



# Sgoil Phaibil

## 08 March Newsletter 08

Primary pupils participated in a Fun Activity Morning on Friday 28th March. Cassandra, Sarah Campbell & Sarah Macdonald were the leaders of 3 mixed aged boy & girl groups. The morning started with a whole primary "Pirates" event in the gym with Mrs Matheson & Ms Levack. After that pupils took part in the following activities—lego, playdough, my little pony, jewellery making, smoothie making etc, etc. Pupils enjoyed their morning dressed up as toys & project characters from their topic work.



Thank you to a former pupil Linda MacLeod who hosted 2 Highland Dancing "Taster" Sessions. Pupils from P1 to P7 as well as some class teachers thoroughly enjoyed the fun and exercise. It is hoped to repeat these sessions when Linda is Home in Uist next term.

### World Maths Day Wow!!

World Maths is the best game in the whole world according to room 5. P1-P4 have been improving their mental maths by playing online against children from other countries from around the world including Hong Kong, Australia, Portugal, Seychelles and Canada. When a player logs on, you can be playing against up to four people and you have 60 seconds to answer questions. If you pass a red line you can earn credits to buy some accessories and change your computer 'face'. If you get three answers wrong, you are struck out and can begin again against other players. There are five different levels The class are really motivated to play and are very happy to be able to continue with World Maths until the end of next session. The picture shows the class with their World Maths Day certificates.



Clas 1-3 trang a' dèanamh dealbhan de sheann innealan a tha an dràsta ann an Taisbeanadh ann an Taigh Chearsabhagh.



On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March, our latest Power Readers were invited to a tea party in room 6. They were treated to delicious cakes (thanks Morag Ann!) and were presented with their certificates by Mr Neil Macdonald, Quality Improvement Officer with CNES Education Department. Prize winners were as follow:

Bronze Award: Graham Black S1, Catriona Fyfe S1, Kay Marie Macdonald S1, Jennifer Ross S1, Eilidh Boyle S2, David Macdonald S2, Donalda Macdonald S2

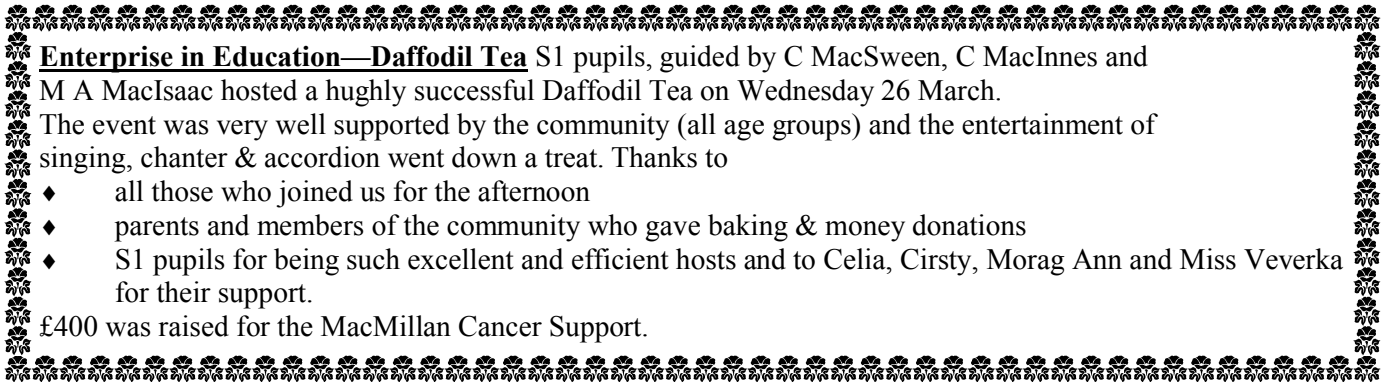
Silver Award: Emma Macdonald S2, Shannon Jackson S2, Oisín Buckley S2, Eilidh Johnson S2.

Gold Award: Laura Robertson S2

Platinum Award: Sian Donkers

Sian is now involved with Mrs Campbell making up the criteria for a Diamond Award – we are having to aim even higher with our pupils these days!

Well done to all involved, and to the rest of you – next award ceremony in June so get reading!!!!



**Enterprise in Education—Daffodil Tea** S1 pupils, guided by C MacSween, C MacInnes and M A MacIsaac hosted a hugely successful Daffodil Tea on Wednesday 26 March.

The event was very well supported by the community (all age groups) and the entertainment of singing, chanter & accordion went down a treat. Thanks to

- ♦ all those who joined us for the afternoon
- ♦ parents and members of the community who gave baking & money donations
- ♦ S1 pupils for being such excellent and efficient hosts and to Celia, Cirsty, Morag Ann and Miss Veverka for their support.

£400 was raised for the MacMillan Cancer Support.

**Toilets** As you may be aware all pupil toilet facilities are to be refurbished before the end of the session. Work on the toilets in the Gaelic Medium Unit is well underway. The refurbished toilets are to be fitted with new state of the art furniture.

We are grateful for the support of the following supply staff

- Mr S Carter who has covered Technical classes since the passing of Mr Dick.
- Mr P Melynczuk who is covering Art classes in Mr MacLeods absence due to ill health.

**Braiswick Photographic Company will visit the school on Wednesday 16th April to take individual and group photographs.**

**N.S.S.A.A. Cross-Country Championships-Gordonstoun**

A group of pupils travelled to Gordonstoun for the N.S.S.A.A Cross-Country Championships in February. It was a very successful trip with Paible School coming in 7th place overall.

- 5th Ewen Campbell,
- 42nd Sandy Davidson
- 46th Fraser Macdonald
- 80th Colin MacLeod

Well done to all who participated in the event.

Best wishes to Christine Lindsay-our Active schools co-ordinator -she marries Duncan MacQuarrie today Friday 28th March in South Uist.

We say a sad farewell to Rose Leveson Gower P5 & Millie Baines P6 who leave Paible School at the end of this Term. We wish them good luck at their new schools in London & Yorkshire.

**SNAG**

Mrs M Boyle, the newly appointed Assistant Operations Manager (with responsibility for schools catering) joined the SNAG group for their termly meeting on Thursday 27 March. Mrs Boyle informed the group that new monthly menus for primary and secondary are to be introduced on 28 April. All pupils will receive copies.

**School Computers upgrade**

The school computer network has been upgraded this term with new computers and printers replacing older outdated ones. All pupils have their own log in with the added benefit of pupils being able to access their own files from any computer within the school. A new feature of the updated system is a shared folder where staff can set work for pupils who can then submit their work electronically.

**S2 Enterprise Activities**

2X have set up a company DVDs **4 U**. They will transfer your home videos onto DVD. So look out all your old baby/wedding/holiday videos or Mini DV cassettes, send them into the school and they will transfer and label them for you. Your original video will be returned. Phone school for more details.

Between Nov07 and Feb 08 our 2Y pupils were learning about finance and the stock market. In teams of 4, they were investing a virtual £100,000 in buying and selling shares. This online experience enabled our pupils to understand the stock market, explore a real-life business cycle, develop research and analytical skills and to work as a team. All the teams enjoyed the experience and did extremely well. Our top investors were the Cash Collectors N.U.- who finished 652 out of 5094 teams from throughout Britain and Northern Ireland. Well done Eididh Johnson, Peter Johnson, Donald Macdonald and Tom Lane.

**Paible School Health Focus Week**  
**w/c May 26th**

Many events and activities are planned for this week. The annual fun run will start the week off and the last event will be Paible Highland Games on Friday 30th.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- School Closes 28 March & re-opens Monday 14 April**
- Music Performance (Primary) Tuesday 6 May**
- S2 Parents Evening Thursday 8 May**
- Scholastic Book Fair W/B 12 May**
- Health Week Week beginning 26 May**  
**(including, fun run, on Monday 26 May 9.30)**