



Sgoil Lionacleit News

March 2017

HEADLINES FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Since taking up post as Head Teacher at Sgoil Lionacleit I have been very impressed by the enthusiasm and dedication of our young people and staff. In some ways this is reflected in the articles and pictures in this newsletter - many of which highlight considerable achievements on the regional and national stage. It is the measure of our school that we 'knock elbows' with the best and brightest across Scotland and continue to show people that we are a force to be reckoned with.

However, the newsletter and the pictures do not necessarily capture the buzz of learning and aspiration that is present in Sgoil Lionacleit every day; our young people and staff are working hard to achieve the dreams that they have.

This is particularly relevant during this term when exams are almost upon us and the hard work, studying and revising can seem endless. With this in mind I would like to share the following quote with all learners, but especially those of you who are sitting exams:

"The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it"

Best Wishes

Gordon Young

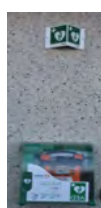
DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Lucky2BHere trainers Roddy, Fiona, Kirsteen and Irene went back to school for the day on Wednesday 22 February 2017. Sgoil Lionacleit was the venue for a full day's training for secondary 1-5 pupils who were trained in four sessions in Emergency Life Support skills which includes CPR and the use of a defibrillator. The school now has a defibrillator in an external cabinet at the school for 24/7 school and community use in the event of a sudden cardiac event.

Lucky2BHere is a fundraising initiative set up by Ross Cowie of Portree, who suffers from cardiomyopathy, a genetic heart condition. In December 2006, Ross suffered a cardiac arrest. His life was saved, only by very quick response by local ambulance, crews, doctors, nurses and helicopter paramedics who happened to be in the vicinity. Lucky2BHere installs life saving defibrillators in rural locations and trains users. This is in conjunction with the local ambulance service, nurses, doctors and the national charity First Response.



De Fib Unit now located here (between Dentist and the LEC) with 24/7 Access



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BEST WISHES TO ALL THOSE SITTING SQA EXAMS NEXT TERM!

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Dates For Your Diary

- **Friday 31st March 2017**
School closes for Spring Break
- **Tuesday 18th April 2017**
School opens
- **Friday 28th April 2017**
School closed
- **Monday 1st May 2017**
May Day Holiday
- **Wednesday 3rd May 2017**
Study Leave begins
- **Thursday 4th May 2017**
SQA Exams begin



MARITIME STUDIES

On Friday 24th February 2017, the Maritime Studies Class visited Marine Harvest's sites in Lochboisdale. Cailean Steele and Duncan MacQuarrie showed the group what was involved in working at their sites. For example, they were shown how the feeding barge works for feeding the fish. The group found the day very interesting and were intrigued by how things worked on a fish farm. The group would like to **thank Marine Harvest** for this great experience.

Calum Binnie S6



"Maritime Studies Visit Marine Harvest Sites in Lochboisdale"

"If you have built castles in the air,
your work need not be lost; that is
where they should be. Now put the
foundations under them".

LUCKY 2 B HERE

YEAR GROUP PHOTOS



SGOIL LIONACLEIT MARKS HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Pupils and staff marked Holocaust Memorial Day on Friday 27th January 2017 by creating a whole-school display to commemorate peoples who have been the target of genocide throughout history. The event was the culmination of a week of reflection inspired by this year's theme *How can life go on?*. Throughout the week, S1 - S3 took part in lessons within the Social Subjects department to learn about the causes and consequences of genocide. Guidance and R.M.E. led class discussions about these issues at the Senior level. Classes were encouraged to consider the importance of remembering victims of genocide and were given the opportunity to reflect on prejudice, racism and hate over a series of morning registration periods. Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 January is the day for everyone to remember the millions of people murdered in the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution and in the subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.



Mr Young, Headteacher, said: "It is important for our young people to feel connected to wider world events and have an open discussion about where humanity has got it wrong. More importantly Holocaust Memorial Day allows them to consider what their role is in creating a brighter future for their generation"

'STEM Club Success - Trip to Inverness'

A group of six pupils from STEM club recently travelled to Inverness to take part in the Young Engineers and Science club's annual celebration of Engineering. The event saw schools from all over Highland, Moray and Western isles coming together to show off what they have been working on. The pupils also took part in the construct-a-crane competition and came away with 1st prize - a real success for the team!

STEM club wish to thank Cal Mac for sponsoring the team's travel and Mr Howard Manning from QinetiQ for his work with the club and accompanying the trip.

We left the school around 10am on the 9th of March to go to Inverness. Once in Inverness, we had dinner then spent the night bowling and in the arcade. The following morning we got up early and went to Eden Court to compete with the crane and in various mini-challenges such as wiring a circuit board to light a beacon and lock picking. In the crane challenge we won first place and we were also the first and only group to get a perfect score. We had to design and build a crane that could lift 10 1kg weights and move them into a small loading deck 1 meter away. After the challenges and crane competition we had lunch and the prizes were given out, after which we left for Lionacleit.

Kenny Ballantyne S3



*Pupils in the Photos:
Jack McIlwraith, Kenny Ballantyne, Stewart MacDonald, Kory Shaw, Asher Kuzma and Kyle MacDonald.*



FUNDRAISING FOR TANZANIA 2017

The pupils participating in the 2017 Tanzania trip organised a fun day on Sunday 29th January in Talla an Iochdair. Children enjoyed a selection of activities ranging from sumo suits, bouncy castles, beat the goalie and face painting. The café was also opened for home baking and refreshments provided by parental donations and MacLennan's Supermarket. The group would like to thank all who attended as well as volunteers and businesses who donated equipment and snacks. Total funds raised on the day was £372.

An additional generous contribution of £2200 has also be kindly donated to the group by Loch Duart. Pupils would like to thank Loch Duart for their kind support.



Permission Obtained



SGOIL LIONACLEIT



WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE FUNDRAISING BINGO ON 24th FEBRUARY.

WE ARE ALSO GRATEFUL TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES FOR SUPPORTING THE EVENT SO GENEROUSLY

Askernish Golf Club, Benbecula Nails, Caledonian MacBrayne, Caley Timber, Celtic Football Club, Claddach Kirkibost Centre, CM Beauty, Co Chomunn Eirisgeidh, Craig Marsden Driving Instruction, Creagorry Coop, Dark Island Hotel, FES, D MacDonald & Co, Fluraichean Mhairi, Flybe, Grenitote Travel, Hamersay House, Heb Celt Festival, Hebridean Jewellery, HHP, Island Deli, Lovats, Lochboisdale Café, MacInnes Bros, MacLeod Highland Supplies, MacLeod Insurance, MacVicars Taxis, Mary Top Deck, ND MacAskill, Neil Campbell Electrical, Rangers Football Club, Scottish Salmon Company, Screen Machine, Sheila Park-MacDonald, Torranair Cards & Crafts, Westford Inn

A GRAND TOTAL OF £3400 WAS RAISED.

THIS MONEY WILL BE SPLIT BETWEEN SCHOOL FUND AND THE PIPE BAND.

FUNDRAISING FOR PE DEPARTMENT

Friday 03 February 2017 was a sporty non uniform day for Staff and Pupils at Sgoil Lionacleit. Participants were encouraged to wear sports clothing and donate £1.



S3 PE Group

£234 was raised, thanks to all who participated.

"1 MILLION MILES FOR ELLIE"



Evaluation

- 1) Did you enjoy our afternoon tea?
- 2) Is there anything we could do better?
- 3) Did you think our event was successful?

The S3 Hospitality Skills for Work Class hosted an afternoon tea on Tuesday 21 March 2017 in aid of '1 Million Miles for Ellie'. They raised **£200.33**, which will be donated to the charity. Alanna, Joanna, Rachel, Annie, Hannah, Marion, Ann Marie and Kyra would like to thank everybody for their donations.

"You're off to Great Places!

Today is your day!

Your mountain is waiting,

So.... Get on your way!"

Tanzania Donations

The Tanzania Trip has also received the following generous donations:

Daliburgh Thrift Shop (£1,000)

MacLennan's Super Market's Making a Difference Locally Fund (£500)

Hebridean Smolts (£1,100)

The Group would like to

Thank All
these organisations for their support.



CONGRATULATIONS!!

DJ MacMillan S5 has been selected to represent the Western Isles at the Island Games in 'Gotland' this summer. He will compete in 100 metres; 4 X 100 Relay and Triple Jump.

GREAT ACHIEVEMENT



S1-3 Boys and Girls from Sgoil Lionacleit & Castlebay High



GREAT DAY OF BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOL FOOTBALL

S1-3 Boys and Girls from Castlebay High School visited Benbecula to compete against their Linclate counterparts in two exciting games of football on Tuesday 7th February 2017. The girls played first and after a blistering start from the Linclate team in the opening half it looked as if it could have been one way traffic all afternoon, but the Barra girls rallied in the second half and showed great fight to score some fantastic goals matching their opponents for long spells. The score ended 10-3 but both teams can be really proud of their performance.

The boys' game was an evenly matched affair with both teams trading blows. The score was close throughout with fantastic play on show as well as slick passing and some cracking strikes. In the end Linclate team prevailed 8-6 as the Castlebay boys began to tire near the end of the match.

Well done to all involved who made it a fantastic afternoon of football in the sun. Thank you to Katie and Chris who gave up their time to take the pupils over and to Mrs Forman and Katie Denehy on Barra who organised the planning and travel and teams.

A big thank you to Mrs Beaton who organised everything on the Linclate side and to Mary Ann and Harry who picked their teams and continue to give up their own time to coach the pupils on a regular basis.

None of this would happen without willing volunteers and teachers who want to give as many opportunities to kids as possible on the islands.

Uist & Barra Community Sports Hub

NORTH OF SCOTLAND SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

GORDONSTOUN

On Tuesday 28th February a team of 12 pupils travelled to Morayshire to compete at the North of Scotland Schools Cross Country Championships. In the U 14 sections, Aimee Ringstead and Orin Shepherd represented the girls' teams, coming in 11th and 34th. In the U14 boys, Kevin Beaton came in 8th out of 73 runners. In the U15 section we had a boys' and a girls' team running. Both teams ran exceptionally well, coming in 8th overall. The conditions were wet and muddy, but all runners met the challenge head on and all their training paid off. Well done to all that took part and for the support that they gave to each other during the competition. Thank you to Mr Kenny MacDonald for accompanying the trip and driving the minibus.

Trip to Benbecula Airport—Maritime Skills Course

The Maritime skills class had a trip to Benbecula Airport to observe the operation of the fire station.

We were very grateful to be allowed access to the fire station and to observe the operation of the fire fighting equipment. During the trip the staff took time to meet with us and describe the operation of the fire fighting equipment and the function of their department in particular.

All the staff were very generous with their time and keen to answer our questions. The trip has provided us with very useful information and experiences that we can use to help us with our 'Maritime Skills Course'.



The Youth Sports Council would like to thank all staff, pupils, coaches, volunteers and parents who give up their time to help out with sporting activities, events and clubs during lunchtimes, after school, weekends and holidays. Without your support there would be a lot less going on!

Moran Taing

Sgoil Lionacleit Pipe Band 1st Prize

Sgoil Lionacleit Pipe Band wowed the audience and the panel of distinguished judges (Phil Cunningham, Gary West, Craig Anderson and Craig Munro) at the Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships. Their ensemble of pipers, drummers, guitarists, a soloist, keyboard and clarsach line up, complimented by a trio of highland dancers swept 1st Prize in the freestyle section.

The Freestyle section in this competition is designed to allow pipe bands to show case their creativity and provide a platform where they can utilise an unspecified and diverse range of instruments. The pupils' own creative input along with the stewardship of their



A triumphant Sgoil Lionacleit Pipe Band after their terrific win in the Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships 'Freestyle' section in Edinburgh earlier this month.

teachers and piping tutors in collaborative group work, proved to provide a powerful arrangement.

Well done indeed to everyone who participated in and contributed to this event,

WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU.

Sgoil Lionacleit's performance and the reaction of the judges can be viewed on line on YouTube.

BÙTHAN-OBRACH DRAMA

SABHAL MÒR OSTAIG STUDENT PLACEMENT

Air 31/1/17 agus 1/2/17 thàinig Debbie NicAoidh dhan sgoil airson beagan drama a dhèanamh còmhla ri clasaichean S1 gu S3. Bha sinn a' cluich tòrr gheamaichean ann am buidheannan agus ag obair còmhla nar dithis air dealbhan-cluiche goirid actadh. Chòrd e ruinn gu mòr agus bha tòrr spòrs againn. Tha sinn an dòchas gun till i a dh'aithghearr!

Halò, is mise Kiera Brennan. S ann às a' Bhlàr Dhubh a tha mi, faisg air Inbhir Pheofharain. Chaidh mi gu Acadamaidh Inbhir Pheofharain agus 's e sgoil glè mhòr a tha innte. Tha mi nam oileanach aig Sabhal Mòr Ostaig anns an Eilean Sgitheanach. Tha mi a' dèanamh ceum an sin air a bheil an t-ainm Gàidhlig le Foghlam, agus tha mi a' dèanamh mo chiad ghreis gnìomhachais ann an Sgoil Lionacleit. Cha deach mi tro Foghlam tro Mheadhan na Gàidhlig agus tha mi a' tuigsinn dè cho doirbh 's a tha e a bhith ag ionnsachadh cànan eile san àrd-sgoil agus tuigidh mi an t-uallach a tha air sgoilearan dèanamh math san sgoil. Tha mise gu math toilichte a bhith a' dèanamh greis gnìomhachais an seo agus tha mi air tòrr chothroman fhaighinn Gàidhlig a bhruidhinn san sgoil agus tha sin cudromach airson mo mhisneachd anns a' chànan. Tha mi an dòchas gun till mi uaireigin eile.

Mòran taing.

Hello, my name is Kiera Brennan. I'm from Muir of Ord near Dingwall and I attended Dingwall Academy. I am currently studying at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, situated on the Isle of Skye. I am in my first year of a Gaelic with Education degree and I am doing my first placement at Sgoil Lionacleit. I didn't go through Gaelic Medium Education and I understand how difficult it is to pick up a language in secondary school and I also know about the pressure pupils are under to perform well in school. I'm pleased to be doing my first placement at Lionacleit and I'm delighted to see the pupils' enthusiasm for Gaelic, not only in the classroom but also within the community. During my future studies at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig I hope to return to Sgoil Lionacleit and continue to work alongside the Gaelic department in supporting the Gaelic curriculum.

Many thanks.



Kiera Brennan



Working as a Class to make a Gaelic

"Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising every time we fall"



Working Together to make letters of the Alphabet

FILM G

Chaidh buidheann Film G Sgoil Lionacleit a chur air adhart airson trì duaisean am bliadhna. Dh'fhalbh Ryan Mac an t-Saoir agus Calum Mac a' Mhaoilein (S2) a Ghlaschu air 17/02/17 gu Oidhche nan Duais aig Film G anns an t-seann Fruit Market airson am buidheann a riochdachadh. Ged nach do shoirbhich



leotha, chòrd an oidhche agus an turas riutha gu mòr. Taing mhòr dhan luchd-teagaisg a chaidh còmhla ri na gilleann.

The Film G group was nominated for three awards this year. Ryan MacIntyre and Calum MacMillan travelled to Glasgow on 17.2.17 to represent Sgoil Lionacleit at the awards ceremony in the Old Fruit market. Although they didn't win a prize, they enjoyed the evening.

GROGARRY LODGE

On the 2nd of March a group of S3 pupils went to Grogarry lodge to put their enterprise ideas across to a panel of dragons. The trip was part of a project between the school and Storas Uibhist to celebrate their ten year anniversary. Ten teams began the process and they came up with some great ideas including MacFilms, a cinema initiative; Coast to Coaster, producing handmade coasters and Past Delights with the idea of selling packaged traditional sweets. The ten were then narrowed down to five teams who got through to the Dragons' Den event. Those five were: Mac Films, Coast to Coaster, Beautiful Bins, who are designing bin accessories, Uisge Uibhist, who are creating a new drinking bottle and IC-Tea, who are organising computer classes for older people. Each of the 5 groups pitched their idea to the dragons and asked for an investment of up to £300 to help their businesses to get off the ground. All of the groups were successful and were each awarded the money they needed. The pupils also got a really good lunch! We would like to thank all the staff and board members at Storas Uibhist as well as all the mentors who helped to organise and support the events for the school. Keep a look out for the exciting services and products that will be coming your way soon!



TRIP TO AN RÈIDIO



Thadhail sinn air An Rèidio còmhla ris a Bh/Ph Nic an t-Saoir agus Mairi Anna Chaimbeul (CNAG) anns a' Ghearran. Chuidich Rosie Wicks sinn a' cur prògram ciùil ri chèile. Chòrd an turas rinn agus tha sinn an dòchas gun do chòrd am prògram ris an luchd-èisteachd.

"Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives - choice, not chance, determines your destiny"



We visited An Rèidio in Benbecula with Mrs MacIntyre and Miss Mary Ann Campbell (CNAG) in February. Rosie Wicks helped us to produce a programme. We enjoyed the trip and we hoped the audience enjoyed the programme.



INTER ISLAND BASKETBALL

On Wednesday the 7th of March, schools from Sir E Scott, The Nicolson Institute and Castlebay travelled to Sgoil Lionacleit to participate in the inter-island Basketball tournament. All participants performed exceedingly well and were a credit to the islands. A huge thank you to Kevin and Christine for organising the event. Thank you also to the Sport and Recreation class for their help with the scores and for officiating.

Overall—Lionacleit Girls won and Nicholson Institute Boys Won



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