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Enrolment Of Pupils To Gaelic Medium Primary Education

Report by Director of Education, Culture and Sport Service

SUMMARY

This report provides Members with an outline of the strategies in place to promote and increase the number of pupils enrolling to Gaelic Medium Primary Education.

This report contributes to Strengthening the Highlands theme 'What we will do for Children and Families', specifically the commitment:

'To Continue to develop Gaelic medium education in pre-school and primary schools as well as expanding Gaelic medium education in the secondary sector and increase the number of Gaelic learners in our schools'.

1. Background

- 1.1 Highland Council has provided Gaelic Medium Education for 25 years. It has been proactive in the National development of Gaelic Medium Education and supported the progress made in ensuring that schools have access to an ever increasing range of appropriate resources.
- 1.2 The current provision is one Gaelic Medium school, one Gaelic Medium school with an English department and 19 schools with a Gaelic Medium department. These schools are located across the Highland Council area, with most in the Ross, Skye and Lochaber area.
- 1.3 Pre-school provision for 3 and 4 year olds is provided mainly by Nurseries run by the Education, Culture and Sport Service (ECS). At present the ECS Service has responsibility for 20 Gaelic Medium Nurseries.
- 1.4 In addition to the ECS provision, four partner centres provide Gaelic Medium Nursery provision for 4 year olds.
- 1.5 Almost all Gaelic Medium Nurseries have an equivalent English Medium provision. In small to medium size schools, current data indicates that more than 50% of 4 year old pupils, eligible for Nursery education are in Gaelic Medium Nurseries. In a number of schools of this size, almost all the 4 year old pupils are in Gaelic Medium. In the larger primary schools, only 19% of eligible 4 year old pupils enrol in Gaelic Medium Nurseries. Almost all Gaelic Medium Nursery pupils continue to Gaelic Medium Primary One classes.

2. Initiatives to Promote Gaelic Medium Education

- 2.1 Head Teachers of Gaelic Medium provision are provided with information packs on the benefits of Gaelic Medium Education. This information is available to parents when they enrol their children to Nursery and to P1. Head Teachers and staff also

have access to current educational research, such as the *'Gaelic Medium Education in Scotland: Choice and Attainment in Primary and Early Secondary School'*, recently published by Bòrd na Gàidhlig and The University of Edinburgh. (Attached as Appendix 1 to this report).

- 2.2 This research gathered evidence about the current practice of Gaelic Medium Education. The study investigated attainment of Gaelic Medium pupils, using the Scottish Survey of Achievement and the Survey of Gaelic Achievement. These enabled comparisons of the attainment of Gaelic Medium pupils in Primary 5 and Primary 7.
- 2.3 The findings of the study showed that *'Gaelic Medium pupils' attainment in English had overtaken their attainment in Gaelic: 83% of Gaelic Medium pupils passed Level D (5-14 attainment), compared to 93% achieving Level D English reading; the difference was similar with writing.'*
- 2.4 Overall, the report shows that *'in relation to attainment, Gaelic Medium pupils acquire or develop an additional language, without harming their attainment in other areas of the curriculum. People choose Gaelic Medium Education because of the educational gain, and also because they value the language, as part of their cultural identity.'*
- 2.5 Schools also promote the benefits of bilingualism, where evidence shows that pupils are able to transfer skills and have the ability to learn additional languages. Further work is planned, using the research of Professor Antonella Sorace, Professor of Developmental Linguistics, The University of Edinburgh.
- 2.6 Appendix 1 is a summary of the above report. The full research report is available in the Members' Lounge or at www.gaidhlig.org.uk
- 2.7 A few schools operate 'open' sessions, where parents who have children in Gaelic Medium Education are on hand discuss and promote, the benefits of Gaelic Medium Education, with parents who are considering sending their child to Gaelic Medium Nursery/Primary 1. This good practice will be further developed across all schools currently providing Gaelic Medium Education
- 2.8 Community Learning and Development Officers are proactive in promoting Gaelic Medium Education. These initiatives include Gaelic Fun Days, the use of exhibition boards at key events, parent workshops to help parents' access assistance with homework, Gaelic Medium sporting events, Gaelic Medium school holiday activities programme, and a range of Gaelic social events, which are used to promote culture and ethos.
- 2.9 Staff promote and organise Family Learning, through week long events, where parents are able to access opportunities to learn Gaelic; their children, (who attend Gaelic Medium Education), access a range of Gaelic medium activities, such as drama, outdoor education, art projects and cultural events, whilst their pre-school children are able to attend, free Gaelic Medium child care.

- 2.10 Ulpan (Gaelic Language classes for learners), is a structured approach to learning Gaelic, which is available to parents, who have pupils in Gaelic Medium Education and also to Highland Council Staff. Some of the costs associated with this programme are subsidised by the Council, through funding from Bòrd na Gaidhlig.
- 2.11 The 0-3 Development Officer links with local communities to promote early years education to Nursery and beyond. Most of this work is around existing provision and reactive to other communities that express interest in Gaelic Medium Education.

3. Developments

- 3.1 Whilst it is recognised that much work is undertaken by many to promote the benefits of Gaelic Medium Education, this is not consistent across the Service. Good practice requires to be further developed and clear guidance issued to staff on their role to promote Gaelic Medium Education. In addition, the Education, Culture and Sport Service intends to write to the parents of English Medium pre-school children, who attend Nursery provision, linked to existing Gaelic Medium classes, promoting the benefits of bilingualism through Gaelic Medium Education. This will be followed up by a new leaflet aimed at parents, and which will raise the profile of, and promote, the benefits of bilingualism provided through GME, across the Highland Council.
- 3.2 In North West Sutherland, the Area Office responded to requests for the provision of Gaelic Medium Education, initially in the Scourie area, by researching the capacity of the local schools. This revealed that none of the primary schools in North West Sutherland has space to provide any provision. Investment in additional provision would be extremely costly, and at this early stage it is difficult to predict how sustainable any provision would be, due to the general ebb and flow of demand for Gaelic Medium Education.
- 3.3 However, given the commitment of everyone involved to endeavour to provide viable solutions where they exist, preliminary investigations concerning how the Council can create a Gaelic Medium provision centre in North West Sutherland, are being progressed with those who have expressed an interested locally along with the Area Office and the Gaelic Team.
- 3.4 The manner in which this is being addressed, potentially offers a model which could be replicated across Highland, to ensure that demand can be met, and where it is met, there is a suitable and sustainable provision.
- 3.5 In the case of North West Sutherland, officials have examined the possibility of locating the Gaelic Medium provision, within Kinlochbervie High School. Space exists, and this could be utilised as the provision, with pupils potentially attending from Achfary, Scourie, Kinlochbervie and Durness. Clearly a number of issues still require to be worked through, but there exists a “route map” for a solution.

- 3.6 Further investigation is now being undertaken around the Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross Area to identify other centres, within each ASG, to support the potential long term, sustainable Gaelic Medium provision and this will be shared with Bòrd na Gàidhlig. Once this has been completed, it will be made available to the Committee and, if Members approve, will possibly provide the basis for instituting a new approach to the handling of requests for Gaelic Medium Education across the Council.
- 3.7 Challenges such as the recruitment of Gaelic Medium teachers remain, but it is felt that by establishing a blueprint for provision it will be easier to attract potential candidates, and also easier to support them once they take up post. It is also anticipated that this model will enable greater immersion, due to non-class contact time, and supply, potentially being provided by Gaelic Medium teachers. This potential proposal will also set out where the Authority intends to provide Gaelic Medium Education, and this should then inform choice for people, in terms of seeking education or residence to suit their wishes.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 Members are invited to note the contents of this report and seek a further report in April 2011.

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**Foghlam Tro Mheadhan na Gàidhlig ann an Alba:
Roghainn agus Buileachadh sa Bhun-sgoil agus Tràth
san Àrd-sgoil**

**Gaelic-medium Education in Scotland:
Choice and Attainment in Primary and Early Secondary
School**



This briefing summarises the results of a research project on why people choose or do not choose Gaelic-medium education and what its effects are on pupils' attainment.

Tha a' bhileag fiosrachaidh seo a' toirt seachad geàrr-chunntas air toraidhean pròiseact rannsachaidh air carson a bhios, no nach bi, daoine a' taghadh foghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig agus a' bhuaidh a th' aige air buileachadh nan sgoilearan.

**What is Gaelic-medium Education in
Current Practice?**

The research gathered evidence about the current practice of Gaelic-medium education. Gaelic-medium primary education begins with an immersion phase in which children study all of their subjects through the medium of Gaelic. English is typically introduced towards the end of Primary 3, but Gaelic remains the predominant mode of learning throughout primary. The aim is that pupils achieve equal competence in Gaelic and English by the end of primary school.

Gaelic-medium education in Scotland started in 1985. Pupil numbers increased rapidly until the late 1990s and since then have grown more slowly. In session 2008-9, there were 2,206 pupils in Gaelic-medium primary education and 397 in Gaelic-medium secondary education. There were two free-standing Gaelic primary schools and 58 Gaelic streams in primary schools that also provided English-medium education. One secondary school provided almost all subjects through the medium of Gaelic, and 18 taught some subjects using Gaelic. Most pupils in Gaelic-medium education do not understand Gaelic when they start pre-school, but some children have acquired Gaelic at home.

**Dè tha ann am Foghlam Tro Mheadhan na
Gàidhlig An-dràsta?**

Chruinnich an rannsachadh fianais air mar a tha foghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig ag obair an-dràsta. Tha foghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig sa bhun-sgoil a' tòiseachadh le greis 'bogaidh' nuair a dh'ionnsaicheas a' chlann a h-uile cuspair tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig. Màs as trice bidh Beurla ga toirt a-steach faisg air deireadh Prìomh 3, ach is i a' Ghàidhlig am prìomh chànan ionnsachaidh tro bhliadhnaichean na bun-sgoile air fad. Is e an t-amas gum bi an aon chomas aig sgoilearan sa Ghàidhlig agus sa Bheurla mus cuir iad crìoch air a' bhun-sgoil.

Thòisich foghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig ann an Alba ann an 1985. Chaidh àireamh nan sgoilearan an-àirde gu luath gu deireadh nan 1990an agus tha iad air a bhith ag èirigh nas slaodaiche bhon àm sin. Anns an t-seisean 2008-9, bha 2,206 sgoilearan ann am foghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig sa bhun-sgoil agus 397 ann am foghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig san àrd-sgoil. Bha dà bhun-sgoil Ghàidhlig fa leth ann agus 58 aonadan Gàidhlig ann am bun-sgoiltean a bha a' tabhann foghlam meadhain-Bheurla cuideachd. Bha aon àrd-sgoil a bha a' teagasg cha mhòr a h-uile cuspair tron Ghàidhlig, agus 18 far an robh cuid de na cuspairean tron Ghàidhlig. Chan eil a' chuid as motha de chlann ann am foghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig a' tuigsinn Gàidhlig nuair a thòisicheas iad san ro-sgoil, ach bidh clann a thog Gàidhlig aig an taigh a' dol ann cuideachd.

Aims of the Research

The research had two aims:

To investigate the reasons why people choose or do not choose Gaelic-medium education at the primary and early secondary school stages.

To investigate Gaelic-medium pupils' attainment in primary and early secondary school, and to compare this with the attainment of their English-medium counterparts.

What the Research Did

Approach to investigating choice

Eight primary-secondary school pairs were selected, covering the range of contexts in which Gaelic-medium education is provided. Interviews were conducted with the schools' headteachers and Local Authority Gaelic advisers (22 in total), with 55 parents of pupils in Primary 7 or Secondary 2 Gaelic medium and with 30 parents of pupils in Primary 7 or Secondary 2 English medium.

Approach to investigating attainment

Pupil attainment was studied mainly using two surveys conducted by Scottish Government statisticians in 2007: the Scottish Survey of Achievement, and the Survey of Gaelic Education. These enabled comparison of the attainment of Gaelic-medium pupils in Primary 5 and Primary 7 (168 and 140 pupils respectively) with three groups of P5 and P7 English-medium pupils:

- (i) All English-medium pupils in the Scottish Survey of Achievement's national sample (7,631 P5 and 7,829 P7 pupils).
- (ii) English-medium pupils chosen to match the Gaelic-medium pupils with regard to gender, socio-economic status and local authority area (164 P5 and 149 P7 pupils).
- (iii) English-medium pupils in schools which had a Gaelic stream (45 P5 and 36 P7 pupils).

Amasan an Rannsachaidh

Bha dà amas aig an rannsachadh:

Sgrùdadh a dhéanamh air na h-adhbharan a bhios, no nach bi, daoine a' taghadh foghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig aig ìre na bun-sgoile agus bliadhnaichean tràtha na h-àrd-sgoile.

Sgrùdadh a dhéanamh air buileachadh sgoilearan meadhain-Ghàidhlig sa bhun-sgoil agus bliadhnaichean tràtha na h-àrd-sgoile, agus coimeas a dhéanamh eadar seo agus buileachadh sgoilearan ionnan riutha ann am foghlam meadhain-Bheurla.

Na Rinn an Rannsachadh

Modh-obrach anns an sgrùdadh roghainn

Thaghadh ochd paidhrichean bun-sgoile is àrd-sgoile, a' riochdachadh an raon shuidheachaidhean far a bheil foghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig ga thabhann. Rinneadh agallamh le ceannardan nan sgoiltean agus comhairlichean Gàidhlig nan Ùghdarrasan Ionadail (22 uile gu léir), le 55 pàrant sgoilearan meadhain-Ghàidhlig ann am Prìomh 7 (P7) no Bliadhna 2 den àrd-sgoil (AS2) agus 30 pàrant sgoilearan meadhain-Bheurla ann am P7 no AS2.

Modh-obrach anns an sgrùdadh buileachaidh

Rinneadh sgrùdadh air buileachadh sgoilearan, a' cleachdadh, airson na mòr-chuid, dà shuirbhidh a rinn luchd-staitistearachd Riaghaltas na h-Alba ann an 2007: an Suirbhidh Albannach air Coileanadh, agus an Suirbhidh air Foghlam Gàidhlig. Thug seo cothrom dhuinn coimeas a dhéanamh eadar buileachadh sgoilearan meadhain-Ghàidhlig ann am Prìomh 5 agus Prìomh 7 (168 agus 140 sgoilear an urra) agus na trì buidhnean sgoilearan meadhain-Bheurla P5 is P7 a leanas:

- (i) A h-uile sgoilear meadhain-Bheurla anns an t-sampall nàiseanta aig an t-Suirbhidh Albannach air Coileanadh (7,631 sgoilear P5 agus 7,829 sgoilear P7).
- (ii) Sgoilearan meadhain-Bheurla a thaghadh airson freagradh ris na sgoilearan meadhain-Ghàidhlig a rèir gnè, inbhe shòisio-eaconamach agus sgìre ùghdarras ionadail (164 sgoilear P5 agus 149 sgoilear P7).
- (iii) Sgoilearan meadhain-Bheurla ann an sgoiltean le aonad Gàidhlig (45 sgoilear P5 agus 36 sgoilear P7).

A postal survey was also undertaken of attainment in Primary 3, 5 and 7 and Secondary 2 in session 2008-9 in primary schools with Gaelic-medium provision and secondary schools which provide Gàidhlig (Gaelic for Fluent Speakers) as a subject.

Findings: Choice

Choice of Gaelic-medium education

There were two main reasons why people choose Gaelic-medium education. The first was heritage: of family, community or nation. Some parents regarded themselves as a 'lost generation' who had missed out on the family language, and thus wanted their children to acquire it.

Others cited allegiance to communities where Gaelic is spoken. Several linked the choice of Gaelic-medium education to a wider interest in Scottish culture, and a belief that Gaelic is an essential part of Scottish identity.

Identity and choice

My grandparents were native speakers and both lost it. We just felt it was a shame that we hadn't learnt it, that my father hadn't learnt it and then I hadn't learnt it, and I just thought of all these people that lost the chance. So we just decided to try Gaelic medium.

(parent, Highlands and Islands, non-Gaelic community)

Rinneadh suirbhidh tron phost cuideachd air buileachadh ann am P3, 5 is 7 agus ann an AS2 san t-seisean 2008-9 ann am bun-sgoiltean le solarachadh meadhain-Ghàidhlig agus àrd-sgoiltean a tha a' tabhann Gàidhlig (do dh'Fhileantaich) mar chuspair.

Toraidhean: Roghainn

A' roghnachadh foghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig

Bha dà phrìomh adhbhar a roghnaich daoine foghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig. B' e dualchas a' chiad adhbhar: dualchas teaghlaich, coimhearsnachd no nàisein. Bha cuid a' faireachdainn gu robh iad nam páirt de 'ghinealach cailte' nach d'fhuair cothrom cànan an teaghlaich ionnsachadh, agus bha iad airson gum biodh i aig an cuid cloinne.

Bhruidhinn daoine eile air dàimh ri coimhearsnachdan far a bheil Gàidhlig ga bruidhinn. Bha grunn a' déanamh ceangal eadar foghlam Gàidhlig agus an ùidh fharsaing ann an cultar na h-Alba, agus iad den bheachd gu bheil a' Ghàidhlig aig cridhe fèin-aithne na h-Alba.

Fèin-aithne agus roghainn

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(pàrant, seann-Ghàidhealtachd, gun mhòran Gàidhlig sa choimhearsnachd)

The second main set of reasons for the choice of Gaelic-medium education was the perceived benefit of a child's becoming bilingual. Many parents had read about the research on bilingual education and bilingualism which suggests that being bilingual stimulates children's learning.

B' e an dàrna prìomh adhbhar airson foghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig a thaghadh am beachd gu robh e na bhuannachd do leanabh a bhith dà-chànanach. Bha mòran phàrantan air leughadh mun rannsachadh air foghlam dà-chànanach agus dà-chànanas a tha a' nochdadh gu faodadh dà-chànanas ionnsachadh leanabh a bhrosnachadh.

Two other reasons were mentioned in relation to the choice of Gaelic-medium education. One was that Gaelic-medium education attracted a particular kind of highly educated parent who thinks about education. The other was simply continuity (from pre-school to primary or primary to secondary): once pupils were in the Gaelic-medium system, there was reluctance to waste what had been learnt.

Bilingualism and choice

Studying the mechanics of a language gives children skills that they can transfer. They have a facility for picking up another language having studied one.

(headteacher, Gaelic-speaking area)

Chaidh dà adhbhar eile a thogail a thaobh roghnachadh foghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig. B' e aon gu robh foghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig tarraingeach do cuid de phàrantan sàr-fhoghlamaichte a bhios a' smaoinichadh gu domhainn mu dheidhinn foghlam. B' i leantailachd an t-adhbhar eile (bho ro-sgoil gu bun-sgoil no bun-sgoil gu àrd-sgoil): aon uair 's gu robh sgoilearan anns an t-siostam mheadhan-Ghàidhlig, bha daoine aindeonach na bhathas air ionnsachadh mar-thà a chall.

Dà-chànanas agus roghainn

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(ceannard sgoile, sgìre Ghàidhlig)

Choice of English-medium education

The research also investigated why people do not choose Gaelic-medium education when it is available. One reason was when children who are already at school move from an area where there is no Gaelic-medium education into a place where it is provided. Another common reason for choosing English medium was some parents' fear that they could not help their child with homework in a language they did not understand.

Some English-medium parents, although favouring the revitalisation of the Gaelic language, doubted if education was the best means to language maintenance, and thus had not chosen Gaelic-medium education for their child.

A' roghnachadh foghlam tro mheadhan na Beurla

Rinn an rannsachadh sgrùdadh cuideachd air carson a bhios daoine a' roghnachadh an clann a chumail a-mach à foghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig nuair a tha e ri fhaighinn. B' e aon adhbhar gu robh pàrantan cloinne a ghluais à sgìre far nach robh foghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig ri fhaighinn gu sgìre far an robh, aindeonach an clann a thoirt a-mach às an t-sruth Bheurla. B' e adhbhar cumanta eile airson meadhan-Beurla a thaghadh gu robh eagal air cuid de phàrantan nach biodh iad comasach an clann a chuideachadh le obair-dhachaigh ma bha i ann an cànan nach robh iad a' tuigsinn.

Bha cuid de phàrantan meadhain-Bheurla a' cur taic ri ath-bheothachadh na Gàidhlig ach bha iad teagmhach an e foghlam an dòigh a b' fheàrr a thoirt gu buil, agus air an adhbhar sin cha robh iad air foghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig a roghnachadh don leanabh aca.

Findings: Attainment

Attainment in English by Gaelic-medium and English-medium pupils

Pupils in Gaelic-medium education, who are not exposed to English in the classroom until at least Primary 3, catch up with and overtake English-medium pupils in their command of English. By Secondary 2, whereas only one half of English-medium pupils had reached the expected level E in English reading and writing, three quarters of Gaelic-medium pupils had done so.

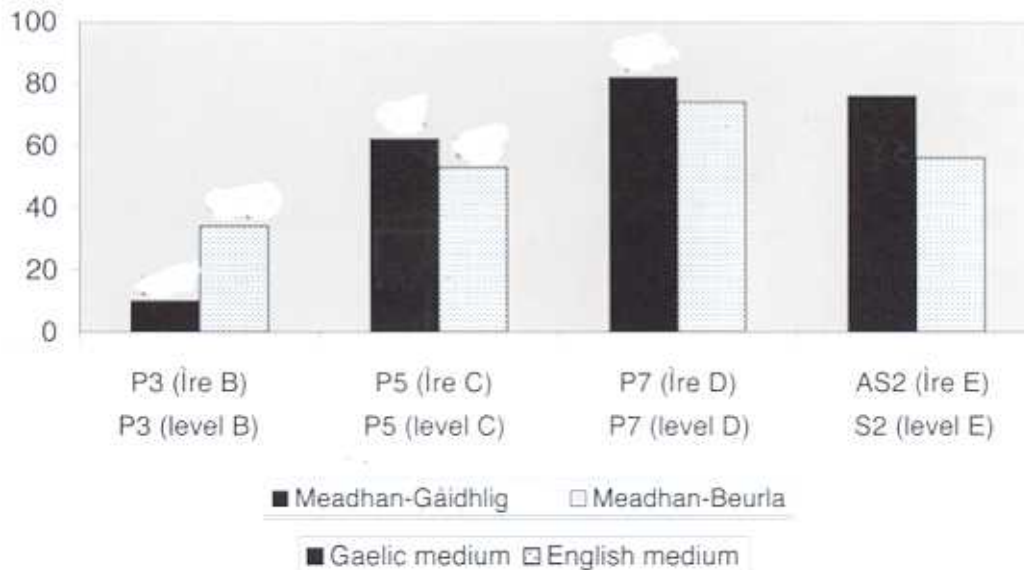
Toraidhean: Buileachadh

Buileachadh sa Bheurla aig sgoilearan meadhain-Ghàidhlig agus sgoilearan meadhain-Bheurla

Bidh sgoilearan ann am foghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig, nach eil a' faighinn Beurla san t-seòmar-sgoile gu Prìomh 3 co-dhiù, a' breith air agus a' dol seachad air sgoilearan meadhain-Bheurla ann an comasan sa Bheurla. Ro AS2, ged nach robh ach dàrna leth nan sgoilearan meadhain-Bheurla air Ìre E, an ìre ìomchaidh, a ruighinn ann an leughadh agus sgrìobhadh na Beurla, bha trì cairteal nan sgoilearan meadhain-Ghàidhlig aig an ìre seo.

Buileachadh ann an leughadh na Beurla (ceudad aig no thairis air an ìre a th' air a taisbeanadh)

Attainment in English reading (percentage at or beyond level shown)



Tùs: Suirbhìdh nan Sgoiltean, 2009
Source: Survey of Schools, 2009

Gaelic-medium and English-medium pupils' attainments in Science and Maths

In Science and Maths, the attainment of Gaelic-medium and English-medium pupils was broadly equal when Gaelic-medium pupils were compared with English-medium pupils of similar socio-economic status.

Thus Gaelic-medium pupils' attainment in other areas of the curriculum does not seem to be affected by their learning subjects through the medium of Gaelic (typically their second language).

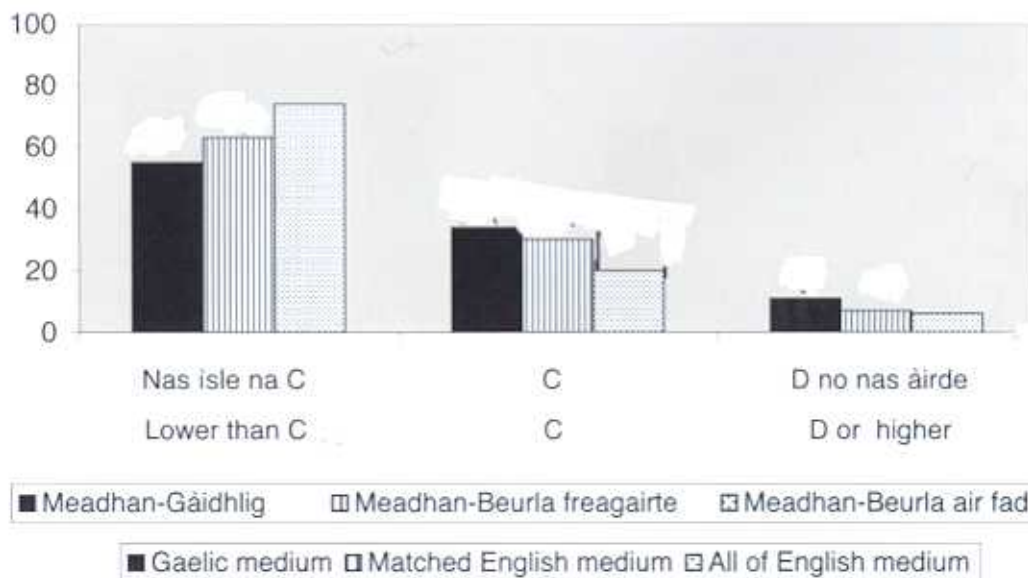
Buileachadh sgoilearan meadhain-Ghàidhlig agus meadhain-Bheurla ann an Saidheans agus Matamataig

Ann an Saidheans agus Matamataig, bha buileachadh sgoilearan meadhain-Ghàidhlig agus meadhain-Bheurla an ìre mhath co-ionnan nuair a chaidh sgoilearan meadhain-Ghàidhlig a shamhlachadh ri sgoilearan meadhain-Bheurla den aon ìre shòisio-eaconamach.

Tha e coltach, ma-thà, nach eil buaidh aig ionnsachadh tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig (mar as trice an dàrna cànan aca) air buileachadh sgoilearan meadhain-Ghàidhlig ann am pàirtean eile den churraicealam.

Buileachadh ann an saidheans: Prìomh 7 (ceudad aig an ìre a th' air a taisbeanadh)

Attainment in science: Primary 7 (percentage at the level shown)



Tùs: Suirbhìdh Albannach air Coileanadh, 2007
Source: Scottish Survey of Achievement, 2007

Gaelic-medium pupils' comparative attainments in Gaelic and English

Gaelic-medium pupils' attainment in English had overtaken their attainment in Gaelic by the end of primary: 83% of Gaelic-medium pupils passed Level D Gaelic reading, compared with 93% achieving Level D English reading; the difference was similar for writing.

Conclusions

These results are consistent with previous research. In relation to attainment, Gaelic-medium pupils acquire or develop an additional language without harming their attainment in other areas of the curriculum. People choose Gaelic-medium education because of this educational gain, and also because they value the language as part of their cultural identity.

Coimeas eadar buileachadh ann an Gàidhlig agus ann am Beurla aig sgoilearan meadhain-Ghàidhlig

Bha buileachadh sgoilearan meadhain-Ghàidhlig ann am Beurla air a dhol seachad air am buileachadh ann an Gàidhlig ro dheireadh na bun-sgoile: bha 83% de sgoilearan meadhain-Ghàidhlig air faighinn tro Ìre D ann an leughadh na Gàidhlig, an coimeas ri 93% a' toirt Ìre D a-mach ann an leughadh na Beurla; bha an aon seòrsa eadar-dhealachaidh ri fhaicinn ann an sgrìobhadh.

Co-dhùnidhean

Tha na toraidhean seo ionnan ri toraidhean rannsachaidh a rinneadh roimhe. A thaobh buileachaidh, bidh sgoilearan meadhain-Ghàidhlig a' togail no a' leasachadh cànan a bharrachd gun cron a dhéanamh air am buileachadh ann am pàirtean eile den churraicealam. Bidh daoine a' roghnachadh foghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig air sgàth na buannachd foghlaim seo, agus cuideachd airson gu bheil iad a' cur luach air a' chànan mar phàirt den fhéin-aithne chultarach aca.

Further information

The full research report may be obtained from Bòrd na Gàidhlig at:

www.gaidhlig.org.uk

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