

# Sgoil Lionacleit News



## Head Teacher Headlines

### March 2018



Once again a term draws to a close at Sgoil Lionacleit, this term has been one of pace and challenge as we all 'pull together' to help our young people on their journey.

As we move into our Easter holidays we are all looking forward to much deserved relaxation – however the Easter holidays are not a destination they are a stop-over on the journey and again the message for our young people (particularly those in S4, S5 and S6) is to rest.....and revise.

Also this term we say goodbye to one of our longest serving members of staff at Sgoil Lionacleit – Walter Smith. Walter has been a stalwart in the kitchen at Sgoil Lionacleit for many years, I am sure many parents as well as pupils remember Walter fondly for his dedication to providing the best service possible for staff and pupils alike – Walter we wish you all the best for the future!

Again I would like to point to the many and varied successes of our school that you will see in this and other newsletters as proof of our ongoing dedication to being excellent in all that we do,

Best wishes

Gordon Young

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#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 29th April - Close for  
Spring Holiday

Monday 16th April - School Re-  
opens

Monday 30th April - Study Leave  
Begins

Monday 7th May - May Day Holiday

Friday 25th May - Uist MOD

# HOLOCAUST EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Skye Macdonald, a 6th Year pupil from Golspie High School, visited the school on 19th February. Skye, who is a Holocaust Educational Trust Ambassador, delivered a very informative and moving presentation to our S3 RME and RERC pupils.



## GETTING CREATIVE



S1 and S2 pupils have been busy with creative writing recently, taking part in 2 separate competitions. A group of pupils from S1 entered the BBC 500 words short story competition and are waiting hopefully to hear if they got a prize. Meanwhile, the class entries were judged by former English teacher at Sgoil Lionacleit, Miss Margaret Keltie. First prize went to Ellie Campbell for her story, 'The Red String of Fate' which Miss Keltie described as unusual, effective and well told. Second prize was won by Leah MacIntyre for her hugely entertaining story, 'The Free Roaming Rifle'. Third prize went to Jamie Ford, who wrote an exciting story with a dramatic opening, 'The Deadly Birthday'.

The S2 pupils were tasked with writing their own ending for a short story they read in class, 'The Most Dangerous Game' by Richard Connell. Miss Keltie enjoyed reading all the endings, which she said showed real involvement with the story and portrayed a vivid sense of danger. She awarded first prize to Hamish MacLellan, second to Mairi Maclain and third to Andrew MacDonald. There was also a special commendation for Charlie Stewart's piece of work, which Miss Keltie described as making original use of different viewpoints and conveying a vivid account of the feelings of the villainous character, General Zaroff.



S1 Winners



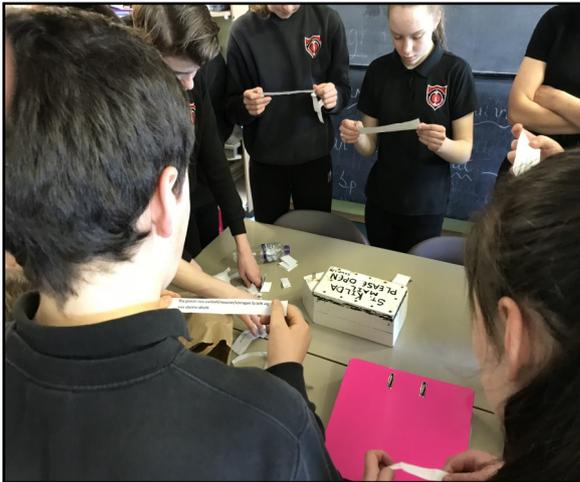
S2 Winners

1st Ellie Doyle Campbell, 2nd Leah MacIntyre, 3rd Jamie Ford.

1st Hamish MacLellan, 2nd Mary Maclain, 3rd Andrew MacDonald. Highly Commended—Charlie Stewart.

# AUTHOR'S VISIT

Two weeks ago Myles Campbell who lives in Skye to tell us a bit about himself and his books. He has written a number of different books but his favourite is the one he wrote about himself. He told us that his wife had helped him to write this book. He also enjoys writing flash fiction. He gave us a few examples of his work and then encouraged us to write our own flash fiction short story. Our class enjoyed this activity very much and some great stories were produced.



# ÙGH DAR AIR CHUAIRT

O chionn cola-deug thàinig Maoileas Caimbeul a tha a' fuireach anns an Eilean Sgiathanach dhan sgoil a dh'innse beagan mu dheidhinn fhèin agus na leabhraichean aige. Tha e air deagh chuid de leabhraichean eadar-dhealaichte a sgrìobhadh ach 's e am fear a sgrìobh e mu dheidhinn fhèin is fhèarr leis. Dh'innis e dhuinn gun chuidich a bhean e a' sgrìobhadh an leabhair seo. Is toigh leis cuideachd a bhith a' sgrìobhadh *flash fiction*. Sheall e eisimpleirean den seòrsa sgrìobhaidh seo dhuinn is bhrosnaich e sinn gu sgeulachd ghoirid *flash fiction* a sgrìobhadh. Chòrd seo gu mòr ris a' chlas againn is chaidh sgeulachdan sgoinneil an sgrìobhadh.



## AG IONNSACHADH MUN EACHDRAIDH AGAINN

Thàinig Eilidh NicLeòid à Leòdhas dhan chlas Gàidhlig againn Diluain agus Dimàirt and 19mh agus am 20mh den Mhàirt. Thàinig i a dh'innse beagan dhuinn mu dheidhinn eachdraidh nan eilean agus bha rudan mar bòrd-nigheadaireachd agus balg-sèide aige mar eisimpleirean de rudan a bha daoine a' cleachdadh o chionn fhada. Air an Dimàirt rinn gach buidheann bhideo ghoirid a' sealltainn de bha iad air ionnsachadh mu gach rud. Thug Eilidh thugainn *ipads* agus *props* airson ar cuideachadh. Chòrd an obair rinn gu mòr is bha tòrr spòrs againn. Tha sinn an dòchas nach bi Eilidh fada gun tilleadh airson rud mar seo a dhèanamh a-rithist.

## HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS

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*Alanna Beaton agus Elisa Morrison*



## S2 BAKE SALE

Mrs MacIntyre's S2 RE class ran a bake-sale on Tuesday 27 March, to raise funds for SCIAF's 2018 Lenten campaign. The focus of this year's campaign is climate change in Cambodia, and pupils learned about projects being run to help the poorest people. The bakesale raised a fantastic £95 and this will be doubled by the UK government.



# BASKETBALL NEWS



Well done to our senior girls basketball team, who have won the Highlands Secondary Schools League! Four schools were involved in this competition during the course of the year. They were Charleston Academy, Millburn Secondary school and Inverness Royal Academy.

The girls have worked exceptionally hard over the last year, and indeed, over the last 3 years, the hours of training and commitment have finally paid off. Despite the challenges of going up against large school teams, with their school role number going into the hundreds, and the long traveling that we have grown so accustomed to, the girls have overcome and have been rewarded with their overall stunning win.

Captain: Shona Steele, Amie Ringstead, Marion Mac-CorQuodale, Kyla MacKinnon, Rachel MacDonald,

## NORTH OF SCOTLAND SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY 7th MARCH 2018

A team of 13 pupils travelled to the North of Scotland Cross Country Championships in Gordonstoun to compete in various age categories. All pupils performed exceptionally well, completing the course in the top 40 competitors. Congratulations to SHAUN MACDONALD who placed 1<sup>st</sup> in his race, JONI SMITH who placed 5<sup>th</sup> and LUCY MORRISON placing 4<sup>th</sup>.



# CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

The Interhouse cross country took place on Friday 2ND March in very blustery conditions. 1<sup>st</sup> male home was Shaun Macdonald and 1<sup>st</sup> female was Lucy Morrison. Congratulations to all those who took the time to compete. House scores are as follows.

**SCOLPAIG – 41PTS**

**ORMACLEIT 21PTS**

**BORGH 21PTS.**

## INDIVIDUAL RESULTS.

### S1 BOYS

<b>Shaun Macdonald</b>	<b>14m 45s</b>
Michael Gray	17m 01s
Seonaidh Macinnes	17m15s
Andrew Macleod	20m 01s

### S1 GIRLS

<b>Joni Smith</b>	<b>17. 03s</b>
Emma Scott	21m 45s
<b>Anna Macleod</b>	<b>22m 16s</b>

### S2 BOYS

Hamish Maclellan	15m 30s
Dhol Anndra MacCormick	15m 39s
<b>Alasdair Fraser</b>	<b>17m 29s</b>
Shaun Shepherd	17m 47s

### S2 GIRLS

Amiee Ringstead	17m 51s
Evie Dempsey	17m 52s

### S3 BOYS

Rinchen Coleman	16m 45s
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### S3 GIRLS

Lucy Morrison	16m 51s.
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SPRING 2018 - TERM 3			Summer 2018 - TERM 4		
<b>opens:</b>	Thursday, 4 January	Teachers and Pupils	<b>opens:</b>	Monday, 16 April	Teachers and Pupils
<b>closes:</b>	Tuesday, 6 February	Pupils	<b>closes:</b>	Friday, 4 May	Teachers and Pupils
	Wednesday, 7 February	Teachers			
<b>opens:</b>	Tuesday, 13 February	Teachers and Pupils	<b>opens:</b>	Tuesday, 8 May	Teachers and Pupils
<b>closes:</b>	Thursday, 29 March	Teachers and Pupils	<b>closes:</b>	Thursday, 28 June	Teachers and Pupils
<b>Local holidays:</b> 8, 9 and 12 February 2018			<b>Local Holidays:</b> May bank Holiday Monday 7 May 2017		
<b>Good Friday:</b> 30 March 2018					
<b>Easter Monday:</b> 2 April 2018					