

PAIBLE SCHOOL



September 2009

SCHOOL GARDEN AREA

Since the beginning of this term pupils & staff have met as groups each Tuesday to discuss two very important aspects of our school.



How we are doing as an eco-school.

- * Is our school litter free?
- * Are we good at saving energy?
- * Are we good at recycling waste?
- * Do we have clean, interesting school grounds etc.

In what ways can we improve our school garden

- * Groups have put much thought into how our garden could be made more interesting for the school and community.

On Tuesday 22 Sept each group reported back and gave feedback to the whole school on their findings with respect to how good we are as an eco-school and what we have to do before we can apply for a silver award. (environmental review). A plan will be drawn up of the garden area to take account of the many ideas and suggestions from our pupils. We hope to keep parents and friends fully informed of what is to be done and hopefully involve as many parents and members of the community as possible.



Primary 5,6,7 have been taking part in swimming tuition at Lionacleit Pool.

They have experienced pool and water safety, floatation and movement, propulsion and streamlining alongside swimming stroke improvement. The teaching of different strokes has been a strong focus this term in line with the National Swimming Association's Programme. When this group's allocation of lessons is completed, Primary 1,2,3,4 pupils will attend every Monday afternoon during term 2.



Room 1



Fàilte gu Alasdair, Orin 's Màiri a tha air an deagh dhòigh a' peantadh long-fhada Lochlannach.

Room 5



Room 5 welcomed 4 new P1's this session. Alfie, Shaun, Katie and Iona have been very busy learning their sounds.

Paible Choir.

Since the beginning of term, In the setting of room T4, around 25 dedicated upper primary school pupils have been enjoying the experience of forming a singing group. No doubt inspired by the TV series of the same name, 'The Choir' have, in quite a short time, already built up a wide ranging repertoire of songs, including spirituals, folk songs, ballads and songs from the shows. If we maintain current progress, we will soon be looking for performing opportunities outwith the school, and already have received our first booking to perform at a Paible School assembly. To show that we really mean business, the Choir have just taken possession of a brand new set of folders for that professional look.



Room 7 pupils continue to and will do into the first like to make our own gas empty washing tablet boxes? anytime. Thank you

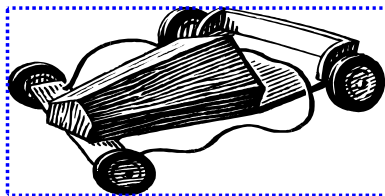


study World War Two issues part of next term. We would mask boxes. Do you have any Please send them in to school

Primary Science Workshops

Primary 5,6,7 pupils attended a Balloon Buggy Workshop in Balivanich School on Wednesday 21st September. They were encouraged to use their investigative skills to test variables, to predict what might happen and to measure travel distance. The Buggies are now back in Paible School and pupils continue to adapt their design to race on different surfaces.

The corridor makes a great race track.



Depute Head Retires

Mr Donald Maclean retired from his post as DHT on Friday 28 August. Mr Maclean took up his post in Oct 1996, thereby nearly completing 13 years service. He was previously Principal Teacher of Biology in Sgoil Lionacleit. All staff and pupils join in wishing Mr Maclean a very happy retirement from his post as DHT and would like to thank him for his valuable contributions towards the life of the school. Mr Maclean is highly respected in the school and the school community. He has kindly agreed to do supply work teaching science for 3 days per week.

Iain Boyd an S2 pupil will be leaving Paible at the end of this term. Iain is moving to the Isle of Lewis. We will all miss him.

Eleanor Climbs Kilimanjaro Congratulations to Eleanor Macdonald, Kyles, a former pupil of the school who has just climbed Kilimanjaro (5892m) along with other students from St Andrews University. She reached the summit on Thursday 3 Sept after a 5 day climb. Eleanor has raised over £2500 towards Childreach International. **Well done Ellie!**

SNAG School Nutrition Action Group

SNAG meets regularly to discuss issues relating to school meals, health promotion etc...

Here are the members

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| Kayreen MacLeod | P6 |
| John MacLean | P7 |
| Calum MacRitchie | S1 |
| Emma MacInnes | S1 |
| Sean Brady | S2 |
| Jessica Thompson | S2 |

SPC Staff/Pupil Council

Staff and pupil's reps meet regularly to discuss issues relating to pupil welfare.

Here are the members

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| Joanna Macbain | P7 |
| Norman Macdonald | P7 |
| Fazel Froughi | S1 |
| Sarah Campbell | S2 |
| Seamus Boyle | S2 |

"Wear it Pink Day"

Paible School will fundraise for this charity on Friday 30th October. As in previous years pupils will be encouraged to wear something pink to school as part of a "No Uniform Day". As a school we want to support this charity and raise awareness of Breast Cancer. There will be "pink" baking for sale and also pocket money Halloween novelties. All proceeds to Breast Cancer Campaign.

Storyworld/Literacy World

Our main reading resource is missing several pupil books. We would appreciate if you could check for any "strays" which may have collected at home. Any books found can be returned to Room 7 anytime.



At the recent Northern Meeting Piping Competition in Inverness S2 pupil Mairi MacInnes was the winner of the Turnout & Bearing Trophy for girls under 18 yrs.

Family Learning Week 27 Sept-3 Oct

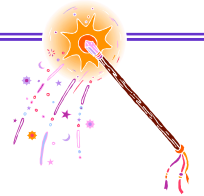
During Family Learning Week please visit www.scotlandlearning.org.uk for more information.

Senior pupils & staff are busy working collaboratively creating a Christmas Production.

A PANTO no less.

"O Yes They Are"

Look out for next months Newsletter for -
PANTO PROGRESS @ PAIBLE



P1-7 Buddies

Primary one and Primary seven pupils have joined together as a "One Seven buddy" group. The older pupils will share the responsibility of creating a positive ethos of respect, trust and support. They will be encouraged to make a positive contribution to the wellbeing of each individual child. The pupils will change buddies during Term 3. This new initiative within the primary will address issues within Health and Wellbeing across the curriculum. The group will meet regularly with Mrs Matheson to discuss various social and emotional issues.