

Sgoil Lionacleit News



Head Teacher Headlines

June 2018



As another academic year draws to a close I look back on our journey this year with no small measure of satisfaction. Our staff and young people continue to make progress on the task we set ourselves to become an excellent school. I am sure that the exam results this year will reflect the huge amount of hard work that has been expelled across the year.

It is my great privilege to be part of a school that is so firmly embedded in the community it serves. Sgoil Lionacleit is special to so many people in so many ways - for some it was the school that allowed them to stay here rather than go off island for their education, for others it was the stepping stone into their career, Sgoil Lionacleit helped others find their talent – be it musical or sporting or in some other field, for me it is the very first school I taught in when I graduated.

30 years have passed incredibly quickly for Sgoil Lionacleit and as we look to the future I fully expect next year to go past just as quickly. Having said that:

“Time is not measured by the passing of years but by what one does, what one feels and what one achieves”

I wish you all a pleasant and restful summer and I look forward to the next stage of our journey,

Yours in Partnership

Gordon Young

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 28th June - Close for

Summer Holiday

Monday 13th & 14th August – In service

Thursday 16th August - School Re-opens

12th October-Local holiday

12th -20th October—National Mod

12th October - school closes

24th October—school re-opens

Sgoil Lionacleit Pipe Band Visit The Big Apple



The pupils of Sgoil Lionacleit Pipe Band during their visit in April to the United States to participate in New York City's 20th Anniversary Tartan Parade.

The 24 strong Pipe Band consisting of pipers drummers and Highland dancers rose to the occasion, as they marched down 6th Avenue, New York City representing their school and their country as youth ambassadors for culture. During our few days in New York we squeezed in a total of 12 performances including the parade, performances at Bryant Park, a special Ceilidh on Ellis Island, three live TV performances on American TV PX 11 as well as an invitation to play at the famous "Explorers Club". In addition we managed a number of sight seeing trips to; The Statue of Liberty, Rockefeller Centre, Central Park, Intrepid, Ground Zero, New Jersey and a little shopping in Times Square Broadway.

The Pupils in the Pipe Band would like to say a "HUGE THANKYOU" TO Donald Ban, John Daniel and the SLPB Committee for arranging such a fantastic opportunity. Thanks to all the parents and adults who looked after us so well and "thank you" to all the many people who contributed to the fundraising campaign. We will never forget it!

Marion MacCorquodale S4

Lionacleit Girls football trip to Glasgow



Bha turas spòrsail agus trang aig sgioba Lionacleit fhad ‘s a bha iad ann an Glaschu. Madainn Diardaoin ghabh iad pàirt ann an seisean trèanaidh còmhla ri Laura Williamson bho Greenock Morton agus an uairsin chluich iad geama-càirdeil an aghaidh nigheanan Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu. Ghabh iad pizzas agus chur iad beagan eòlais air an sgioba eile as dèidh dhaibh cluich.

Thadhail iad an uairsin air togalach BBC Alba far an do sheall Ailean bho Spòrs dhaibh na rudan inntinneach anns an togalach. Choinnich iad cuideachd ri mòran luchd-obrach le Gàidhlig a chuir fàilte orra . Chuir iad an oidhche seachad a’ coimhead air Sgioba nam Ban aig Alba a’ cluich an aghaidh Belraus. Rinn Alba an gnothach 2-1. Fhuair iad dealbhan còmhla ri manaidsear Alba agus na cluicheadairean cuideachd agus aig leth-ùine fhuair iad comhairle bho Sam Kerr (cluicheadair Glasgow City) a fhreagair ceistean a bha aca mu dheidhinn a beatha an lùib an spòrs. Ged a b’e latha uabhasach trang a bha ann, chaidh aca air beagan ùine fhaighinn anns na bùithtean cuideachd.

‘S e turas sgoinneil a bha ann agus bha an sgioba nan deagh eisimpleir dhan sgoil agus nan tlachd an toirt air turas. Tha am buidheann airson taing a thoirt do Mr MacFadzean, Mrs Beaton agus Mary Ann.



The Western Isles Island Games

On Tuesday 19th June a group of 34 young people representing Sgoil Lionacleit left the school for Stornoway to take part in a first time event—WIIGA year of the young people youth games. The games lasted over a 3 day period and consisted of an opening ceremony, 4 sports events and a closing ceremony.

The sports were badminton, athletics, basketball and football. Emily Steele S5 and Kyla MacKinnon S4 picked up gold in the girls doubles badminton. Both the girls and the boys basketball teams won all their games, the girls football team won all their games and the boys football team won all their games bar one. In the athletics all the athletes did very well with 1st 2nd and 3rd places adding to our over all team score.

Although this experience was about meeting new people, enjoying sport and everybody being a winner, in our eyes we came out on top as the winning island!

Overall it was a very enjoyable experience and you should all be proud of yourselves each other and your school!

Shona Steele S5





Congratulations go to all pupils who represented Sgoil Lionacleit at the first ever Youth Games event, in conjunction with Castlebay, Sir E Scott and the Nicolson Institute. The event was held to celebrate “The Year of the Young People “ and is aimed at S3 and S4 pupils who may be inspired to participate in the Island Games. Sgoil Lionacleit pupils were very professional and focused and great ambassadors who showed a lot of potential. The standard of our pupils in football and athletics was very high. Pupils also took part in the opening and closing ceremonies and a motivational workshop with Scottish Rugby 7's Captain Scott Riddell. Pupils were rewarded for all their hard work with a Ceilidh and silent disco on the last evening.



Sports Day 2018

This year's Sports Day was a great success with the majority of pupils participating. There were a large number of school records broken, a testament to all the hard work and training.

Well done to all who took part and helped out. A special thanks you to Mairi Levac on her retirement, for all the help she has given to pupils at Sgoil Lionacleit over many years. Mairi was recently presented with a Lifetime Achievement award at the Scottish Education awards ceremony. Well-deserved indeed! Thanks also to other volunteer coaches, for afterschool and lunchtime clubs, Harry Luney for Junior football and MaryAnn Campbell for Girls Football, Mrs Beaton for Badminton and Football, Mrs Skinner for Basketball and Swimming Club and Mrs MacLean for Athletics. The department would also like to thank Mr MacDonald from Technical for his support and help with trips and wish him well on his retirement. Thanks to Ruairidh Muncaster who generously gives his time to coach and volunteer on a regular basis and Calum MacKinnon (Liam's Dad) for being such a great volunteer at the Wiiga event and to Joan Ringstead for her support of Basketball and Kevin Morrison and Christine MacQuarrie, as well as all parents and staff and community members who have given up their valuable time to support PE.

SPORTS DAY RECORD BREAKERS

1. Trinity Johnson broke the senior 200m record with a time of 28.37 secs
2. Trinity Johnson also set a record in the senior girls 75m hurdles with a time of 13.00 secs
3. Annie Ringstead broke the intermediate girls 300m record with a time of 47.05 secs.
4. Rhys Lynch set a junior girls record in the 300m with a time of 56.00 secs.
5. Alasdair Fraser broke the 300m intermediate and overall boys record with a time of 42.96 secs.
6. Shaun MacDonald broke the junior boys 800m record with a time of 2 mins 32 secs.
7. John Scanlon broke the intermediate and overall record for boys 75m hurdles with a time of 11.18 secs.



In the field events:

1. Erin Straderick set a junior girls discus record with a distance of 15.55m.
2. Micheal Campbell broke the intermediate boys discus record with a distance of 23.77m.
3. Kyla MacKinnon broke the intermediate girls discus record with a distance of 19.00m
4. Marion MacCorquodale broke the senior and overall discus record with a distance of 18.00m
5. Marion MacCorquodale also broke the senior and overall shot put record with a distance of 10.26m



Relays:

1. Junior S2 boys Ormacleit broke the relay record with a time of 0.58.25 secs.
2. S4 Borgh boys broke the relay record with a time of 0.55.00 secs.
3. S5/6 Ormacleit girls broke the relay record with a time of 0.55.00 secs.



SCOTTISH SCHOOLS TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS, **GRANGEMOUTH 2018.**

7 members of the Sgoil Lionacliet Athletics team travelled to Grangemouth to compete at the Scottish Schools Track and Field Championships. The pupils competing comfortably achieved the standards required to compete at the event and this was the most pupils Sgoil Lionacleit has had competing at the event to date. All pupils performed excellently, all achieving new Personal Bests, reaching finals and we came home with our first medal from the championships. Well done.

Shaun Macdonald	U14 800m.	4th
Amie Ringstead	U14 75m Hurdles	6th
Alasdair Fraser	U15 300m	6th
John Scanlon	U15 80m Hurdles	4th
Finlay Macdonald	U15 Shot Putt	4th
FINLAY MACDONALD	U 15 Discus	2nd
Trinity Johnson	U17 Hurdles	6th
Marion MacCorquodale	U17 Shot Putt.	5th



Finlay Macdonald 2ND U15 DISCUS

NORTH OF SCOTLAND SCHOOLS TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS **2018.**

A team of 26 pupils travelled to Inverness to compete in the North of Scotland Track and Field Championships. All pupils performed superbly, achieving new Personal Bests, reaching finals and



Marion MacCorquodale 1st place shot put .



Sgoil Lionacleit and Uist Primary Athletics Team.



U17 girls relay



U15 girls relay



U14 boys relay

Events - Languages Department

Mòd Uibhist 2018

Air 25mh An Cèitean ghabh còrr is 40 sgoilear pàirt ann am Mòd Uibhist a ghabh àite ann an Sgoil an Iochdair. Tha na sgoilearan rim moladh airson a bhith deònach pàirt a ghabhail ann.

Pictured below are the pupils who took part in Mod Uibhist at Iochdar School on the 25th May. All pupils are to be commended for their exemplary behaviour and their willingness to take part.



Competitors in the Uibhist Mod



Tiegan Morrison cup winner for Solo Singing



Pictured from left to right Andrew MacDonald (3rd), Cameron MacDonald (1st) and Josh Ringstead (2nd) prizes in the Poster Competition at Mod Uibhist in May



Kiera MacKenzie winner Gaelic Learners Poetry Recitation

Ceangal ri Canada

Thairis air còig seachdainean bha ceangal aig sgoilearan Sgoil Lionacleit ri deugairean ann am Mabou ann an Canada thairis air Skype. Bha na deugairean air gach taobh den Chuan Siar a' bruidhinn ri chèile ann an Gàidhlig mu iomadh cuspair leithid cur-seachadan, caraidean agus obair-sgoile.

Air 13mh den Ògmhios choinnich am buidheann ann an Sgoil Lionacleit ri na càirdean aig triùir de na deugairean à Canada. Bha iad ann an Uibhist air saor-làithean agus thadhail iad airson prèasantan a thoirt dha na deugairean ann an Alba.

Chòrd an ceangal ris gach buidheann agus tha sinn an dòchas gun gabh ceangal mar seo a dhèanamh a-rithist. Tha am buidheann airson taing a thoirt do Mhairi Anna Chaimbeul airson a h-uile sian a chur air dòigh agus do dh'Oisin Buckley airson cuideachadh leis an teicneòlas.

Over the course of five weeks a group of Sgoil Lionacleit pupils communicated with a group of Gaelic speaking teenagers in Canada via Skype. They spoke about many topics including hobbies, friends and school.

On 13 June, the Sgoil Lionacleit group met with relatives of three of the Candadian teenagers who were in Uist on holiday. The Sgoil Lionacleit pupils were thankful for the generous gifts they received.

All the pupils on each side of the Atlantic enjoyed the Skype calls and it is hoped that something like this can be done again. The group is very grateful to Mary Ann Campbell for organising the meetings and also to Oisin for assisting with the technology.



Bronze and Silver



Joni Smith

Anna Macleod

Leah Macintyre

Alison Macaulay

Ellie Doyle Campbell

Power Readers

Pictured are some of the S2 pupils who engaged with the Power Readers scheme in Mrs Campbell's reading class receiving their awards from Pauline and Seonag from the library. Pupils were set targets and had to widen their choice of reading materials in order to get the awards, so well done to them. A huge thank you also to Pauline and Seonag for their endless patience and good advice

Bronze

Sophie Kelty

Caitlyn MacInnes

Paige Menzies

Poppy Scanlon

Logan Bagley

Brandon Judge

PJ Fleming Major

Sophie Menzies

Emily Ferguson

Jamie Ford



Stòras Uibhist Business Project

Following on from the success of last year's successful Stòras Uibhist business project, this year's S2 Business Studies pupils were set the challenge of creating memorabilia for the 30th anniversary of Sgoil Lionacleit opening. Pupils worked with Stòras Uibhist representatives and top university entrepreneur experts to come up with some excellent ideas to present in the first round of the competition. The top five groups were then chosen to enter the Dragons' Den and present their ideas to a group of local business experts in Grogarry Lodge. The level of effort, enthusiasm and attention to detail paid by the groups when working on their presentations was made evident by the fact that all the groups were successful at securing funding from Stòras Uibhist. The pupils business ideas will now become reality and the new memorabilia will hopefully be available in the new session – so keep your eyes peeled!

Sgoil Lionacleit would like to thank Stòras Uibhist for supporting this project and for the community members and local businesses who have inspired them in this enterprise task. Mòran taing!



Pupils taking
part Dragons Den Day

S1 and S2 Archaeological Field Trip

In May, S1 and S2 Social Subjects classes were given the opportunity to assist a team of archaeological experts as they researched a unique local site – a submerged forest - which can be found just a short walk from the school. The experts from SCAPE helped pupils investigate how our coastline and climate has changed over thousands of years by encouraging the classes to look at first-hand evidence including animal bones, a stone quern, quarts tools and roots of trees emerging from the compressed peat. We hope that the skills, experiences and knowledge that pupils gained over the course of their trip will prove invaluable as they continue with their social subject's studies.

We would like to thank the members of SCAPE and Caitriona MacCuish (Museum nan Eilean) for their work in helping to organise the day. Mòran taing!



Pictured left and below are S1 and
S2 pupils enjoying a trip to the
submerged forest.



AUTUMN 2018 - TERM 1			WINTER 2018 - TERM 2		
Opens:	Monday, 13 August	Teachers	Opens:	Wednesday, 24 October	Teachers and Pupils
Opens:	Thursday, 16 August	Pupils	Closes:	Friday, 21 December	Teachers and Pupils
Closes:	Friday, 12th October	Teachers and Pupils	Local holidays: Friday 23rd and 26th November 2018		
In-service: 13th & 14th August 2018			In-Service: Wednesday 24th October 2018		
Local holidays: Friday 12th October 2018 <i>National Mod: 12th - 20th October 2018</i>					