

Sgoil Lionacleit News

Head Teacher Headlines

This time of year is a time of reflection, we look back at the year that has been and ahead at the 'new' year.

I am very pleased to say that as a direct result of the hard work pupils and staff have put in we are on track to achieve the "10% uplift" which is one of our major targets as a school this year. However, it is also fair to say that we are only halfway through our academic year and many great things have gone unachieved because people felt that they were getting there and changed the level of effort they were putting in.

The New Year will be challenging – of that I have no doubt, I also have no doubt that we can achieve whatever we wish on our journey as long as we are willing to work hard enough for it and our team has shown repeatedly that hard work is not something they are afraid of!

On that note - Sgoil Lionacleit through the many successes and outstanding achievements (some of which are in this newsletter) continues to make its name heard across Scotland and I am tremendously proud to be part of this team.

Nollaig Chridheil agus Bliadhna Mhath Ur

Gordon Young

December 2017



Christmas Shoe Box Appeal



The Scripture Union group used one of their lunchtime sessions to pack a couple of Christmas shoeboxes for the annual Blythswood appeal.



Dates For Your Diary

School Closes - Thursday
21st December 2017

School Re-opens - Thursday
4th January 2018

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Film 6

Airson dà mhios, bha am buidheann againn ag obair air a' fiolm a phlanadh agus choinnich sinn a h-uile Diardaoin. Bha pàirt aig a h-uile duine, eadar actadh, fiolmadh no an sgrìopt a sgrìobhadh. Bha measgachadh de sgoilearan anns a' bhuidheann, bho S1 suas gu S5, fileantaich agus luchd-ionnsachaidh. 'S e Firinn an cuspair a th' ann am blaidhna. Rinn sinn am fiolmadh anns an t-Samhain. Tha sinn anis air a' fiolm a dheasachadh. Tha sinn a' toirt taing do Mhairi Anna Chaimbeul, Eilidh Niclain, Angela Chaimbeul agus Niall Caimbeul airson ar cuideachdadh.



The group spent two months planning the film, and we met up every Thursday lunchtime. Everybody had a part, whether it was acting, filming or writing the script. There was a mix of pupils from S1 to S5, some were fluent Gaelic speakers and others were learners. *Truth* was the theme for this year's competition. We spent a day filming in November. We have now edited the film and we are looking forward to hearing how we get on. We are very grateful to Mary Ann Campbell, Eilidh Johnson, Angela Campbell and Niall Campbell for helping us.

Pupils involved: Maryrose MacIsaac, Maria McGoldrick, Ben Scott, Catriona MacLeod, Grace Henderson, Francesca MacMillan, Heather Morrison, Eva Lowe and Matthew MacCormick.





Pictured here are some of the RE pupils who have recently been finding out about the issues faced by homeless people in Scotland. As part of the Christmas appeal by CRISIS, they collected money and also sent out Christmas messages of hope to those who do not have homes. Here are some of the messages sent by the class:

'I hope you have an amazing year. I hope you stay safe, warm and happy. I want you to know that you are a very important person and I can only wish you the best. Have a merry Christmas and a happy new year.'

'I hope you stay safe and have a good year in 2018. I hope things will get better for you.'

Reverse Advent Calendar in aid of Uist and Barra Foodbank

Senior modern studies pupils have contributed to a 'reverse advent calendar' in aid of the Uist and Barra foodbank. As part of their coursework on social inequality, pupils have been finding out about the impact of poverty on different groups on society. This included watching evidence given to a Scottish Parliamentary committee about the use of foodbanks. On hearing that a foodbank had been recently established in Uist and Barra, senior classes agreed to arrange a collection of food in the run up to Christmas. Pupils added their names to a square on the advent calendar, and took in a donation of a food item or items on their chosen day. The Trussell Trust experienced a 47% rise in demand for 3-day emergency food parcels last December, so these contributions will undoubtedly make a difference to many families this Christmas. A big thank you to all who contributed to the collection.



Some of our senior pupils with some of the donations, on Christmas Jumper Day 15/12/17

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS

Remember to check and top-up ipay impact before pupils return in January.

www.ipayimpact.co.uk/IPI



Deasbad nan Àrd-sgoiltean 2017



Elisa Morrison and Calum MacMillan took part in the National Gaidhlig Debating competition in Stornoway on the 7th and 8th of November. They debated against the Nicolson Institute and Gairloch Secondary School. Elisa and Calum were commended for their Gaelic and although they did not progress to the semi-finals everyone at Sgoil Lionacleit is very proud of them.



Ghabh Elisa Mhoireasdan agus Calum Mac a' Mhaoilein pàirt ann an Deasbad Ghàidhlig nan Àrd-sgoiltean ann an Steòrnabhagh air 7mh agus 8mh An t-Samhain. Bha iad a' deasbad an aghaidh Sgoil Mhic-Neacail agus Sgoil Gheàrrloch. Fhuair Elisa agus Calum am moladh a thaobh an cuid Gàidhlig agus ged nach d' fhuair iad troimhe chun nan iar-chuairtean, tha an sgoil air fad moiteil asta.

BÙTHAN-OBACH DRAMA



Air 30mh An t-Samhain thàinig Debbie NicAoidh dhan sgoil airson beagan drama a dhèanamh còmhla ri clasaichean S1 agus S2. Bha sinn a' cluich tòrr gheamaichean ann am buidheannan agus ag obair còmhla air dealbhan-cluiche goirid actadh. Chòrd e ruinn gu mòr agus bha tòrr spòrs againn. Tha sinn an dòchas gun till Debbie a dh'aithghearr!

On 30.11.17 Debbie MacKay held drama workshops in the Theatre with S1 and S2 classes. Pupils engaged in lots of activities and acted out some short plays. The workshops were enjoyed by everyone and were lots of fun. It is hoped that Debbie will return soon for more drama workshops.





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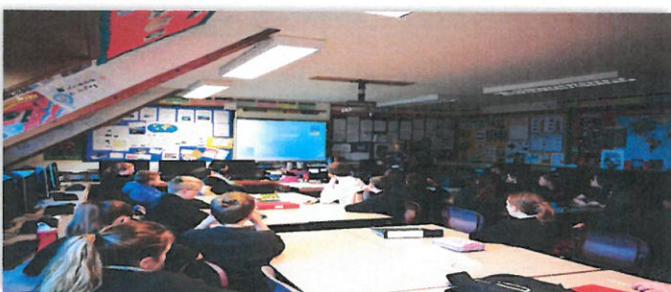


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Latha na Gàidhlig

Chùm a h-uile sgoil anns na h-Eileanan an Iar Latha na Gàidhlig air 22mh An t-Samhain agus abair gu robh tòrr a' dol ann an Roinn na Gàidhlig ann an Sgoil Lionacleit! Thàinig Joanne McHale, a tha ag obair aig Bòrd na Gàidhlig, a bhruidhinn ri clasaichean S1-S3 mu dheidhinn cothroman cosnadh ann an saoghal na Gàidhlig. Bhruidhinn a' Bh-ph Cooper, a tha fileanta ann an iomadh cànan, ri clas S3 'Languages for Life and Work' mu dheidhinn cho cudromach 's a tha e a bhith ag ionnsachadh chànan. Aig àm-bidh rinn luchd-obrach an t-seòmair-bidhe oidhirp bruidhinn ris a h-uile sgoilear ann an Gàidhlig agus dh'fheuch grunn thidsearan ri beagan Gàidhlig a chleachdadh anns na leasain aca.

Latha na Gàidhlig was marked in every school in the Western Isles on the 22nd of November and there was certainly lots going on in Sgoil Lionacleit. Joanne McHale from Bòrd na Gàidhlig spoke to S1-S3 pupils about a range of Gaelic employment opportunities. Mrs Cooper, who is fluent in many languages, spoke to the S3 Languages for Life and Work class about the importance of learning languages and the doors which extra languages can open. At lunchtime, the canteen staff made an effort to speak to every pupil in Gaelic and many teachers included some Gaelic into their lessons.



Children In Need Bench Ball Game Pupils vs Staff



Total
Raised
£420



During lunch time, Thursday 16th November, a team of sixth year pupils locked horns with staff through games of bench ball in an effort to raise money for Children In Need. Watched by the whole school, the sixth years taught the teachers a lesson by easily brushing the staff aside in both games. Donations on the day raised £68 adding to the total of £420 raised throughout the three days of fundraising.

Scott MacAulay S6

Basketball Game Sgoil Lionacleit vs Charlston High



Lionacleit School girls basketball team played Charlston Academy in a league game at home on the 1st December. It was a tough game but Lionacleit girls battled it out and went on to win 61 - 33. It was great to see how well the team worked together and their dedication and respect for the sport. Well done girls, hard work always pays off! The support from the home crowd never went amiss either!

Laura Steele S6



Christmas Dance 2017



MERRY
CHRISTMAS

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