



# Arainn Shuaineirt Youth Club Newsletter



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Well it's already a new school year, and a special welcome goes to all the new S1 pupils who have joined Senior Youth Club. This newsletter is timed to accompany the new contact forms which the Highland Council request that parents fill out each year so that information is kept up to date. Please try to return these forms as soon as possible.

**Senior Youth Club** now welcomes around 60 kids each Tuesday. The S5 young people have the use of a separate room as their own space and have developed an agreement regarding responsibility for leaving the room as they found it. There are also some very active Playstation sessions provided by Kirsty (in DJ's temporary absence) and the usual sports, DVDs, music, pool and general socialising.

**Junior Youth Club** attendance is back down to about 30 due to the new S1s moving on, but this number will climb gradually as kids turn 8 during the year. There are lots of activities on offer for the kids to choose from - craft, sports, occasional cookery, pool and games. We are thrilled to have a new football coach - Andy Tilling - who seems to be able to coax even reluctant footballers onto the AstroTurf! Many thanks to him for providing such a popular activity.

## Staff/volunteer rota

We still work hard to ensure the adult to young people ratio is correct for each Youth Club session. Youth Workers ( June, Robert, Justine, Samantha, Bill and Rebecca) and our three regular volunteers - Kirsty, Jacqueline and Alanna are supported by parent volunteers each session. Last term we had a good response from parents who helped out for an evening

or two. A slip is enclosed in the new contact forms for you to indicate your willingness to help out about once a term. The youth workers and young people are very grateful for any time you can give and you should have a fun evening.



## Stars in their Eyes

We had a wonderful evening on 7<sup>th</sup> June when after months of hard work the Venue was filled with an array of singing stars. Stewart Malcolm gave up his birthday evening to be a very competent and entertaining Master of Ceremonies - many thanks to him for holding the show together. There was a fantastic turn out from parents and friends to support the performers and a total of £208 was raised for Youth Club funds through donations and raffle tickets. We all had a great time and after the votes were counted in third place was the Goo Goo Dolls (Holly Davidson and Hannah Gunnell), in second place was Avril Lavigne (Sara Mackinnon, Megan Macpherson and Caitlin Laybourne) and in first place

were Holly Davidson and Rona Maitland with Lynyrd Skynyrd's 'Sweet Home Alabama'. A final big 'thank you' needs to go to Kirsty who organised everyone through rehearsals and on the night. Also to Sean for organising the PA system

