordan, Angus John MacQueen, Rhiannon Bagley, Asher Kuzma and Steven Mannix

S3 SUSTAINABLE COOKING

S3 pupils this year again got to cook with locally grown produce provided by Laura Donkers from the Uist allotments. The focus this year was on recycling and composting and as you can see from the picture some of the roots of the vegetable were bigger than the pupils.



UYT Panto ~ Sleeping Beauty



Pictured above the cast and crew of this year's Uist Youth Theatre Pantomime, Sleeping Beauty in collaboration with Sgoil Lionacleit. Congratulations to all and a huge thank you to everyone that contributed their talent and expertise and to our audience whose raucous participation helps to make the show a success.

WEBSITE



Please note that we are regularly updating the information on the school website. A particular focus this session was the school department information.



N5 HOSPITALITY COOKERY DEMONSTRATION

Thanks to acting HT Donald MacLeod who did a cookery demonstration with N5 Hospitality pupils recently.

Mr MacLeod showed the skills involved in making Eggs Benedict, something he does on a regular basis



running a B&B in his hometown of Stornoway. Pupils were very impressed with his skills and we would like to thank him for his time and wish him well on his return to his B & B duties. The recipe is available on Delia Smith Online,

<http://www.deliaonline.com/recipes/international/european/british/eggs-benedict>.

BLYTHSWOOD SHOEBOXES

We are grateful to parent helpers, Margie Kuzma and Nicki Morrison, for coming in to help S2 pack their Blythswood boxes.



INTER HOUSE UPDATE

The inter house basketball was a great success this year. There were 5 games played over the course of a week. The overall winner was tied between Borve and Scolpaig with them both winning 2 games each and Ormacleith winning one. We would like to commend all pupils who participated in the basketball and helped to make this a success. The scoring after the basketball are Ormacleith third with 13 points, Borve in second with 21 points, and Scolpaig in first with 33 points. A big thank you to S6 Sport & Rec pupils and the house captains for organising the event.

Scolpaig	Borve	Ormacleith
33	21	13



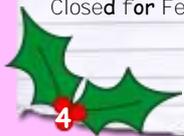
GAIDHLIG CAFÉ

Mar a bhios fios aig na tidsearan agus na sgoilearan, **tha daonnan rudan math a' dol air adhart sa Chafaigh Ghàidhlig** le fealla-dhà is **milseagan gu leòr, ach 's e an rud as fheàrr buileach gu bheil e uile a' tachairt sa Ghàidhlig! Thigibh 's tadhalaibh oirnn an ath theirm!**

As teachers and pupils know there are always good things going on in the gaelic café, with fun and sweet things, but the best thing of all is that it all happens in Gaelic! Come and visit us next term!

Dates For Your Diary

- Thursday 5th January 2017
School opens after Christmas holidays
- Wednesday 8th February 2017
School closed for pupils.
- In-service for staff
- Thursday 9th to Monday 13th February 2017
Closed for February break.



FILMG

Airson dà mhìos, bha am buidheann againn ag obair air a' fiolm a phlanadh agus choinnich sinn a h-uile Diciadain. Bha pàirt aig a h-uile duine, eadar actadh, fiolmadh no an sgrìopt a sgrìobhadh. Bha measgachadh de sgoilearan anns a' bhuidheann, bho S1 suas gu S4, fileantaich agus luchd-ionnsachaidh. 'S e Strì an cuspair a th' ann am blaidhna. Rinn sinn am fiolmadh anns an t-Samhain. Tha sinn a-nis air a' fiolm a dheasachadh. Tha sinn a' toirt taing do Phòl Steele agus Mairi Anna Chaimbeul airson ar cuideachdadh.

The group spent two months planning the film, and we met up every Wednesday lunchtime. Everybody had a part, whether it was acting, filming or writing the script. There was a mix of pupils from S1 to S4, some were fluent Gaelic speakers and others were learners. Conflict was the theme **for this year's competition. We spent a day filming in November. We have now edited the film and we are looking forward to hearing how we get on. We are very grateful to Paul Steele and Mary Ann Campbell for helping us.**

Pupils involved: Maryrose MacIsaac, Viktoria Kuzma, Jessie Coldwell, Mairi MacMillan, Ryan MacIntyre, Calum MacMillan, Niall MacMillan and Floraìdh Gray, Asher Kuzma, Stevie Mannix, Dwayne MacKenzie and Bryn Patrick

MESSAGE FROM PARENT COUNCIL

We had a great turnout at the Parent Council meeting in November. Issues the Parent Council are involved with include: improving school security, internet safety and the 'Governance Review'. It's already clear that, for pupils to get the most benefit from the changes, there needs to be lots of positive interaction between a school and its parents/carers.

The next Parent Council meeting on Thursday 12th January at 6.30pm in Room 34. Please let us know if you are stuck for transport or if there is anything you feel should be discussed.

Last but not least, many thanks to departing Acting Head, Donald A Macleod, who has promoted parental involvement in his time with us.

SGOIL LIONACLEIT CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Christmas concert was held on Monday 19th December, a huge thanks to all who participated and came along to watch.