

Sgoil Lionacleit News

Head Teacher Headlines



October 2018



The first term has gone past in a flash and October is upon us already – it has been a very busy term in school with lots of things going on. As ever the newsletter is full of good news stories and illustrates the wealth of opportunity available to our young people at Sgoil Lionacleit.

This term we say goodbye to two members of Staff –

Mrs Catherine Campbell (Biology Teacher) is retiring after many years at Sgoil Lionacleit and Miss Donna MacIver (History Teacher) is moving on to a new post in Edinburgh.

We wish them both well on the next stage of their journey.

This term as a school we have focused on the merits of hard work and how it can overcome many obstacles. As I am fond of saying to our young people – there is no substitute for hard work. In addition to this we have been celebrating a very good set of exam results in August. However very good is not the same as excellent and we have all agreed that we want to be an excellent school, with this in mind we are all working towards the following quote:

“Good, better, best. Never let it rest. Until your good is better and your better is best”

Yours in Partnership

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 24th October - INSET
Thursday 25th October - School re-opens
23rd & 26th November - Local holidays
13th, 14th & 15th December - Christmas Panto
19th December - Christmas Dance
Friday 21st December - school closes
Monday 7th January - school re-opens

30th Anniversary CD Launch Concert

Aonaibh Ri Cheile



Triumphant End of Session for Sgoil Lionacleit

Two events at the end of the last school year marked important milestones in the life of Sgoil Lionacleit. On Friday 22 June the school celebrated its 30 year anniversary with a CD launch and grand concert, showcasing musical talent from current and former pupils. The concert was a great success, with many expressions of positive feedback from those attending. Several commented on the exceptionally high standard of the performances and on the number of pupils who have made a career in music. Many enjoyed the friendly atmosphere of the evening, helped along by the tea and home baking which was served after the concert. The CD was produced by a group of pupils studying the school's Creative Industries course, and is called 'Aonaibh ri Chèile'. This is the motto of the school and the CD's title track, a song composed by former Deputy Head Teacher, Mary Galbraith. Pupils and staff were delighted when the CD shot to Number 1 in the I-tunes World Music chart and remained there for most of the weekend. Copies of the CD are available from the school or from MacGillivray's shop priced £12.50.

The next event which drew crowds to Sgoil Lionacleit's games hall was the annual prize-giving ceremony, held on Wednesday 27 June. Again, parents, friends, pupils and members of the community shared the academic successes of our young people and enjoyed some more musical items as well as an inspirational address from the guest speaker, Iain Stephen Morrison. The evening was once again rounded off in traditional style with tea, home-baking and plenty of laughter.

Both events were a demonstration of the many talents of our young people and of how well they are supported by their families, by everyone at the school and by the wider community.

A special thank you to Caley Timber and Building Supplies who kindly sponsored the CD project and to Mr Robert Gillies, whose vision and guidance made the concert and the CD a reality.



Sgoil Lionacleit Pipe BanBand



Pictured above are Mr & Mrs Chi Campbell of Askernish House who recently gave the pipe band an incredibly generous donation of £10,000 towards the purchase of a complete set of new drums. Many, many thanks indeed especially from the drum core.

Sgoil Lionacleit pipe band have had another busy spell since school broke up for the summer holidays. In June they competed at the European Pipe Band Championships in Forres following a busy summer when they played at numerous community events; the launch of the Harris Lifeboat, The North & South Uist Games, The South Uist & Benbecula Agricultural Show, The Leverbrough Show and the Askernish Golf Open Championship. SLPB made their annual journey to Glasgow Green to compete at the World Pipe Band Championships in mid-August. They returned home with a trophy for 6th Place in the Novice Juvenile Section.

Monday the 17th September saw the screening of the documentary filmed by Niall Campbell and MacTV which followed SLPB to New York. A very well constructed and fitting record indeed of such an incredible experience for the members of the pipe band.

On Friday the 21st September the SLPB committee organised a highly successful Ceilidh in the school as a “thankyou” gesture to the community for the wonderful support the band received towards their trip to New York in April. The Pipe Band played several sets and they were supported by Gaelic Singers, The Pipe Band Dance Team, Clarsach by Anna MacIain and a very impressive line up of young budding artistes from the local primary schools. As always Alick MacDonald and friends provided excellent traditional music to help entertain the crowd.

The Pipe Band recently bid farewell to a number of their long standing players who have left Sgoil Lionacleit; Hamish, Finlay, Sheena, Laura and Zoe. The band has also welcomed a number of new members to the team. Weekly practices have resumed on Friday afternoons 2pm-5pm and the focus is on continued practice, commitment and improvement.

Meeting with the First Minister

First Minister's Secondary School Reading Challenge Launch Event

Last year Sgoil Lionacleit was one of six schools taking part in a pilot for the First Minister's Reading Challenge.

The school developed various strategies to encourage and develop reading for pleasure within and outwith the school.

As part of the pilot 2 pupils from the school worked with the Scottish Book Trust with pupils from the other 5 pilot schools.

Following a successful pilot the scheme has been rolled out to all secondary school across Scotland this year and Sgoil Lionacleit pupils Viktoria and Keira were invited along to the launch event at Renfrew High School where they met the First Minister Nicola Sturgeon.

The reading Challenge will be continued over the next year.





CLAS Writing Competition

Bha sgoilearan Sgoil Lionacleit trang a' sgrìobhadh anns an Ògmhios. Fhuair na sgoilearan a leanas am moladh airson nam pìosan sgrìobhaidh a chuir iad gu co-fharpais sgrìobhaidh CLAS.

Sgoil Lionacleit pupils were busy writing entries for the annual CLAS writing competition in June. This is a national competition which is open to all pupils studying Gaelic and Gàidhlig. The following pupils received certificates of commendation for their entries.

S2 Gàidhlig: Lauren Shepherd, Catriona MacLeod, Erin Straderick, Eva Lowe, Grace Henderson & Jamie MacSween.

S2 Luchd-ionnsachaidh: S2: Leah MacIntyre, Jake Buchanan, Jamie Ford, Calum MacDonald, Anna MacLeod, Kerry MacPhee, Shaun MacDonald, Lucy MacAskill, Cara Steele, Poppy Scanlon & Sophie Kelty.

S3 Luchd-ionnsachaidh: Amie Ringstead, Iona MacLeod, Jodi Bagley, Andrew MacDonald, Shaun Shepherd, Heather Campbell, Marion Anderson, Emma MacIntyre, Josh Ringstead & Alfie Poole.

Tha sinn gu h-àraid moiteil à Joni Nic a' Ghobhainn (S2) a fhuair an treas duais ann am farpais an Luchd-ionnsachaidh.

We also wish to congratulate Joni Smith who was awarded 3rd prize in the Gaelic Learners competition.



S2 Gàidhlig pupils who won certificates of commendation in a writing competition.



S3 Pupils



A very well done to all S1 and S2 girls who were so eager to be part of the school activities on offer at Sgoil Lionacleit as part of sportscotland-Active girls Day.

The girls were offered tester sessions in Kickboxing, FatBurn Extreme, Indoor Rowing and Spin.

Active Girls Day is a chance to celebrate all the amazing work that goes on to get girls active across the country.

Thanks to the coaches who ran the classes.



MacMillan Fundraising

The school organised a number of events to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support on the 28th September. The HE department organised a bake sale during lunchtime, raising £175.28, School and LEC staff held a coffee morning during morning interval, raising £237.88. A junior disco was also held, organised by senior pupils, raising £56.70. A massive thank you to all pupils and staff who supported the events. A grand total of £469.86 was made.

John Muir Award

On 26th September the weather calmed and the S1 year group started their John Muir Award. Pupils were involved in a field trip to Loch Skipport where they took part in activities based on the landscape and habitats found in South Uist. A thank you Patrick Hughes from SNH who supported the trip.

Sgoil Lionacleit Annual Prizegiving
List of Prizewinners
June 2018

Duaisean a' Chomainn Ghàidhealaich	
An Comunn Gàidhealach Prizes for Gaelic	
Gàidhlig – Luchd-Ionnsachaidh	
Gaelic – Learners	
S1	Joni Smith
S2	Andrew MacDonald
S3	Amy McGinnity; Isla MacDonald
S4	Zoe Wilkie
S5	Eilidh MacPhee
Gàidhlig – Filleantaich	
Gaelic – Fluent Speakers	
S1	Eva Lowe
S2	Megan Findlay
S3	Kian Humberstone; Elisa Morrison; Stella MacKinnon
S4	Anna Maciain
S5	Kirsten Beaton
Awards for English	
<i>In Memory of Maurice MacAulay</i>	
S1	Seonaidh MacInnes
S2	Aislinn Beaton
S3	Isla MacDonald
S4	Joanne Laing
S5	Liana Steele
Achievement Awards	
German	
S1	Erin Straderick
S2	Heather Campbell
S3	Viktoria Kuzma; Eva Peteranna
Home Economics	
S1	Caitlyn MacInnes
S3	Iona MacDonald
ICT	
S3	Isolde Milburn Wood
Maths	
S1	Seonaidh MacInnes; Eva Lowe
S2	Hamish MacLellan
S3	Calum MacMillan

Sgoil Lionacleit Technical Award for Graphics	Abigail Lane
Sgoil Lionacleit Technical Award for Practical Craft Skills	Ross MacAulay
Sgoil Lionacleit Technical Award for Construction	Stella MacKinnon
Sgoil Lionacleit Technical Award for Engineering	Rosslyn Palmer
Cuach Cnoc na Monadh for Music	Alasdair Iain MacIsaac
Music Prize (for contribution to music)	Donald John MacDonald
Music Prize (for contribution to music)	Maria Steele
Music Prize (for contribution to music)	Kara Creighton
Cuach Thaigh a' Gheàrraidh for Gaidhlig (Fluent Speakers)	Kirsten Beaton
Cuach Uilleam MhicDhòmhnail for Effort & Achievement in Higher Gaidhlig Class	Laura Steele
Mary Campbell of Eriskay Trophy for Effort / Achievement in the Higher Gaelic Learners Class	Jessica Kemp
The Most Improved Piper in Sgoil Lionacleit Pipe Band	Molly Perkins
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	
(Best Overall Performance)	
Junior Boys	Josh Ringstead
Junior Girls	Aime Ringstead
Intermediate Boys	Kory Shaw
Intermediate Girls	Bethan MacLellan
Senior Boys	Scott MacAulay
Senior Girls	Liana Steele
Most Improved Pupil	Ben Scott
Highland & Island Basketball Winners	Shona Steele (Captain) Marion MacCorquodale Kyla MacKinnon Amie Ringstead Rachel MacDonald Orin Shepherd Amber MacVicar Beth Lindsay
Award for Volunteering Excellence	Laura MacKay

Music	
S1	Lucy MacAskill
S2	Hamish MacLellan
S3	Kyla MacKinnon
Science	
S1	Jamie MacSween
S2	Heather Campbell
S3	Jessie Coldwell
Social Subjects	
S1	Leah MacIntyre
S2	Calum Walker
S3	Ailig MacDonald
<p>UK Junior Mathematical Challenge 2018</p> <p>Bronze Award Alasdair Fraser Eilidh Watson Eva Lowe Silver Award Hamish MacLellan</p> <p>Silver Award and Best in Year Alfie Poole</p> <p>Silver Award and Best in Year and Best in School Joni Smith;Seonaidh MacInnes</p> <p>UK Intermediate Mathematical Challenge 2018</p> <p>Best in Year Liam MacKinnon</p> <p>Silver Award and Best in Year along with Best in School Anna Maciain</p>	
The Emma Scott Cup for Geography	Eilidh MacPhee
The MacVicar Award for History	Andrew Muncaster
The Fiona MacQueen Cuach for Chemistry	Jessica Kemp
Junior Award for Modern Languages	Leah MacIntyre
Senior Award for Modern Languages	Anna Maciain
Fiona MacQueen Shield for Achievement in Art	Max Higgins
The MacVicar Award for Computing	Angus MacMillan

The Local Fish Farmers Trophy for Biology	Liana Steele
The Anderson Banks Award for English	Eilidh MacPhee
Am Paipear Prize for Creative Writing in English	Jessica Kemp
The Carinish Women's Guild Trophy for Home Economics	Laura Steele
Dark Island Hotel Trophy for Hospitality	Scott MacAulay
The Rev MacVicar Trophy for Mathematics	Anna Maciain
Physics Award	Anna Maciain
Politics Award	Maria McGoldrick
Modern Studies Award	Laurita Ivanova
The QinetiQ Award for Business Education	Maria Steele
The QinetiQ Award for Achievement in Mathematics	Laurita Ivanova
South Uist & Benbecula Annual Show Award Lucy Morrison; Rachel Paterson	
Lochmaddy Mart Prize Emma MacDonald; Uilleam Brass	
Duaisean Stòras Uibhist airson Fileantachd ann an Gàidhlig Stòras Uibhist Prizes for oral fluency in Gàidhlig	
S1	Catriona MacLeod
S2	Domhnall Anndra MacCormick
S3	Niall D MacMillan; Calum MacMillan; Jack MacDonald
S4	Anna Maciain; Marion MacCorquodale; Joanne Laing
S5	Kirsten Beaton
Stòras Uibhist Prizes for Art	
S1	Eva Lowe; Erin Sraderick
S3	Jessica Coldwell Summer Harrison
S4	Amber MacVicar
S5	April MacLellan
Sgoil Lionacleit Technical Prize in S1	PJ Fleming - Major
Sgoil Lionacleit Technical Award in S2	Iona MacLeod
Sgoil Lionacleit Technical Award in S3	Kyla MacKinnon
The Lochmaddy WRI Silver Salver for Technical Subjects	Alasdair Iain MacIsaac

WINTER 2018 - TERM 2

opens:	Wednesday, 24th October 2018	Teachers
staff in-service: Wednesday, 24th October 2018		
opens:	Thursday, 25th October 2018	Pupils
prelim progress assessments block two		
starting:	Tuesday, 27th November 2018	National 4/5 & Higher progress assessments for S4, S5 and S6 pupils to be completed with in this period.
finishing:	Tuesday, 11th December 2018	
local holidays and school is closed: Friday 23rd and 26th November 2018		
Christmas panto: 13th, 14th & 15th December 2018		
Christmas dance: Wednesday, 19th December 2018		
closes:	Friday, 21 December 2018	Teachers and Pupils