



Sgoil Lionacleit NEWS

TURAS DHAN T-SABHAL MHÒR

OCTOBER 2016

Air an 20mh latha den t-Sultainn chaidh buidhean nighean bhon treas bliadhna a-null dhan Eilean Sgiathanach airson faicinn de bha ri dhèanamh aig Sabhal Mòr Ostaig. Nuair a ràinig sinn a-null bha sinn a' smaoinichadh gu robh e a' coimhead gu math gleansach agus ùr. Dh'èirich sinn tràth Diciadain 's an uair a ghabh sinn bracaist dh'fhalbh sinn sìos gu "set" an t-siabainn Gàidhlig *Bannan*. Bha sin cho math ach uabhasach fuar. Bha cothrom againn coinneachadh ri Tony Kearney (Torquil), Debbie NicAoidh, Cailean Collier, Laura NicIlinnean agus an còrr den sgioba. Chunnaic sinn iad a' filmeadh pàirt dhan phrògram a thig a-mach an ath bhliadhna. An uair sin chunnaic sinn an t-aodach aig na cleasaichean air fad agus chunnaic sinn na h-oifisean aig an luchd-obrach. Rinn sinn beagan dràma còmhla ri Coinneach 's bha sin math agus eibhinn 's cuideachd choinnich sinn ri Mòrag Stiùbhart a bha ag innse dhuinn mu chùrsa na Meadhanan a tha i a' teagasg anns a' cholaiste. Thill sinn dhachaigh oidhche Chiadain an-dèidh turas sgoinneil.



HEADLINES FROM Acting Head Teacher Mr Donald MacLeod

As we approach the October holidays I would like to thank all pupils, parents and staff for their hard work this term. Pupils have settled in well to the new session and are working hard on their respective courses.

This term we have raised £719.13 for MacMillan Cancer. Already school trips/outings have seen pupils travel to Skye and also enjoy a very **valuable day out on the 'Lady Jane'**.

SABHAL MÒR OSTAIG TRIP



On the 20th of September a group of third year girls went to Skye to see what is available at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig. When we arrived we thought it looked new and modern. We got rooms in the building down the road where the college first started. The next morning we had to be up and about very early as we were going to visit the Bannan set. That was very good but very cold! We got the opportunity to meet Tony Kearney (Torquil), Debbie MacKay, Cailean Collier, Laura MacLennan and others in the Bannan team. We saw them filming a scene which will be broadcast in September 2017. We then saw the costumes used

for Bannan and also the editing suite. We got a tour of the college and we saw a recording studio and the room where Film G is organised. We then listened to a presentation by Morag Stewart about the Media course at the college and we also did some drama with Coinneach. It was a great trip and we now know what sort of things happen at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig. This will help us decide whether we would like to go there later in our lives.

EMAIL CONTACT ADDRESS

Partnership between the school and parents/carers is a key part of ensuring the best possible outcomes for all our pupils. In order to make this better it would be appreciated if any parents/carers who have not so far provided the school with an email address could you do so as soon as possible. Once we have a full list of email addresses we will be able to communicate with yourselves without using up paper and printing resources.



Parent Council Office Bearers

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Mrs Anne MacDonald

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Mrs Susan MacAulay

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PIPING WORLD CHAMPIONS



Congratulations to the Sgoil Lionacleit Pipe Band who came 3rd in the Novice, Juvenile B group at the World Pipe Band Championships 2016 on the 16th August this year. The band travelled to Glasgow for the event and were a credit to the school.

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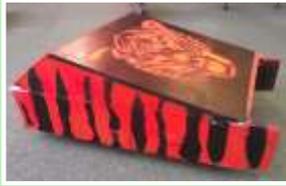
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STEM CLUB ROARS ON!

The STEM club have been meeting regularly on Friday afternoons to start on a variety of projects. Pupils have so far worked on programming and creating robots using the LEGO Mindstorms kit. Pupils have also made a start on soldering exercises, creating electronic circuits as well as using a Raspberry Pi computer to learn about coding. The group are currently in the process of making another robot for the 'Rampaging Chariots' competition, organised by the founder of 'Robot Wars'. So far the pupils have been taking apart a couple of drills to use the motors to power the robot and have built the chassis. The next step is creating the electronic circuits to control the robot. The group meets each Friday in the Technical department and any pupils interested in creating a robot or learning about programming should come along to see what is happening!



NEW LOGO FOR KILDONAN MUSEUM

Congratulations to Anna MacRae S5 for designing the new logo for Kildonan Museum. Anna won £50 for her efforts and her winning logo will be used by the museum when the new extension is completed.



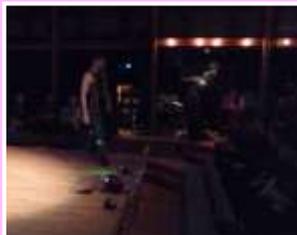
RANNSACHADH
GÀIDHLIG

Air a' mhìos a chaidh seachad thàinig buidhean bho Soillse, an companaidh a tha a'dèanamh rannsachadh dhan t-Sabhal Mhòr, airson bruidhinn ri sgoilearan a tha còrr is sia bliadhna deug mu na beachdan aca a thaobh Gàidhlig. Bha aig sgoilearan ri ceisteachan a dhèanamh agus fhuair iad cothrom bruidhinn ris an sgioba. Fhuair na sgoilearan am moladh gu mòr airson an dòigh mhodhail, dhòigheal anns an do ghabh iad pàirt anns an rannsachadh seo agus chaidh taing mhòr a thoirt dha roinn nan cànan airson failte chridheil a chur air an sgioba.

A team from Soillse visited the school in September to seek the views of some senior pupils about Gaelic. The team was most impressed by the manner in which pupils engaged with the research and by their friendly, mature attitude.

FASHION SHOW

On Wednesday 5 October, S6 pupils organised a fashion event where S6 boys modelled some of the latest trends this year. The clothes were provided by the sixth year girls and the show was also organised and run by the 6th year. A special thanks goes out to Mr Gilles for being a fantastic MC and helping the show run smoothly. Many laughs were had and a fantastic sum of £175 was raised for S6's chosen charities - 1 Million Miles for Ellie and SAMH (Scottish Association for Mental Health).



Catriona MacLeod

DEASBAD NÀISEANTA GÀIDHLIG NATIONAL GAELIC DEBATE

Tha Ceitidh NicIlinein agus Maria Steele trang a' deisealachadh airson a' chiad dà chuairt den deasbad a bhios ann an Steòrnabhagh air an ochdamh agus an naoidheamh latha den t-Samhainn.

Katy MacLennan S6 and Maria Steele S5 are busy preparing for the National Gaelic Debate. The first two rounds of the competition will be held in Stornoway on the 8th and 9th of November.

PUPIL LOCKERS



All pupils now have lockers to store their school books and personal valuables. We are promoting the use of the lockers by all pupils, thus ensuring the security of their belongings. Once again we would appreciate your support in promoting the use of the lockers with your children/young people.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2016 - 2017



School House Captains for this session are:

Scolpaig: Dominic MacAulay, Fiona MacDonald

Ormclate: Seonaidh MacDonald, Mairi MacIntosh

Borve: Calum Binnie, Kayreen MacLeod

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

On 26th of September our school celebrated European Day of Languages. Pupils engaged in a quiz about languages during registration. The quiz was put together by S3 German pupils and included questions like: From which language do we get graffiti? And How many official languages does Switzerland have?



A language fact was posted every day for a week. One of the facts posted was that there are about 225 indigenous languages in Europe - **roughly 3% of the world's total.** We also enjoyed international cuisine during the week.





Deputy Head Girl: Catriona MacLeod Head Girl: Katie McLennan
 Deputy Head Boy: Lee Stewart Head Boy: Roddy Thomson



AM MÒD NÀISEANTA RÌOGHAIL (THE ROYAL NATIONAL MÒD)

Sgoil Lionacleit, along with the other schools in the Western Isles, was invited to prepare a mural board for the National Mod and on Activities Day in June a group of pupils put their artistic skills to good use and produced the striking board pictured below. Thanks to Amber MacVicar, Chloe Humberstone, Bethan MacLellan, Rachel MacLean, Abigail Lane and Anna MacLain for producing the board which will be on display in Stornoway during Mod week.



Currently less than 10% of pupils in the school are claiming free school meals they are entitled to. We believe that there may be more parents/carers who would be entitled to free school meals. Please contact

VISIT FROM GAVIN AND DES CAMPBELL



Gavin and Des Campbell from Rose of Sharon Ministries visited a couple of our RME classes at the end of August. They shared some of their experiences of South Africa with us. We learned a lot about the living conditions in that country. We found out that some of the languages there have 'click' sounds. We also discovered that the hippo was the most dangerous wild animal. Gavin and Des are committed Christians and they share the gospel throughout South Africa. It is a very violent country and Des was shot once during an attempted car-jacking.

CO-FHARPAIS SGRIOBHAIDH CLAS



Sgoil Lionacleit was well represented in the annual CLAS writing competition. No less than 37 S2, S3 and S4 pupils were commended for their efforts.

Fhuair na sgoilearan Gàidhlig a leanas am moladh airson nam piosan sgrìobhaidh a chuir iad gu co-fharpais sgrìobhaidh CLAS:

S2 Gàidhlig: Jack MacDonald, Ryan MacIntyre, Kian Humberstone, Mairi MacMillan, Megan MacKay, Angus MacDonald, Allana Beaton, Stella MacKinnon, Elisa Morrison and Calum MacMillan.

S3 Gàidhlig: Annie MacMillan, Anna MacLain, Joanna Laing, Marion MacCorquodale, Ben Shepherd, Shona Steele, Jordan MacKinnon, Rachel MacLean, Beth Lindsay, Emily Steele and Chloe Humberstone.

S3 Learners: Rachel MacDonald, Fergus MacPherson, Ann Marie MacDonald, Katie Walker and Tamzin MacLeod.

S4 Gàidhlig: Hamish Rodger, Maryrose MacIsaac, Kenny MacKillop, Finlay MacVicar, Marc Lindsay, Liana Steele, Lennon MacInnes, Kirsten Beaton, Calum MacDonald and Georgia MacMillan.

GIRLS' UNDER 15 BASKETBALL TEAM

Sgoil Lionacleit's under 15 girls basketball team have been entered into the Scottish Schools Cup. Their first game is against Charleston and it is away, hopefully to be played in November. We then have a home game against Thurso at the end of November. Our next two games will be played after new year.

The members of the team are: Kyla Mackinnon, Marion MacCorquodale, Beth Lindsay, Rachel MacDonald, Bottom row from left: Aime Ringstead, Shona Steele and Amber MacVicar. **Girls' captain is Shona Steele.**



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

On Friday 30th September S4 hosted a whole afternoon of hospitality and fund-raising. The event was held as part of MacMillan Cancer's "World Coffee Morning" event.



We would like to thank all pupils, staff and parents for their kind donations. The total raised was an incredible £719.13 which will be donated towards the local MacMillan Cancer Charity. Pictured below are musicians Ruairidh Gray, Lee MacDougall and Kenny MacKillop.

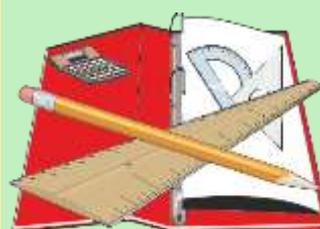


PERSONAL BESTS FOR ATHLETES IN STORNOWAY

On the 10th September a group of Athletes from Primary and Secondary schools in the Western Isles met in Stornoway to compete in various events with many pupils from Sgoil Lionacleit very pleased with their PBs from the day. *from Marion MacCorquodale and Shona Steele S3.*



SCHOOL STATIONERY SHOP



A reminder that you can get all your essential stationery items in the school stationery shop. The shop is open on Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes at the front entrance. We have pens, pencils, rubbers, rulers, calculators and many more items at competitive prices.

Dates For Your Diary

- Thursday 13th October
School closes for October Break
- Wednesday 26th October
School opens for pupils
- Thursday 24th November
Closes for November weekend
- Tuesday 29 November
School opens
- Monday 19th December
Christmas concert
- Tuesday 20th December
Christmas dance
- Wednesday 21st December
Assembly and school closes for Christmas.

NEW CHEF'S UNIFORM



This is the Hospitality-practical cookery class wearing their new chef's uniform.

Pictured above Donald John MacDonald, Donald John MacMillan, Crisdean Campbell, Niall Walker, Calum MacPhee, Bobby MacDonald, Cameron MacInnes.