



PAIBLE SCHOOL

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Our science topic for the next few weeks for P1-P6 with Mrs MacVicar is the Human Body and we were very happy to meet Isabel MacInnes, the school nurse.

She showed us a skeleton and we discussed the fact we all need one to support us, to protect our organs and keep us moving.

We will also be looking at our main body organs and how they all work together, and what we can do to make them keep working well.

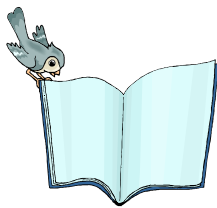
Chanter /Piping

The Flora MacDonald Piping competition will be held on Saturday 6th March in Daliburgh School. Donald Ban will fill in the entry forms in school with his pupils. The DVD filmed recently, of chanter and piping in Uist and Benbecula schools is now ready and will be available to buy soon. All proceeds of the DVD will go to charity. Details of where it can be purchased, price etc to follow.

P7 pupils continue with their Buddy Group until 10th February. P1 pupils will be allocated another buddy and work with him or her on a variety of activities e.g. reading, storytelling, games etc.



Activities will be chosen by the P7 pupils and supervised and supported by Mrs Matheson.



2010 Scottish School Magazine Competition

S1 & S2 pupils have registered their interest in the 2010 Scottish Schools Magazine Competition. This project is pupil-led and helps students to gain an insight into the world of publishing. Successful magazine production requires time, talent and teamwork and all pupils are encouraged to engage with the wider community as part of the project. Classes are operating within a challenging time frame as all magazine submissions are due in before the end of term.

Power Readers

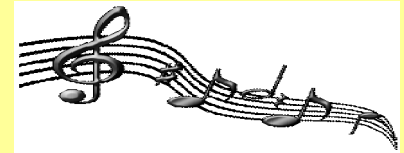
The latest batch of pupils to gain awards in their Power Readers' Scheme were presented with their certificates today at the customary tea and cake ceremony. Pupils have to prove that they have read a variety of books in a variety of genres to qualify for the award and the aim is to encourage as wide an experience of reading as possible. So far this year, Hannah Hocine and Calum McRitchie, S1, and Iona Branagan 2X have reached Bronze Level while Mairi Macinnes and Sarah Campbell, 2X and Nicky Spears, 2Y, have achieved Silver Level. The certificates were presented by Rae Scanlon, Paible School's cook. This was appropriate as, while Rae makes sure their bodies are nourished, reading will make sure that their brains are equally nourished and healthy!

A whole school "Around the World" interdisciplinary topic will start after the February mid term.



If any family members or members of the community have costumes from foreign lands we would really appreciate them on loan. Please contact Jean in the office if you are able to help.

On Saturday 27 February at 7.30pm in Sgoil Lionacleit an evening of Opera Highlights presented by performers from Scottish Opera. Tickets are £10 & £5 (u26s) from Macgillivray's Shop Balivanich.



During term 3 P7 will take part in a Young Leader Award Scheme. Mrs Matheson and Mrs Christine MacQuarrie (Active Schools Coordinator) will lead the pupils in this initiative. They will be given the opportunity to gain essential leadership skills which will be beneficial in various areas of school work and support them in later years. The training will include group work, written work, practical work and the organisation of games for younger children. Their lessons will include safety, communication, co-operation, enjoyment, responsibility and organisational skills.



All of us in Primary 1 and 2 wish to thank everyone who sent in their old Christmas cards for recycling. We wrote to Uist Parcels and they very kindly agreed to take three boxes full across to Inverness for us. Ceud taing a h-uile duine!

Latinus Optimus Est!

(Latin is great)

S1 is enjoying learning Latin, with the help of a new course called "Minimus", which is based on real people who lived at Vindolanda near Hadrian's Wall. The first lesson made use of a real birthday invitation found during excavation. And after the governor's dinner (of grapes fed to reclining nobles by a slave) Monday afternoons will never be the same again!

Latin is being taught under the banner of "Literacy Across the Curriculum". It will help S1 broaden their knowledge base and help them to make connections between languages, as well as giving them a better understanding of English.