

Sgoil Lionacleit News



Head Teacher Headlines

December 2018



As we reach the end of another calendar year I cannot help but reflect over the positive attitude and behaviour of our pupils over the last few days.

Our school Christmas dance was a roaring success as you will be able to see from the many photos on our school Facebook page (if you aren't already following us on Facebook then please do!). The behaviour of young people was exemplary and the band 'Trail West' are fast on the road to becoming our 'house band'. In addition to this it shows the commitment and care of our staff for the young people of Sgoil Lionacleit.

Following the Christmas dance we had our annual Christmas assembly and it also showcased the ability and enthusiasm of our young people. I am very proud to be part of a school that has a rich heritage of growing and then exporting musical talent.

As you can see from the many successes and experiences that are present in this newsletter we are a school that continues to thrive,

Nollaig Chridheil agus Bliadhna Mhath Ur

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 7th January - school re-opens

Wednesday 6th February - INSET

7th, 8th & 11th February - Local holidays

Friday 29th March - school closes

Monday 15th April - school re-opens

SGOIL LIONACLEIT REMEMBERS

Sgoil Lionacleit, in common with other schools all over the country, was involved in community events which commemorated the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I.

A number of pupils, along with Mrs Fiona Campbell, took part in the Comunn Eachdraidh Uibhist a Tuath event held at Carnish School on 9th November at which Ewen Nicholson's letters from the front were launched.

A number of Sgoil Lionacleit pupils played their part with the Cadets at the War Memorials on Remembrance Sunday where they were joined by other pupils who accompanied their families to the services in remembrance of the fallen of all wars.

A wreath was laid, on behalf of the community of Sgoil Lionacleit, at the War Memorial in Benbecula on Remembrance Sunday by Mr Robert Gillies, DHT. The wreath was laid at the War Memorial in Benbecula since the school is situated there but is in memory of all, within the catchment area of the school between Berneray and Eriskay, who fought and died for our freedom.

The school also engaged with the Dileab project, initiated by the Education Department of Comhairle nan Eilean Siar to explore the legacy of four of the major social influences on the Outer Hebrides over the last 100 years. Sgoil Lionacleit's focus was on World War I and an evening of reflection took place in the theatre on 15th November.

All pupils who were involved in the various activities are to be highly commended for their contributions to the respective events.



On Friday 9th November, a group of pupils from Sgoil Lionacleit were involved in a presentation at Sgoil Cairnish organised by Comann Eachdraidh Uibhist a Tuath. They read extracts from a collection of letters sent by Corporal Ewen Nicholson of Grimsay to his sister Mary, both from Canada and later from the trenches at Ypres. These letters provided a fascinating and poignant glimpse of life a century ago and the pupils read with expression and eloquence which was commended by many in the audience. There were also musical interludes with Finbar on fiddle, Anna on harp and Ruairidh singing. The event was live streamed and is still available on the CEUT website, along with some photographs of the event.

Tachartasan Gàidhlig - Gaelic Events

Latha na Gàidhlig

B'e Latha na Gàidhlig a bh' ann air Diciadain 22 An t-Samhain. Anns na seachdainean ro làimh bha S1 Gàidhlig trang ag ullachadh leasanan Gàidhlig do luchd-obrach na sgoile nach eil fileanta ann an Gàidhlig. Tha na sgoilearan rim moladh airson stuthan tarraingeach a dheisealachadh agus abair gun do chòrd e ris an luchd-obrach a bha an lathair.

It was Latha na Gàidhlig on Wednesday 22nd of November. In the weeks beforehand, the S1 Gàidhlig classes were busy preparing lessons for school staff who are learning Gaelic. The lesson took place in the theatre and the pupils are to be commended for their commitment in delivering their engaging lessons.



Sian

Air 22 An t-Samhain thadhail an còmhlan Gàidhlig Sian air S1 agus ghabh iad feadhainn de na h-òrain bhrèagha aca. A bharrachd air sin, dh'innis iad sgeulachdan èibhinn mun deidhinn fhèin agus dh'innis iad mu na cothroman a tha air a bhith aca an lùib ceòl is Gàidhlig. Ghabh an òigridh ùidh mhòr anns na bha aca ri ràdh agus bha na ceistean aig na sgoilearan fhèin gu math pongail agus freagarrach.

On 22 November, the Gaelic singing group Sian visited S1 and treated the pupils to a performance of some of their beautiful Gaelic songs. They also entertained pupils by telling them about themselves and how they started the group. They spoke of the opportunities Gaelic has afforded them. The pupils also got the chance to ask interesting questions.



Seonaidh MacIntyre

Thadhail Seonaidh Mac an t-Saoir air sgoilearan ann an S1 air 11 An Dàmhair. Thàinig Seonaidh a-staigh a bhruidhinn riutha mu dheidhinn na tha e air a bhith ris na obair mar neach-ciùil anns a' chòmhlan Trail West. Dh'innis e mar a tha Gàidhlig air a bhith gu math cudromach na bheatha fhèin agus na cothroman a tha e air fhaighinn bhon dh'fhàg e an sgoil. Fhuair an òigridh cothrom na ceistean aca fhèin a chur air Seonaidh agus abair gun tug feadhainn aca air smaoinichadh! Bha cèilidh beag aca cuideachd le deagh òrain Uibhisteach agus ceòl beothail. Bha e math dha na sgoilearan èisteachd ri seann sgoilear a tha air a bhith soirbheachail a' cleachdadh Gàidhlig na chuid obrach. Bhrosnaich e iad gu cothroman a ghabhail gu Gàidhlig a bhruidhinn.

Professional musician and former pupil Seonaidh MacIntyre visited S1 classes on Thursday 11 October. He spoke to the pupils about his work with the band Trail West and about how Gàidhlig has given him lots of opportunities. The pupils had lots of really interesting questions for Seonaidh. He also sang a few songs and was accompanied by pupils playing the accordion.

Film G

Rinn sgoilearan Sgoil Lionacleit am Film G aca còmhla ri Mairi Anna Chaimbeul, Eilidh Nic Iain agus Angela Chaimbeul. 'S e *Ann am Prioba na Sùla* an cuspair a th' aig an fharpais am bliadhna agus abair gu robh na sgoilearan trang ag ullachadh. Gheibh na sgoilearan a-mach tràth sa Bhliadhn' Uir mu dheidhinn gearr-liosta nan duaisean.

Sgoil Lionacleit pupils completed their Film G entry with assistance from Mary Ann Campbell, Eilidh Johnson and Angela Campbell. This year's theme is *In the Blink of an Eye* and pupils will find out early in the New Year if they have been nominated for a prize.

The following pupils are in the Film G club:

Niall Morrison, Dòmhnall Henderson, Catriona MacLeod, Grace Henderson, Francesca MacMillan, Matthew MacCormick, Stella MacKinnon & David Bird.



Co-fharpais Sgrìobhaidh Tha sinn a' cur meal a naidheachd air Mollie NicDhòmhnaill (S1) a fhuair duais ann an co-fharpais sgrìobhaidh a chuir Fèis Leabhraichean Uibhist air dòigh. Sgrìobh Mollie sgeulachd air an robh an t-ìosal *An Cò-là-breith* agus bhuannaich i £20 airson a chosg air leabhraichean. Is math a rinn thu, Mollie!

Congratulations to Mollie MacDonald who won a prize in a writing competition organised by the Uist Book Festival. Mollie wrote a story called *The Birthday* and she won a £20 book voucher. Well done, Mollie.

World AIDS Day S3/4 Geography students supported World AIDS day early in December. Pupils created an information board to help raise awareness of HIV and AIDS and the stigma associated with the disease. Pupils and staff also had the opportunity to take part in a quiz. First place in the quiz was won by Isolde Wood (S4) followed by Liam MacKinnon (S4) and Eva Lowe (S2). Thank you to all who took part and wore their ribbon in support.



School Panto

This year our pupils set themselves an additional challenge of writing their own pantomime script. Rosslyn Palmer S6 provided the group with a short script she had written and together they developed it into "Somebody to Love" - 90 minutes of songs, jokes and slapstick moments! Audiences boomed, cheered and played their part with enthusiasm for three performances as they were transported into a world of love, rivalry, misunderstanding and silliness!

SPRING 2019 - TERM 3

opens:

Monday, 7 January 2019

Teachers and Pupils

staff in-service and school closed to pupils: Wednesday, 6th February 2019

local holidays and school is closed : Thursday 7th, 8th and 11th of February 2019

prelim progress assessments block three / portfolio period

Starting:

Friday, 15th March 2019

National 4/5, Higher & Advanced Higher progress assessments, assignments or portfolio items to be completed by S4, S5 and S6 pupils.

Finishing:

Friday, 29th March 2019

closes:

Friday 29 March 2019

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