

SGOIL LIONACLEIT NEWS

Headteacher Headlines



It has been a tremendously quick term at Sgoil Lionacleit and as ever our young people have been involved in a number of activities which I am sure you will enjoy reading about. If you remember when I first arrived I shared our 'vision statement' with everyone as an indication of where we wanted to go and what we wanted to do:

"Sgoil Lionacleit will become a 'greatness generator' – our pupils and staff will do great things in any field they wish. Our school will provide skills and experiences to

allow everyone to achieve what they wish on their journey. We will be part of our community, take pride in the things we do and reflect our school and community values in how we conduct ourselves. We will be a powerhouse of education that leads, innovates and excels." We felt that it was important to unpack that vision though as anyone can have a great statement – the proof is in the execution of the statement. As a result we took each of our key phrases from the vision statement and linked them to clear outcomes which allows everyone to see how we intend to make our vision a reality; the outcomes are:

"Part of our community – Be able to demonstrate at least 2 meaningful links with community organisations by December 2017"

"Skills and experiences – All pupils to have the opportunity of completing a vocational qualification in the senior phase and build in at least one vocational opportunity in each year of the broad general education"

"Powerhouse of education – all subjects to outperform the national average pass rate"

"Greatness generator – At least a 10% uplift in the overall number of passes"

Everything we do as a school in the coming year will reflect these outcomes and support our journey towards greatness,

Best wishes

Gordon Young

October 2017



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

During the month of September S2 Business Studies classes, as part of their aim to organise an enterprise activity, planned and prepared a whole school event to raise money for a local charity. The year group successfully hosted a MacMillan coffee morning on Friday 29th September alongside a non-uniform day to raise funds for MacMillan Cancer Support. The whole school, as well as some invited guests, came together to enjoy home baking and refreshments in the school cafeteria. The organised events raised an amazing total of £619.00. The Social Subjects department would like to thank S2 for their hard work. Thank you also to all those who contributed baking and donations. Mòran taing!



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Sgoil Lionacleit Pupils Shape Labour Party Policy

On Wednesday 23rd of August, schools across the Western Isles got the opportunity to conduct a Q & A session via video conference with Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn. As part of his tour of marginal seats in Scotland, Mr Corbyn visited e-Sgoil to see how e-learning works. We were lucky to take part in the session, and asked a challenging question about how the Labour party would maintain Britain's economy without single market membership post Brexit. Mr Corbyn's response was that although access was key, he did not believe that membership of the single market itself was essential. We were very interested to see the Labour party's change of policy (now in favour of membership!) a mere 3 days after we asked this question!

Maria McGoldrick S4

Andrew Muncaster S4

SILVER SCHOOL SPORTS AWARD

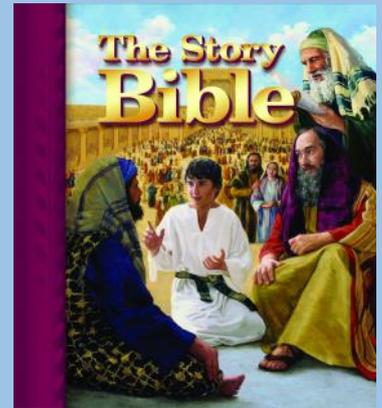
Congratulations to staff and pupils at Sgoil Lionacleit for achieving the Silver School Sport Award from Sport Scotland in recognition of their ongoing commitment to sport and physical activity.

The school established a Sports Committee last term who eagerly promoted sport in the school and the community. Thanks to staff pupils and partners for their time and effort to achieve this award.

SCRIPTURE UNION CLUB

This term we enjoyed looking at gruesome bible stories during our Wednesday lunch break. We are quite possibly the loudest and most entertaining Scripture Union Club anywhere in Scotland. You are invited to come along next term and to find out for yourself. Have a wonderful holiday!

From: Rev. Drew, Mrs. Townsend, Anna, Viktoria, Lucy S3, Isolde, Kiera, Joni, Lucy S1, Kirsten, Ciaraleigh and Ben.



SGOIL LIONACLEIT V NICHOLSON INSTITUTE

On Tuesday the 3rd of October, the girls' basketball team played The Nicolson Institute. It was a friendly match, before they embark on the Highland League later this year. It was a tough match and they pushed our team to the limits. In the 3rd quarter, we were down 27 – 19. However, through grit and determination, our girls fought their way back and managed to beat them 39 – 29. We wish our girls the very best as they compete in the Highland Girls Open League, where they will be competing against girls in S4, 5 and 6.

The team are: Shona Steele (Captain) (S4), Marion MacCorquodale (S4), Rachel MacDonald (S4), Beth Lindsay (S4), Amber MacVicar (S4), Kyla MacKinnon (S3), Aime Ringstead (S2) and Orin Shepherd (S2).



Sgoil Lionacleit's Future Assets

On Friday 22nd September, four S5 girls attended a national conference in the EICC in Edinburgh to hear more about career opportunities in the traditionally male-dominated world of finance. Keynote speeches by Nicola Sturgeon and Jayne Anne Gadhia, CEO Virgin Money, set the tone for the day but were almost eclipsed by Young Scot of the Year, Chelsea Cameron, who spoke of her life growing up with drug addicted parents and how she had used her experiences to make her stronger. Role play scenarios and workshops encouraged the girls to make the most of all opportunities open to them and encouraged them to approach their future with as open a mind as possible. A further motivational talk from Ross OC Jennings about his quest to become the first person to play the bagpipes in every country in the world ensured that the day was as inspirational as it could have been.

We are indebted to Future Asset Management for their generosity in funding the trip, and a special mention to Angus Tulloch from Stewart Investors for his enthusiasm, organisational expertise and warm interest in our school

Impact Biometrics is coming to

SGOIL LIONACLEIT

Reminder to send completed forms to Sgoil Lionacleit

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School closes Thursday 12th October

Opens for Staff 25th October

Opens for pupils 26th October

School closes 23rd November

School opens 28th November

Christmas Concert 18th December

Christmas Dance 19th December

School closes for Christmas on 21st December

School Panto 14th, 15th & 16th December

Tickets for Concert / Panto will be on sale in December!



Wishing all staff and pupils an enjoyable holiday.