

Dunbeg - where the pupils come first

ONE OF Lorn's longest serving teachers has seen many changes over three decades at Dunbeg Primary School but her ideology remains the same - the pupils come first.

Headteacher at Dunbeg Primary School for the last 14 years, Sine MacVicar is now teaching the children of her former pupils.

She said: 'There are also former pupils working at the school now and it makes my job easier as there is a tremendous respect in the school because of that.

'I know the families of the pupils very well and I feel very much part of the community.

'There's a warmth about Dunbeg Primary School and the community as a whole and that is why I have stayed so long.

'The most important thing as a teacher is to remember the pupils are the priority, even when you are bogged down in paperwork.

'I remember when I was asked to take the infant class in the mid-70s by the headteacher Jimmy Paton, who didn't like teaching the infants and



Headteacher Sine MacVicar with some of her pupils at Dunbeg Primary School. Since she started at Dunbeg, she still remembers the advice that

called them the micro-people.

'My predecessor Eilidh Ross gave me some of the best advice I have been given in teaching.

'She said, 'the most important thing is the primary ones should be happy and the learning will follow on'.'

Sine, whose mother Jean and brother, Ian, live in Oban and North Connel respectively, came to



A man from Appin put an advert in The Oban Times classified section stating: 'Wife wanted'. He received 20 replies all saying 'take mine'.