

SGOIL LIONACLEIT



Head Teacher Headlines

June 2019



Another academic year draws to a close and as the sun shines down our thoughts turn to the Summer that lies ahead of us, but a moment of reflection allows us to look back as well as forward.

I am blessed to be in a school that is as supportive and enthusiastic, in a community that loves their school and wants to see young people do well.

Every year also brings challenges and obstacles to be overcome, as I am fond of saying to our young people and staff – it is not the things we are good at that will make us better. The real improvement lies in the gaps we have, the major improvements lie in facing these head on, in accepting feedback and using it constructively.

Our consistent message is that hard work pays off – eventually. Lionel Messi said:

“It has taken me 17 years and 114 days to become an overnight success”

Consistent hard work is the key to any sustained success and our young people fill me with pride and confidence that they have the resilience required to handle appropriate feedback and the willingness to put in the effort required to achieve great things.

This idea is very neatly captured in one of my favourite quotes by John F Kennedy:

“Those who dare to fail miserably can achieve great things”

We also say goodbye to several members of staff this term (Mr Miller MacDonald, Mr Roddy MacNeil, Mrs Peigi Townsend, Miss Darel Wright, Mrs Christetta Steadwood and Mr Andrew Friend) who have contributed so much to our journey so far and we wish them every success as they depart on their own journeys.

Yours in Partnership

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 12th—14th August INSET

Thursday 15th August school re-opens

Friday 11th October local holiday/school closes.

Fund-raising Event



Pictured here are pupils from Mrs MacIntyre's S4 RE class who recently took part in a fund-raising event as part of SCIAF's Wee Box Lent appeal. This year's focus was on Uganda, where SCIAF are helping people set up farming projects and small businesses to improve their lives. The class held a raffle, with the main prize being a giant Easter Egg. The final sum raised, in just a couple of days, was £225. Well done to all who took part!

STEM club trip to mainland

Pupils from the Sgoil Lionacleit STEM club travelled to Glasgow and Edinburgh at the end of May to take part in the National celebration of Engineering held in Glasgow Science Centre. The pupils were presenting the work they have been doing with the club and took part in a variety of different Engineering based challenges. Pupils represented their school and impressed the judges with the work they had done on both their Lego robots and their 'Rampaging chariots'.



On the following day, the team travelled through to Edinburgh to compete in the Scottish Robotic Games with the two school robots; The tiger and the White tiger. Unfortunately for the team, problems with batteries losing charge and a couple of loose connections meant they did not get off to the great start they were hoping for.

The drivers put in a valiant effort and did well, unfortunately losing a 2 goal lead in the robot football to be denied a place in the quarter finals! The pupils were inspired by all the other robots on display and are already making plans for next year's competition.

The team were treated to a tour of the facilities and were able to see where highly complex aviation radar systems are manufactured and all the effort it takes to produce this very high-tech equipment.

The whole trip was a great success and despite not having enough time to make the planned visit to the transport museum, some bowling and ice-cream in the evening seemed to make up for it!

On behalf of the school and pupils, Mr Fraser would like to thank Mr Howard Manning for his continued support of the club.



Events - Languages Department Mòd Uibhist 2019



Air 24mh agus 25mh An Cèitean ghabh sgoilearan pàirt ann am Mòd Uibhist a ghabh àite ann an Sgoil an Iochdair. Tha na sgoilearan rim moladh airson a bhith deònach pàirt a ghabhail ann.

Pictured left are the pupils who took part in Mod Uibhist at Iochdar School on the 25th May. All pupils are to be commended for their exemplary behaviour and their willingness to take part. Missing from group photo: Zara Wilkie, Erin Straderick, Kieran MacCormick and Donald Henderson.

Cookery Workshops



Teirm trang eile is sinn air cèicichean, cookies agus briosaigean blasta a dhèanamh agus an sgeadachadh aig na seiseanan an dèidh na sgoile.

It's been another busy term baking and decorating tasty cakes, cookies and biscuits at the after school cookery workshops. Thanks to Mary Ann Campbell, Eilidh Johnson and Catriona Morrison for organising these sessions.

Gaelic Drama Workshops



Bha seiseanan spòrsail drama ann an Sgoil Lionacleit an uair a thadhail Debbie NicAoidh air an sgoil. Dh'obraich Debbie còmhla ri luchd-ionnsachaidh agus fileantaich agus abair gun do chòrd na seiseanan ris an òigridh.

On 27.3.19 Debbie MacKay held drama workshops in the Theatre with S1 and S3 Gàidhlig and Learner classes. Pupils engaged in lots of activities and acted in short plays. The workshops were enjoyed by everyone and were lots of fun.

Modern Studies class meet the Minister



On the 29th of May 2019 the Higher Modern Studies class travelled to Glasgow to meet the Minister for Europe, Migration and International Development in Edinburgh. This was a result of the class winning the Global Voices Project that aimed to involve younger people in issues that concern modern day society such as climate change, transgender rights, mental health and development issues. Our proposal was about a way to tackle underdevelopment in Africa, specifically the brain drain, while also helping Scotland's economy. To accomplish this, we suggested that a professional exchange program was put in place where teachers, doctors and others from Scotland can move to an African country for a period of time while someone from Africa works in Scotland.

On the Wednesday evening we visited an escape room which we succeeded to complete under the hour time limit and then we had dinner at the Hard rock Café. On Thursday we travelled to the parliament and watched First Ministers' questions which was very exciting as we had watched it online many times. Then after lunch we had a tour of the parliament and finally got to meet the minister. Ben MacPherson was able to answer our questions very well and was clearly very passionate about his job, we got a picture and were on our way home. After an early start, many delays and cancellations we arrived back in Uist a day later than planned and also met our MSP Alasdair Allan in the airport.

M. McGoldrick

UK Maths Challenges 2018/19



Pupils at Sgoil Lionacleit took part in the Senior, Intermediate and Junior UK Maths Challenges that were held throughout the year. We are pleased to announce that our pupils gained awards in each of the challenges: Anna MacLain (S5) achieved a Silver Award in the Senior Maths Challenge; Calum MacMillan (S4), Liam MacKinnon (S4) and Hamish MacLellan (S3) gained Bronze Awards in the Intermediate Maths Challenge; Eva Lowe gained a Gold Award and Seonaidh MacInnes and Erin Straderick gained Bronze Awards and in the Junior Maths Challenge. Also, Eva Lowe was invited to take part in the Junior Kangaroo competition which is open to the top 8000 pupils across the UK.

Mr Macdonald PT Maths at Sgoil Lionacleit said: "Everyone who took part should be very proud of their achievements because the UK Maths Challenges are tough competitions with very tricky problems!"

The Maths Challenges are run by the UK Mathematics Trust and is supported by the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries. You can find out more at: www.ukmt.org.uk

Mod News



Pictured left Anna Netherton with her cups for her poetry recitation and the best learner in the secondary.

Pictured right Anna MacLeod and Teigan Morrison who won first equal in the poster competition and Sophie Kelty who got third



Sports News

The Athletics team celebrated success this term in the 2 major school competitions of the year. Sgoil Lionacleit came 4th in the Medal table at the North of Scotland Schools Track and Field Championships. We came home with 6 gold medals, 9 silver and 4 bronze, beaten only by 3 of the bigger highland schools. This is a huge achievement for a school of our size. It is a testament to the hard work that our young people put in during training, that such large group reached the required standard to compete.

A team of 13 pupils from Sgoil Lionacleit competed demonstrating their high skill level with some competitors dominating their event by large margins.

We were also joined by 10 pupils from the feeder primary schools who also did exceptionally well, reaching finals, gaining PBs and coming home with 2 golds, 3 silvers and 1 bronze medal between them. We look forward to having these young athletes joining us at Sgoil Lionacleit Athletics club next session.



The following week a team of 4 pupils headed down to Grangemouth to compete in the Scottish Schools Track and Field Championships after meeting the high standards required to compete. All pupils excelled themselves, achieving and for some exceeding their own personal goals.

We were delighted to bring home another medal from the championships, a silver in the Javelin by Amie Ringstead and a new PB of 29.75m. Marion MacCorquodale broke down a field of 22 to make it to the final in the shot putt where she sat in 4th place until the second last throw which saw her then pushed into 5th place by just centimetres. Amie Ringstead and Trinity Johnson coped with the demands of very fast heats in their 75m Hurdles and 100m races respectively, with confidence and maturity. Alasdair Fraser ran a phenomenal 200m heat, gaining a new PB and reaching the final of the 200m.

The school is very fortunate to receive the help of volunteers and retired teaching staff who willing give up their time to drive minibuses, provide transport and assist with supervising the trips. Without the continued support of Ruairaidh Muncaster, Mairi Levack, Kenneth Macdonald, Sean Mackenzie and Creagorry motors, our young people would not have been able to travel this term and meet challenges, engage with new people and experience success. Thank you.

SCOTTISH SCHOOLS TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS- GRANGEMOUTH



TRINITY JOHNSON	7 th	U20 100M HEAT	14.07
MARION MACCORQUODALE	5 TH	U17 SHOT PUT	11.33m
ALASDAIR FRASER	8 TH	U17 200M	24.19 PB
AMIE RINGSTEAD	2ND	U15 JAVELIN	29.75m PB
AMIE RINGSTEAD	5 TH	U15 75m Hurdles Heat.	13.61



Walk a Mile

How far do I walk?

Do you walk break times and lunch times every day?

If you do, why not aim for a mile or more?

Route 1: One lap of the school on the ground floor, from the PE department through the canteen, past the library, past HE and back to the PE dep.

12 laps of route 1 = 1 mile

Route 2: From the back door near HE, to the rose bush, or where the concrete path ends at the D.I pitch.

There and back of route 2 x 5 = 1 mile

Route 3: From the back door near HE, along the path to the gate near the wind turbine.

There and back of route 3 = 1 mile

Why not mix up your routes to make a mile, or walk even more miles!!!

New Session 2019 - 2020

Autumn 2019 - Term 1

opens:	Monday, 12th August 2019	Teachers (staff in-service)
opens:	Thursday, 15th August 2019	Pupils
closes:	Friday, 11th October 2019	Teachers and Pupils

Local holidays: National Mòd 12th - 20th October 2020