



# Sgoil a' Bhac



November 2011



Future Chef Rhys



Primary pupils telling their parents about their work.

## Sgoil a' Bhac pupils hold Parents' Evening by Martin Beaton

Pupils of Sgoil a' Bhac hosted their own Pupil-led Parents' Evening on Tuesday 8 November, from 6.45-9.00.

In Sgoil Araich, the parents were placed in groups, and given activities like construction, using the smart table, glue-making and using the computers.

Primary classes started with a class presentation. Then they had a chance to talk with their mums and dads about their learning.

Secondary classes were also given the chance to walk around with their parents, and show them their work.

Pupils played instruments and sang and the Bike Group did a presentation at the end.

After mums and dads had had a nice cup of tea or coffee, the Dancing Rich Tasks group performed a dance which they had been practising with instructor Kirsty Anderson during last term. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all the parents.

Throughout the evening, there was a sale of Usborne books in the main foyer, which raised over £200 worth of books for the school library. Community nurses also talked to parents.



Sgoil Araich pupil and parents

## Remembrance Assembly

by Mark Maclean

EP 7 held a Remembrance Assembly on Friday 11 November, along with Rev. C I Macleod.

The pupils told everyone about the work of the British Legion and the history of the Poppy Appeal. There was poetry and singing. There was also a two minute silence.

At the end, the Last Post was played on the trumpet by our quest performer Euan Gilmore from the Nicholson Institute.

## Moldova Live Video Link

By Martin Macleod

Dynamic Youth pupils held a live video link with a school in Moldova called Stephen Cel Mare, on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

Pupils asked them questions about what their life was like and if they enjoy school. They said they didn't like homework and that they have a Teacher's Day where everyone brings in flowers and chocolate for the teachers.

S2 pupil Rebecca Mackay commented: "It was really good, especially when Sharyn Ferguson stood up and one of the boys who was on the video link asked her if they could be friends on facebook."

Scott Macleod S2 pupil commented: "It was fun, extremely interesting and it was a good laugh. It was good finding out about what their culture was like. Thank you Erica and Annemarie."

Headteacher - Mrs MacDonald also spoke to the pupils in Moldova and said afterwards that she really liked the idea of the Teacher's Day!

On behalf of the Dynamic Youth they would like to thank Erica and Annemarie for running the Dynamic Youth group.

News brought to you by the Press Gang ; William Stewart, Mark Maclean, Martin Macleod and Martin Beaton.

## Dates for the Diary

### Thurs 1 December

9.30am—Pupil Council Meeting

### Thurs 1 December

1.00pm—Dynamic Youth Group to Isles FM

### Thurs 8 December 1pm —

P1 Health checks

### Mon 19 December—The

Wizard of Oz (1pm and 7pm)

### Tues 20 December— S1/2

Social

### Wed 21 December—Staff

Christmas Dinner

### Thursday 22 December—

school closes for holidays

### Mon 9 January 2012 —

School reopens

## Pupil Council News

By Mark Maclean

The Sgoil a' Bhac Pupil Council are planning to hold a pupil-led English and Gaelic interval club for the infants and a pupil-led football club run by James Mutch. They also plan to have a Pyjama Day to raise money for a football table.

## Celebrating achievement



**Certificates of Achievement** were handed out at the end of the Remembrance Assembly to: Rhys Macritchie; Sarah Mackenzie; Johanna McCarthy; Tom Blunt; Isla Murray; Colin Ferguson; Luke Macleod; Alana Macdonald; Minnie Kingston-Miles; Maddie Kingston-Miles; Tyler Gillies; Robert Maclellan; David Anderson; Cameron Maclellan; Keiron Cherrie; Sam Mackenzie; Emily Tearse; Claire Stephen; Lara Akiens-Mason; Finlay Emmott; Rebekah Marshall and Calum Macrae.

S2 pupils Sharyn Ferguson and Martin Beaton represented the school on Sunday 13 November, by placing the wreath at the War Memorial during the Remembrance Service.

## Congratulations to ...

### Rhys wins Future Chef Competition

By Mark Maclean

S2 pupil, Rhys Pritchard won the Sgoil a' Bhac Future Chef Competition on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November. Altogether ten S1/2 pupils took part.

The competition was split up into two groups with one group cooking between 9:00am and 10:30am and the other group between 10:45am and 12:15pm.

Home Economics teacher Ruth Campbell organised the competition which was judged by Kathleen Murray and Alasdair Macleod.

Winner Rhys Pritchard cooked a dish of bacon and mushroom pasta with a pesto sauce. Rhys will now be taking part in the local finals in the Nicolson Institute. Rhys said: "It was really tense but it was really good."



Left: G1/2 with our shoeboxes for Blythswood.

Right: S1/S2 Future Chef competitors with the judges  
Below: Children in Need Pyjama Day.



### Children in Need—Pyjama Day

By Mark Maclean

Sgoil a' Bhac held a Pyjama Day on the 18<sup>th</sup> November to raise money for Children in Need. The children brought in a pound to wear their pyjamas to school. We raised £267.83.



### Eilidh is arty!

Congratulations to Eilidh Macdonald, S1, for coming 3rd out of 60 in the Hebridean Art Competition, which is for ages 12-18 years.



### Lewis and Harris Cross-country Championships

Congratulations to Calum Maclellan (1<sup>st</sup> in Under 9 Boys), Ellie Macdonald (1<sup>st</sup> in Under 9 Girls) and John Alasdair Bain (1<sup>st</sup> in Under 11 Boys) for their performances on Saturday 12 November, the first race of the season.