

Sgoil Lionacleit News

June 2021

Head Teacher Headlines



As we head into our summer holidays I think it is important to acknowledge all that has been accomplished this year. In a year of twists and turns, trials and tribulations, Sgoil Lionacleit has persevered. Our staff and young people have worked exceptionally hard and have been well supported by parents, guardians and community. To me this sums up what Sgoil Lionacleit is all about, this year our school motto "Aonaibh ri Chèile" has never been more apparent.

We will also have some staffing changes after the holidays, we say goodbye to two of our probationer teachers, Eilidh Graham (Gaelic) and Luke Henderson (Biology) will be moving on from Sgoil Lionacleit. We also wish Julie Cairney (English) well as she returns to the mainland to take up a post in her previous school. We will keep Jamie MacLeod (Physics) as a permanent member of staff to replace Eric McFadzean who is retiring after 10 years of service to Sgoil Lionacleit. Many pupils past and present will remember their time in Eric's classroom and his passion for Physics. In addition to Jamie we will be joined by two new probationers in Maths and Biology

In our school office we say goodbye to Joan Troughton, who started at Sgoil Lionacleit before the school officially opened and has been a steadfast member of staff, and finally we bid farewell to Lizzie Dorrian (English - who is another member of staff who joined Sgoil Lionacleit from day 1). Many pupils, parents and guardians will have fond memories of Joan and Lizzy from when they were in school and I am sure you join me in wishing them both a long and happy retirement.

I hope you all have a restful and relaxing summer.

Yours in Partnership

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

INSET 9th-11th August

Thursday 12 August School
opens to pupils.

Friday 8th October school
closes

Hospitality pupils raise funds for Cancer Research UK



Hospitality— Skills for Work pupils organised a well-deserved afternoon tea for staff recently. There were two sittings and staff were charged £5.00 for a delicious menu which included a sandwich selection, cakes, and refreshments. The money raised will go to Cancer Research UK.

The Skills for Work course was offered at Sgoil Lionacleit for several years but after a break it is back by popular demand. Pupils investigate the industry, front of house and professional kitchen and the course concludes with an event where pupils showcase their skills.

The Dark Island Hotel offered valuable work experience in preparation for this event. This year the eight pupils were offered an additional unit delivered concurrently. The work-based Skills unit in Hospitality was developed with the concept of meta-skills at its foundation.

Well done to all the pupils and thanks to staff for their support and to the Dark Island Hotel.



Biology News

Recently, some of our National 4 and National 5 Biology students had the opportunity to participate in a live educational session with the world-renowned marine biologist Aurora Lipps. She presented a session on marine biology, oceanography and the robots that are used to further our understanding of the deep ocean. Interestingly, she touched on the important role that marine biologists are playing in helping astronomers search for evidence of water on other planets. The presentation widened the students' appreciation for our oceans and how technology is an important contributor to our understanding of the world in which we live.



Developing the Young Workforce

DYW Co-ordinator

Chloe Steele has recently been appointed as our new Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) co-ordinator.

Chloe is a former pupil, and we are delighted to welcome her back to Sgoil Lionacleit in this professional capacity within our school. Chloe is working with our young people on many aspects of their career planning and development.



Race for Life

Thank you to our pupils and parents and to the wider community for supporting our first ever Race for Life event organised by the HE and PE Faculty. The fantastic amount of £2014.60 was raised for Cancer research UK.



Sports Day 2021.

We were delighted to be able to hold a sports day this year, albeit in a slightly different format. There was an excellent turn out with 150 pupils signing up to earn points for their house. 1st and 2nd year took part in the morning, braving the wind and rain 3rd, 4th and 5th year competed in the afternoon with some very close races and as always the relays brought out great team spirit within the 3 house teams resulting in a very close outcome.

It was a tough day to break records but well done to Joni Smith breaking the 1500m record with a time of 5.23 and Calum Macleod breaking the S2 Shot Put record with a throw of 10.80.

Well done to all who took part and helped out. Thanks also to the senior pupils who volunteered all day and allowed it to be a successful and enjoyable experience for all and to Mrs Parkin, master score keeper.

We hope to be back next year with a bigger programme on offer.

TRACK RESULTS

3RD **ORMACLEIT** 108 points

2ND **SCOLPAIG** 137 points

1ST **BORVE** 139 points

FIELD RESULTS

3RD **ORMACLEIT** 111 points

2ND **BORVE** 144 points

1ST **SCOLPAIG** 153 points

RELAY RESULTS

3RD **SCOLPAIG** 44 points

2ND **BORVE** 46 points

1ST **ORMACLEIT** 51 points



OVERALL RESULTS

3rd Place **ORMACLEIT** 270 points

2nd Place **BORVE** 329 points

1ST Place **SCOLPAIG** 334points



Solving Mysteries in the Classroom

The S3 classes have been busy in their Science lessons discovering the practical skills and the theory behind Forensic Science. So far classes have been investigating dactylography (the science of fingerprints) and physical evidence such as bite marks and blood spatter patterns. They are learning about the factors that influence eyewitness testimony and using that information to improve their facial recognition sketching.

Thank you to members of the Senior Leadership Team (and Chris Hemsworth) in allowing the students to use their faces to practice facial composite sketches.



Fhuair S4 cothrom bruidhinn ri Anne Lundon an t-seachdain seo. Tha Anne ag obair dhan BhBC, a' libhrigeadh phrògraman leithid Reporting Scotland, An Là, Eòrpa agus Landward.

Bhruidhinn Anne ri na sgoilearan mu fhoghlam agus an obair a th' aice. Choisinn i fhèin ceum ann an Gàidhlig bho Oilthigh na Gàidhealtachd 's nan Eilean. Tha Gàidhlig air tòrr chothroman a thoirt dhi agus mhìnich i cho cudromach 's a tha Gàidhlig na beatha.

Mhol i do na sgoilearan cumail orra le Gàidhlig as bith càite an tèid iad no an t-slighe a ghabhas iad.

Tha sinn taingeil gun tug Anne ùine a-mach bhon obair aice gus bruidhinn rinn ann an Sgoil Lionacleit



S4 Gaelic learners had the opportunity to speak with Anne Lundon this week. Anne works for the BBC and has appeared on many programmes - Reporting Scotland, An La, Eorpa and Landward to name a few.

Anne talked about her education in Lewis and her work. She has a Gàidhlig degree from UHI. As she explained, Gàidhlig has opened doors for her in her working life and affords her many opportunities that she may not otherwise have had. Anne told us how important Gàidhlig is to her and encouraged the pupils to keep going with Gàidhlig whatever choices they make for education and life.

We are very grateful to Anne for taking time out of her busy schedule to talk to us at Sgoil Lionacleit



AUTUMN TERM Monday 9th August—Friday 8th October 2021

Inset	Monday 9th—Wednesday 11th August 2021
School opens to pupils	Thursday 12th August 2021
School closes	Friday 8th October 2021
Mid - Term Local Holidays	Friday 8th October 2021