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“Earbam”
“Let Me
Trust”

The October holidays meant that it was National Mod time and as we have now come to expect, our pupils have excelled. We will have a full report in November’s issue but I think it is important that we acknowledge their success now.

We have been fundraising again, this time for the Indonesia Tsunami Appeal (£320) and MacMillan Cancer Support (over £285).

We have photos of our S1, S2 and S3 Aim Skye High winners and reports on Survival Cookery, CLIMAVORE and Developing the Young Workforce. We also have sporting news about running and shinty.

Now that the clocks have changed and winter approaches we will be emphasising the importance of road safety – especially wearing seatbelts and being extra vigilant while waiting for the school busses and alighting from them.

Miss C MacDonald, Headteacher

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Dates for your Diary

- STEM Ambassador Primary Visits Start (until 30.11): 5th November 2018
- UKMT Senior Maths Challenge: 6th November 2018
- S4 – S6 Success Assembly: 7th November 2018
- S5/6 Parents’ Evening: 8th November 2018
- Remembrance Day Commemoration: 9th November 2018
- Parent Council Careers Event: 13th November 2018
- Money Mile: 14th November 2018
- S1 Parents’ Evening: 15th November 2018
- Outward Bound Lochiel Trip (returns 23.11): 19th November 2018
- Parent Council Meeting: 19th November 2018
- S1 – S6 Cross Country: 21st November 2018
- Pupil Council Meeting S1 – S6: 21st November 2018
- Drama Performance Evening: 22nd November 2018
- S4 Parents’ Evening: 27th November 2018
- Head Teacher Drop-in: 28th November 2018
- Interhouse Events (S2): 28th November 2018
- Nat5 English Prelim: 28th November 2018



Success Assemblies

S1

Orlagh Morton (Bronze),
Rhia Cargill (Gold)
and
Amber Thomson (Bronze)



S2

Andrew Martin (Silver),
Lola Bold (Gold)
and
Jay Coe (Bronze)



S3

Niamh Coughlin (Gold),
Tom Rees
and
Molly Jamieson (Silver)



New Staff

Miss Campbell
Administrative Assistant



Mrs Chung
Pupil Support Assistant

Mrs Smith
Pupil Support Assistant



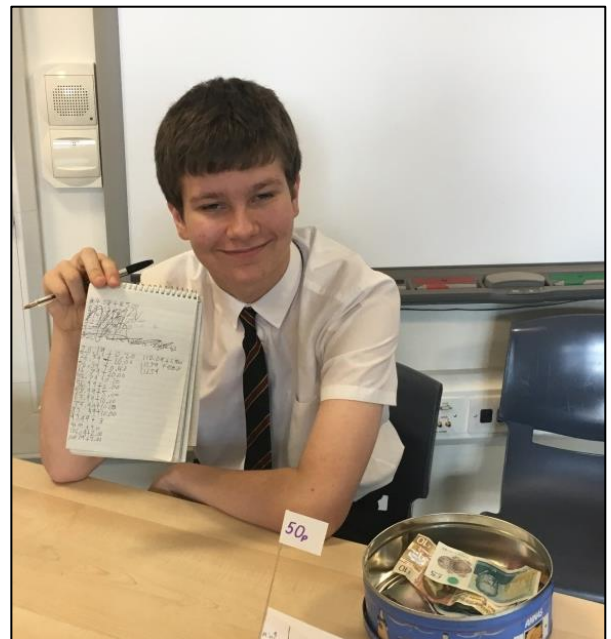


On the 5th of October, Portree High School took part in “The World’s Biggest Coffee Morning” for MacMillan Cancer Support.

Pupils from within the Support for Learning Department served hot drinks and home baking in Room 4 to school staff and sold cakes to pupils in the reception area.

Entertainment was provided by Chiara MacLean 3G2 on the accordion. As always staff responded with lots of generous donations, of both bakes and money, and pupils worked hard to make sure that the morning was a success. The total raised on the day was £285.74 – Many thanks to all those who donated time or money.

As of this moment the national total raised is in excess of £16M.



Survival Cookery

As our S6 pupils are getting ready to 'fly the nest' in summer 2019, we wanted to make sure that they could feed themselves on a limited budget. To this end just before the October holiday, all S6 pupils were given the opportunity to work in groups and produce fifteen different dishes (soups, main courses and desserts) all on a budget of £12.86! Pupils worked well and produced good food which they thoroughly enjoyed eating! Pupils agreed that it was a very worthwhile exercise and they also had fun.



**CLIMAVORE**

About *CLIMAVORE*

CLIMAVORE is a long-term project initiated by Cooking Sections in 2015. It sets out to envision how to eat as the climate changes. Different from the now obsolete Eurocentric cycle of spring, summer, autumn and winter, *CLIMAVORE* reacts to anthropogenic landscapes and uses ingredients as infrastructural responses to man-induced climatic events.



In collaboration with ATLAS Arts, *CLIMAVORE: On Tidal Zones* responds to the dead zones created by salmon farms on the Isle of Skye. Working with residents, restaurants, activists, schools and the general public, it aims to divest away from salmon farming and develop alternative aqua-cultures, by working with bivalves and seaweeds that clean the water by breathing.

The multi-phase installation in Skye began with an 'oyster table' in the tidal zone. At high tide, the structure allows its 1,000 oysters to breathe, each filtering up to 120L of seawater per day. At low tide, it emerges above the sea and functions as a dining table for humans. Over breakfast, lunch, or dinner (according to the tides), performative meals feature a series of *CLIMAVORE* ingredients, where workshops with fishermen, politicians, residents and scientists have been held to discuss another cultural imaginary for the island. A network of restaurants was also established: each replaced farmed salmon with a *CLIMAVORE* dish.

The project continues to evolve with ambitions to provide the public with technical and legal advice on how to open your own oyster farm, support claims to reject expansion applications of salmon farms, facilitate marine research on alternative aqua-cultures; and train young cooks on the island to introduce altogether a new coastal horizon for Skye.

***CLIMAVORE* Cooking Sessions**

In collaboration with Portree High School, Cooking Sections offer five sessions to pupils. Each will address a different facet of the history, present and possible future of Skye's aquaculture. Sessions are delivered through a talk and interactive practical workshop with the support of local experts.

Session one was based on seaweed



Firstly pupils were given a short presentation on the CLIMAVORE project and information about how they will be able to participate. This was followed by a practical baking session to create 'Tidal Bread' a soda bread prepared with local seaweed. The practical session offered an informal opportunity for pupils to learn more about seaweed's role in the marine ecosystem, history of cooking with seaweed in Skye and new approaches to it as an ingredient.





Portree High School Pupils Visit the Local Coast Guard!

S3 and S4 Portree High School pupils were left in awe after a visit to the Portree Coast Guard Operations Centre where Senior Coastal Operations Officer, Dave Phillips described his daily duties and supplied pupils with information about what is required to join the coast guard team.

An Exciting Visit

During their exciting and interactive visit to the centre, pupils were given a detailed presentation which outlined and explained the centre's maritime operations and were guided through the procedure of what should happen in the operations room when a distress call is received. Staff asked pupils to think of what emergency services might be called in the case of an accident, what questions should be asked and what actions should be taken when someone's life is at risk.

This was followed by a question and answer session regarding the main rescue vehicle and its equipment in order to get pupils to apply the knowledge they had learned during their visit. Activities such as this are stimulating and encourage pupils to realise the importance of the work that is carried out by such organisations as the Portree Coast Guard.

Working for the Coast Guard

After the work of the coast guard had been explained to pupils, staff members gave pupils information about what qualifications and experience are required for anyone that would like to join the team after education. Volunteering opportunities were also mentioned as this looks good on pupil's CVs and gives them experience of a workplace environment whilst still in education. Experiences such as these can be used to help pupils grow in confidence and sell themselves better in future job or higher education applications.

The incredibly helpful team also went a step further and informed pupils about what they might come up against in a job selection process as pupils were also issued with a maths test example to try!

A massive thanks to the coast guard team for taking the time to interact with our pupils.





Portree High School Pupils Enjoy a Careers in Care Day

S5 Portree High School pupils and two teachers enjoyed learning about possible careers in the care industry as Home Farm staff members, Wendy Lynch and Jamie Blair informed pupils about what a career in care entails. Home Farm is a thriving care home that currently hosts and looks after 37 elderly residents.

Information and Activities

Pupils enjoyed a presentation from Home Farm staff who told them about their own inspiring career journeys in the care sector before going on to talk about the qualifications required and the possible rewards and challenges of the job.

This was followed by practical, interactive sessions with the pupils to show them what a career in care would involve as pupils learned how to take a blood pressure and looked at website www.aquestionofcare.org.uk to find out if a career in care was for them. The website also included case studies where pupils could read about people's personal success stories regarding their careers in care.

Job Opportunities and Work Experience

During the session, staff outlined in detail all the available job opportunities in the care home which included nursing, administration, cooking, KP work and maintenance before offering students the opportunity to come and visit the home again if they were specifically interested in a care career.

A massive thanks goes to all the staff members who took the time to come out and speak to the pupils!



For more information regarding how to get involved with DYW West Highland, contact the team on: info@dywwesthighland.org / [01397 705 765](tel:01397705765) / [Facebook](#) / [Twitter](#) or call in and see us in the office at 15 High Street, Fort William, PH33 6DH

Geography Field Trip

National 4/5 Class

Finally the weather cooperated and we managed to find 2 days in September to complete geography fieldwork with 30 geographers – no mean feat in Skye!

Pupils worked really hard to collect river data which they are currently using in class to write up their N5 Assignments – worth 20% of their final marks.



The first group were lucky with the weather which allowed us to also complete field sketches and look at the tourism impact in Glen Brittle, around the Fairy Pools car park. That promoted interesting discussion about the benefits and problems caused by tourism on Skye. The second group however, got rather wet and sketching glacial features of the Cuillin was impossible – we couldn't see them through the rain and mist!



We are so lucky to have such a fantastic landscape on our doorstep to explore and learn about. I hope you all had a good time and good luck with your assignments!

Mr. Purrett

Shinty Ambassadors



Christina MacDonald and Ross Gordon are Portree High's Shinty Ambassadors.

They will come together with pupils from other schools for their first national training day on Friday 2nd Nov from 12.30pm-5pm at Lochaber High School.

Running

Congratulations to Alex Jamieson who finished 17th in the Scottish Schools Road Running Championships.

Unfortunately he didn't get a very good start as it was a funnel start and he ended up at the back. He then had to sprint to try and get through the pack and ended up trapped on the inside barrier on a sharp right hand turn coming out of the football stadium - probably cost him 1 or 2 places in the end. His is the first time that Alex has competed in this national competition.

**Running Club meets on Tuesday after school.
See Mrs MacRuary if you are interested in taking part.**

