

# SGOIL LIONACLEIT NEWS

## Headteacher Headlines



As another academic year draws to a close we both look back at where we have come from and forward to where we intend to go.

It has been my great privilege to lead this school for the last six months and I can't quite believe it has only been six months as our young people have packed so much into that time! In this newsletter and in my last there are some outstanding achievements in many different fields.

I would also like to mention the tragedy of losing Eilidh MacLeod; a young girl who was very much a part of our school community. In the midst of that darkness there was light in the way our school pulled together to support each other and I was very proud of our school pipe band and the way they played at the funeral.

Also this year we say goodbye to a number of staff who have worked with our young people, some of them for longer than others, but all will be equally missed. We say goodbye to our Deputy Head Mr Kenneth Mac Donald, although he is not going too far as he will be helping us out in Technical this coming year. We also say goodbye to Mr Alasdair MacDonald our Modern Studies teacher, Mrs Catherine Ferguson our Computing and Business Studies teacher and Miss Katharine Watt our Home Economics teacher, Miss Donna MacLeod in the school office and Mr Ronald John Mac Lean who has delivered our boatbuilding course, as a school we thank these members of staff for their contribution to our journey and wish them well. This year we also welcome Miss Donna MacIver to our social subject's team, she has been working with us this past year and we are delighted to give her a permanent post at Sgoil Lionacleit.

As to the future, well one thing we can be certain of is that we will start our year with renewed enthusiasm to achieve our vision statement. That vision statement is full of aspirational phrases but it is also a realistic prospect considering the talent that is present in our school community. As a school we should focus on this very simple quote:

**"Work hard, dream big"**

Best Wishes

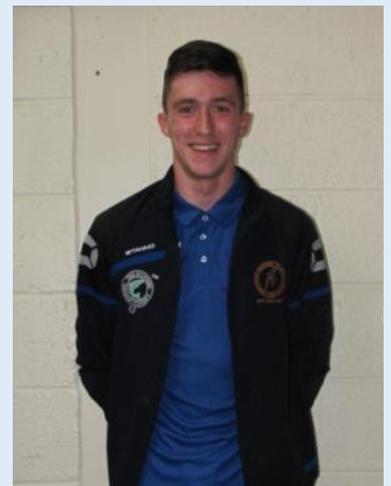
Gordon Young

To all those who are awaiting exam results in August, we wish you the very best of luck!

June 2017



**GOOD LUCK DJ**



DJ MacMillan S6 left to compete at the International Island games in Gotland on Friday 23 June 2017. DJ is competing in 100 metres, 4 X 100 Relay and Triple Jump.

## Sgoil Lionacleit Pipe Band

Our school pipe band were awarded 7th place in the European Pipe Band Championships in Forres on Saturday 24th June 2017. This is an excellent achievement. Having performed very well, they received some useful feedback from their judges which they will take on board as they prepare for the World Championships in August. Well done to everyone involved.



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## Co-Fharpais ChnaG

Tha sgioba fiolm Sgoil Lionacleit air a bhith ag obair air fiolm ùr airson co-fharpais Chomunn na Gàidhlig. 'S e Paul Steele agus Màiri Anna Chaimbeul a thòisich an sgioba seo. Bha am buidheann againn ag obair air script airson grunn sheachdainean mus do smaoinich sinn air cuspair airson prògram-naidheachd èibhinn a dhèanamh. Rinn am buidheann againn an script ann an seachdain agus am filmeadh ann an uair le Liam Mac a' Phì agus Hamish Mac IlleFhaolain mar luchd-naidheachd, Calum MacIlleMhaoil mar Dòmhnall Iain Trump is croitear, Niall MacIlleMhaoil mar Neillie Naidheachdan agus Kyle MacDhomhnaill is Stevie Mannix mar luchd-camara. Tha sinne a' smaointinn gur e fiolm math a th'ann. Tha sinn gus a bhith deiseil dhan gheàrradh agus tha sinn uile an dòchas gum faigh sinn duais!

**Calum MacIlleMhaoil**



## Film Group Entry for CnaG Competition.

Sgoil Lionacleit's Gàidhlig film group has been busy producing a film for Comunn na Gàidhlig's Film Competition. This group was started by Paul Steele and Mary Ann Campbell.

Our group spent a lot of time thinking of ideas before we finally thought of producing a funny news program. It did not take long to prepare the script once we had this idea and the filming was done in just over an hour because everyone worked so well together. Liam MacPhee and Hamish MacLellan played the reporters, Neil Donan Mac-Millan played Neillie Naidheachdan, Calum MacMillan played Donald Trump and a crofter with Kyle MacDonald and Stevie Mannix as camera men. We think it is a good film; we are almost finished editing and we hope to win a prize!

**Niall D MacMacMillan**

## Jack MacDonald, S3

An-dè chaidh sinn air turas sgoile a Bhaile Mhanaich agus a Bhaile nan Cailleach. An toiseach chaidh am buidheann agamsa gu Druim na h-Airde airson sgrùdadh a dhèanamh airson Cruinn-eòlas. Chaidh sinn gu Winfield Way agus chun a' bhanca airson seo a dhèanamh cuideachd.

As dèidh sin a dhèanamh, chaidh sinn gu stèisean nam poileas airson Nuadh-eòlas agus sheall iad dhuinn ciamar a bha iad a' cuir daoine an greim ma bha iad air a bhith ag òl agus a' draibheadh. Chuir mise mi-fhèin suas airson eisimpleir a thoirt seachad agus bha aca ri rudan mar "breathalyser test" agus "fingerprints" a dhèanamh. An uairsin chuir iad mi dha na "cells".

An uair sin fhuair sinn bus gu Baile nan Cailleach, neo Nunton, airson Eachdraidh agus fhuair sinn a-mach tòrr eachdraidh mu dheidhinn na sgìre agus stòiridhean mu dheidhinn a' Chogaidh Mhòir agus an Dàrna Cogadh. Dh'innis an duine dhuinn mu

dà bhata an SS Arandora Star agus mar a chaidh bàta iasgaich à Grimsby fodha ann an Tìriodh agus gun deach aon de na cuirp air tìr ann an Fiughaidh, eilean beag far Port Pheadair. Cuideachd, dh'innis e dhuinn mu dheidhinn dà phlèan a fhuair an solas uaine aig aon àm agus stad aon de na plèanaichean thairis air a' mhuir agus chail a h-uile duine a bha air bòrd am beatha ach aon duine. Tha mise a' smaointinn gur e am pìos mu dheidhinn an eachdraidh a b'fheàrr oir fhuair mi a-mach mu dheidhinn tòrr rudan inntinneach nach robh fhios agam air roimhe seo.



## Stella MacKinnon, S3

Air Dimàirt chaidh S2 gu Baile Mhanaich airson turas sgoile nan cuspairean sòisealta. An toiseach chaidh sinn gu Baile nan Cailleach. Bha sinn a' coimhead air a' chladh agus a' faighinn fiosrachadh mu dheidhinn daoine a bha an sin. 'S e na h-uaignean cogaidh a bha sinn a' coimhead. Bha am pìos seo airson Eachdraidh.

An uair sin chaidh sinn gu Baile Mhanaich air a' bhus. Aig Druim na h-Airde chunntais sinn na càraichean agus dè na taighean a bha ann. Choisich sinn gu an Spar agus an uair sin chun bhanc agus rinn sinn an aon rud aig na h-àiteachan seo. Bha seo airson cruinn-eòlas agus bha e spòrsail.

Mu dheireadh, chaidh sinn chun an stèisean poileis. Chaidh aon duine a chur an grèim agus chaidh sealltainn dè a tha tachairt nuair a tha cuideigin aca an greim. Bha seo airson Nuadh-eòlas agus 's e am fear seo a bu toil leam gu mòr. Bha e uabhasach inntinneach faighinn a-mach dè a tha a' tachairt aig an stèisean poileas. Bha iad a' sealltainn dè tha thu a' faighinn airson braicist ma ta thu nad phrìosannach. Bha an turas gu lèir uabhasach inntinneach agus chòrd e rium gu mòr.

## Beautiful Bins



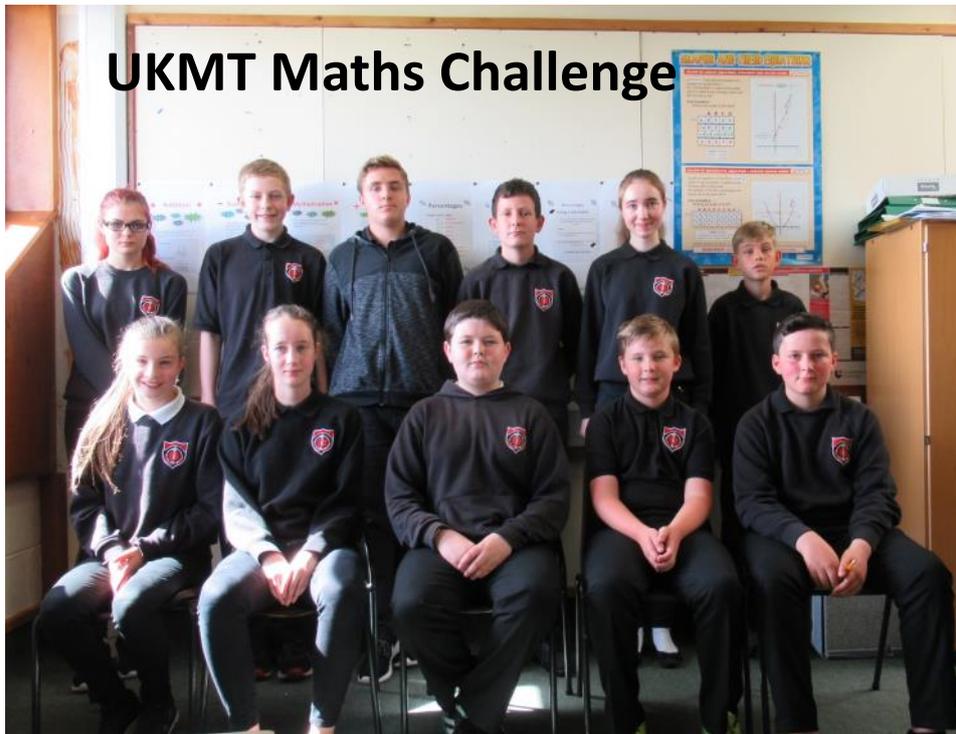
*Stòras Uibhist* has been working alongside *Sgoil Lionacleit* on a "Dragons' Den" themed enterprise project for students in third year. The idea behind it was that each group was to come up with an idea for a product or a service. The top 5 groups received

grants up to £300 from *Stòras Uibhist*. The company *Beautiful Bins* achieved their goal and successfully took the project through to the end. They launched their products on Thursday 18 May and sold out within minutes! They are now in the process of creating more bin stickers for people in the community. They would like to thank local businesses and mentors for their solid advice; the staff at the Waste Transfer Station; Roddy MacKay who gave his time and enthusiasm to manufacture the product. So far *Beautiful Bins* have made £270 for school funds. The *Beautiful Bins* team members are Ruairidh Gray, Shona Steele, Amber MacVicar, Marion Steele, Marion MacCorquodale and Leanna Blodwell. Look out for the stickers on sale in Nunton Steadings and Eriskay Shop this summer. **Our main aim is that throughout the islands, we will all have....Beautiful Bins!**

*Ruairidh Gray*



## UKMT Maths Challenge



Front(left to right): Lucy Morrison(Silver), Mairi Maciain(Bronze), Kian Humberstone (Silver and Best in Year), Alfie Poole(Silver and Best in School), Calum MacMillan (Silver)

Back: Iona Macdonald(Bronze), Alasdair Fraser(Silver), Seth Patrick(Bronze), Declan MacQuarrie(Bronze), Anna Maclain(Silver - Intermediate and Best in School), Hamish Maclellan(Silver)

S1 and S2 pupils at Sgoil Lionacleit achieved 6 silver and 4 bronze awards in this year's UKMT Maths Challenge. Also, one S3 pupil achieved a silver award in the Intermediate Maths Challenge.

Over 250,000 pupils from across the UK sat the Junior Maths Challenge and 250,000 sat the Intermediate Maths Challenge. Mr Macdonald, PT Maths and ICT said: "Congratulations to all students who participated in the mathematical challenges this year. The maths challenges aim to stimulate mathematical thinking and enhance problem solving skills".

The **Scripture Union Club** meets in Room 69 at lunchtime on Wednesdays. It is run by the Rev. Drew Kuzma, assisted by Mrs. Townsend and Ms. Maclver. We learn about different bible stories and characters. We have a short lesson and we learn a memory verse each week. At the end of every lesson we have fun games and we get a treat if we have managed to remember the memory verse. The numbers at the club vary each week from seven to ten and we have a mix of boys and girls coming along. We have a lot of fun activities and we would like to see more people coming along to join us.

By Lucy Morrison, Kirsten Cresswell and Kiera MacKenzie



Group of 16 S4-S6 Pupils Attending

## E-CEILIDH

on 18 May 2017 went really well although some people had difficulty connecting. The pupils put on an excellent performance. All 4 secondary schools in the region contributed and performed for one another. Kara Creighton sang a Gaelic song and the pipe band freestyle group performed one of their sets. It was very well received.





**SGOIL LIONACLEIT STEM Club** recently returned from their trip to the mainland to take part in the annual Young Engineers and Science Clubs (YESC) showcase of engineering event in Glasgow. The eventful trip started off with the ferry being diverted to rescue a fisherman from a sinking boat on the way to Mallaig! In Glasgow, the pupils displayed their work and took part in a variety of challenges. Unfortunately, the team narrowly missed out on first place and receiving an award. The judges commented on their enthusiasm and said the team **'showed great problem solving skills and great design solutions.'** The team currently have exciting plans for next year's robotics inspired project and hope to have a real show stopper of a project to demonstrate next year!

The following day, the club headed to Edinburgh to compete in the Scottish robotics games. Here, they took part in a variety of challenges using the two robots that they have constructed. The boys tried hard against stiff competition in Sumo, football and the assault course, but narrowly missed out on qualifying for finals of assault course by mere seconds.



**Pictured above:** Kory Shaw, Jack McIlwraith, Kenny Ballantyne, Charlie Stewart, Stewart MacDonald and Asher Kuzma.

**Pictured middle:** Stewart, Asher & Charlie.

**Pictured bottom:** Kory, Jack, Mr Fraser & Kenny.



Whilst the competition was underway, the team were surprised to be in the company of some celebrities. Chewbacca and a wookiee friend were at the competition and even had a shot trying out the robots!

Having taken part in the competition, the club are now planning modifications and practice to ensure they can take on all competition next year!

The club wishes to thank Calmac for sponsoring travel and Mr Howard Manning from QinetiQ, who accompanied the team and who always gives his time and expertise to help the club with new and exciting projects.

S2 pupils from Mrs Campbell's English class have been involved in a **Reading Scheme** designed to encourage engagement with reading and diversity of materials. This has been well received by pupils who have been motivated by the chance to work their way through the award scheme, from bronze to platinum.



Pictured are Viktoria Kuzma, Jessie Coldwell and Mairi Macmillan who got their Silver Awards, and Ben Scott and Stella Mackinnon who achieved Bronze. Awards were handed out by Mrs Thompson, our librarian, who has been a great source of help and inspiration when advising on materials.

This session, Mrs. MacDonald's

**S3 RE** class chose to do some

fundraising for the Mary's Meals

Charity. As well as donating our own small change each week in class, we decided to do a sponsored walk during Lent. It costs only £12.20 to feed one child for a year and the aim of the sponsored walk was to raise enough to match the number of pupils in our own class; twenty seven.

Although we are still waiting for some money to come in, we have definitely surpassed this target.



**Thank you to everyone who sponsored us.**

# Champion Weight Lifter

Commonwealth Games and Olympic squad Weightlifter Graeme Kane visited Sgoil Lionacleit on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> of May as part of the Winning Scotland Foundations "Champions in Scotland" project. The project's aim is to use role models as an inspiration to young people to work hard to reach their goals whether that be in sport, school or any aspect of their life.



Graeme had a packed day in Benbecula and started with a presentation delivered to S1-3s focussing on how he got involved in sport and what it took for him to be successful on an international level. He discussed how he coped with failure by learning from mistakes and realising that there are always ups and downs on the journey to being successful.

He then spent second period with the S2 HE class where he talked about the importance of Nutrition for a healthy lifestyle while showing them how to cook Beef Fajitas.



For 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Period he met with the current and future Performance Development Programme athletes for an open discussion on all the aspects of competing at a high level in Sport as well as a light weight gym session to keep the athletes on their toes.



After lunch Graeme concluded his visit with 3<sup>rd</sup> year PE where he ran through some of the lifts he needed to do as a competitor before giving the students a chance to show their strength by performing some lifts under his supervision.

A big thank you to Mrs Beaton who alongside the Uist and Barra Sports HUB arranged the programme for the day. The visit itself was supported financially by the Comhairle's Sport and Health department.

## Sutton Trust Summer School

### St Andrews

Anna, Isobel and I recently attended a four day residential trip at St Andrews university designed to give pupils living in rural areas the chance to experience what university life is like. Our time was spent attending mini lectures in Biology, Social Anthropology, Languages, Psychology and Shaping the Future. We got a chance to experience living in halls and also had free time to explore St Andrews.

It was a fantastic experience and we had great fun - as well as learning all about what opportunities are offered at university. It has really made us more focused for S5 and we would highly recommend it to any other pupils in the future.

Georgia Macmillan S5

Prize giving **28 June 2017 6 pm**

School Closes (ALL) 30 June 2017

School Reopens (Staff) 14 August 2017

School Reopens (Pupils) 17 August 2017



## North of Scotland Schools Championships 2017

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of May, pupils from lochdar, Balivanaich, Sgoil Uibhist a Tuath and Sgoil Lionacleit travelled to Inverness to compete at the North of Scotland Schools Track and Field Championships. The children all competed amazingly well. Here are the medal winners.

The first medal to come our way was from Uilleum Brass, placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in his triple jump with a strong jump of 11.74m. Liam MacKinnon also attended the triple jump competition, jumping a PB of 9.55m. Next to the pit was the throwing circle where the shot putt took place where Marion MacCorquodale threw a massive amount onto her PB with a throw of 9.55m, Onto discus, Marion gained another medal into her pocket with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place throw of 16.48m, while Finlay MacDonald threw a strong throw of 18.56m. On the other side of the field, our only competitor in the javelin, Ryan MacIntyre threw 25.39m giving him 2<sup>nd</sup> place. In the hurdles Trinity Johnson got 3<sup>rd</sup> in her 80m hurdles and PB'd with a fast time of 13.60s. John Scanlon got 1<sup>st</sup> in 80m hurdles for U15 boys with a PB of 13.68 and he also reached the final of 100m. Calum Fraser, a senior pupil competed in a straight final of the 100m and 200m for the U20 A boys. He achieved gold in both events, a PB in 100m 11.65s and 24.19s in the 200m.

We had 3 relay teams competing in the last event of the day. Our U13 girls team was Elisa Morrison, Emma MacCormick, Amie Ringstead and Orin Shepard. Our Under 17 girls team was Emily Steele, Erin MacKinnon, Trinity Johnson and Shona Steele. Both of these girls teams were delighted to achieve 2<sup>nd</sup> place! We also had a U15 boys boys relay team, Angus MacDonald, Liam MacKinnon, Ryan MacDonald and John Scanlon. They ran a fantastic race. A very successful and enjoyable trip was had. Well done to everyone who attended. We would like to thank Ms Levack and Mr MacDonald for driving the minibuses and accompanying us on the trip.



## FULL YEAR TOTALS

# Ormiculture

## 391



## Scolpaig

## 857



## Borve

## 372

### Staff v Pupils Tug a war!



### Sports Day

Totals:

Scolpaig

456

Ormiculture

378

Borve

351

The intermediate girls **high jump** was at 1m 35 and 4 girls held this record.

However **Kyla MacKinnon**

managed to beat the trend with a height of **1m 43**, also equalled the girls overall School record.

### SPORTS DAY NEW RECORDS

**Senior Boys Triple Jump** — DJ Mac Millian broke his own record from last year with a distance of 12.26m

**Intermediate Girls Shot Putt** — Marion MacCorquodale broke a 17year record in shot putt with 9m 64.

**Triple Jump** — Kiera MacKenzie broke last years record of 7m 85.

**1500m** — Lucy Morrison broke the 1500m with a time of 5 minutes 59secs.

### FAREWELL

The end of term marks a significant milestone for a number of staff who are moving onto new paths.

We would like to wish the following

All the Best:

**Katharine Watt (HE) joined 1990**

**Catherine Ferguson (Business Studies) joined 2005**

**Alasdair MacDonald (Social Subjects) joined 2005**

**Donna MacLeod (Office) joined 2007**

**Kenny Mac Donald (DHT) joined 2012**

**Paul Donnelly (Supply) joined 2013**

### Tanzania Bound

For the past two years a group of dedicated pupils have been working hard, raising money for a World Challenge trip to Southern Tanzania. Their build-up day took place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June, where the expedition leader travelled to the island to help prepare pupils for their adventure.

The time has finally arrived and the group has now departed Scotland for Dar es Salaam on the 26<sup>th</sup> June. They will travel across southern Tanzania, staying mostly in tents and experiencing rural life in a developing country. They will: trek along the Boabab valley, learn to cook Tanzanian food, help to build an accommodation block for teachers in a boarding school outside Iringa, see wild elephants drinking at pools in the Ruaha National Park Safari and finish their adventure by relaxing on a beach along the Swahili coastline.

The group would like to thank all pupils, staff, parents, members of the community and local organisations who all contributed towards the trip over the past two years.

