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“Earbam”
“Let Me
Trust”

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The clocks have gone back and winter is on its way. This term is exceptionally busy with three parents' evenings, a school show, YPI preparations, shinty competitions, the Money Mile, Remembrance Day, Maths Challenge, STEM Workshops, interhouse events, a Winter Fair and all the usual Christmas celebrations!

I hope you enjoy this October issue of SkyeLines which includes information about our very successful National Mod participants during the holidays. Well done to each and every one of them!

The Adverse Weather Information will be issued shortly. Please read it carefully and keep the phone line number handy. We do try to put information on social media BUT the mail communication is through the school weather line as per Highland Council guidelines. The local radio station also transmits information at regular intervals. Let us hope we have a mild winter and we don't need to use it!

Miss C MacDonald, Headteacher

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Dates for your Diary

Parent Council Meeting: 4th November 2019
 Head Teacher Drop-In: 6th November 2019
 S4 – S6 Success Assembly: 6th November 2019
 UKMT Senior Maths Challenge: 7th November 2019
 S5 and S6 Parents' Evening: 7th November 2019
 Remembrance Day Commemoration: 8th November 2019
 School Show – Dress Rehearsal Day: 12th November 2019
 S1 Parents' Evening: 12th November 2019
 Money Mile: 13th November 2019
 School Show - The Ancient Mariner- at Aros: 13th and 14th November 2019
 Careers Fair and Workshops: 19th November
 Pupil Council Meeting S1-S6: 20th November 2019
 Inset Days: 21st and 22nd November 2019
 STEM Busking Day: 26th November 2019
 S4 Parents' Evening: 26th November 2019
 STEM Activity Day: 27th November 2019
 S2 Interhouse Events: 27th November 2019
 Drama Night (Rehearsals all day): 28th November 2019



Success Assemblies

S1

Ewan Hynd 1M1 (Bronze)
Josh Turner 1G (Gold)
and
Abi Clancy 1M1 (Silver)



S2

Rhia Cargill (Gold)
Ethan Ford (Bronze)
and
Monica Abringe (Silver)



S3

Morag Anna Matheson (Bronze)
John Varwell (Gold)
and
Ceitidh McKenzie (Silver)



On Thursday 26th September Portree High School held our own Bake-Off which was open to the whole school. The winner was Niamh Grimstone 1M2 who baked a vanilla cake and is pictured below with her prize. Second prize went to Carmen MacAskill 1G with her chocolate cake and third prize went to Abigail MacLean 4T1 who made a Rolo-filled vanilla cupcake.





On the last Friday in September, PHS Support for Learning Department, along with members of the S6 Charities Committee, joined thousands of other groups across the UK, to raise funds for MacMillan Cancer Support as part of "The World's Biggest Coffee Morning". SfL pupils had helped to plan, organise and run the event and were joined by staff, visitors and parents to enjoy a wide selection of home-bakes and drinks.



Bakes were also sold to pupils on Thursday and Friday as part of the fund-raiser. As always, the standard of baking donated was astonishing as was the generosity of those who donated to the cause.

Many thanks to all those who contributed to make it such a successful event.

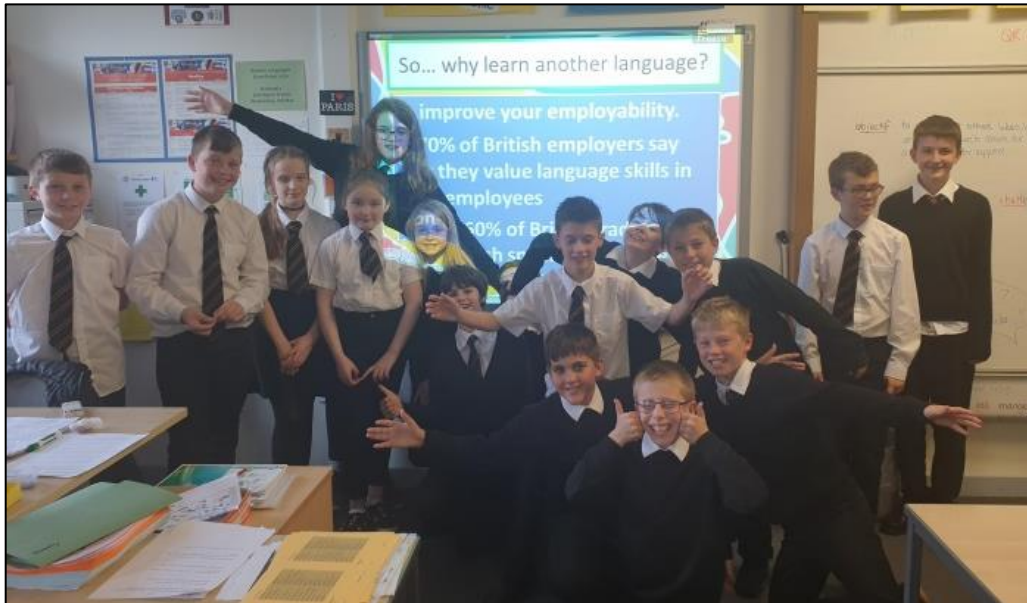


On the last day of term Portree High School had a Dress Down Day, and pupils were invited to wear something pink in aid of Breast Cancer Care. We raised over £400 for the charity. Thank you to all.

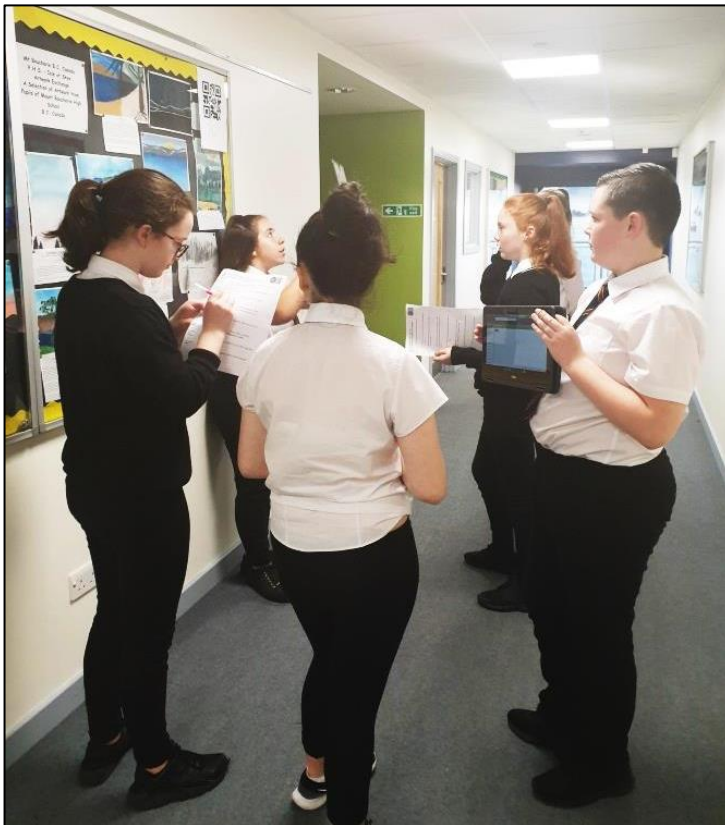


European Day of Languages

European Day of Languages was held on Thursday 26th September and we did some activities during our S1/2 French lessons to help recognise the potential that learning languages can bring.



S1 pupils were given a presentation during which they were given the chance to discuss the importance of languages.



S2 pupils took part in a scavenger hunt around the school, scanning QR codes on their Chromebooks to provide them with answers to a languages quiz. All in all, it was a great success!

Miss Ruxton

Climate Change Protest

About twenty five pupils took part in a very positive Climate Strike in the centre of Portree on 27th September. These pupils had consent from parents to leave school at noon to strike for climate action, their protest being inspired by Greta Thunberg, the young Swedish campaigner. They joined other local campaigners, forming a group of over 100 local people who marched round Somerled Square and to the Highland Council Offices at Tigh na Sgìre. The pupils' behaviour was exemplary, and the opportunity to make their views known and take part in a peaceful campaign was a valuable experience. Let's hope the local politicians listen to, and act on, our youngsters' demands!



Cryptology Workshops

S1-S3 pupils took part in an exciting Cryptology workshop hosted by Andrew Potter and Amanda Smith from the Open University. It was a competitive workshop where pupils had to decode various ciphers and messages. Many thanks to the Open University to organising it all and it was thoroughly enjoyed.





Try these and see how you get on!

Coded messages

1) Polybius square

15531232 521211532354 1232 4234
42345212233415 4354232314
123425233415122134,
13123252212523542313
5141 42 32525321314254 3442242313
1121314151122223

Start by separating the coordinates
e.g. (1,5) (5,3) and so on

	1	2	3	4	5
1	P	O	L	Y	B
2	I/J	U	S	A	C
3	D	E	F	G	H
4	K	M	N	Q	R
5	T	V	W	X	Z

2) Transposition Challenge

trmsimhlatsledld1owslo5nosegcg

3) Atbash cipher

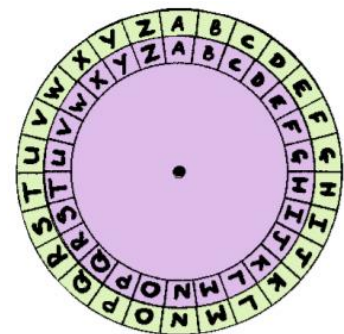
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z
z	y	x	w	v	u	t	s	r	q	p	o	n	m	l	k	j	i	h	g	f	e	d	c	b	a

Gsrh xlwv dzh fhvw gl vmxibkg gsv Svyivd zokszyvg.

4) Caesar Shift Cipher

Using a shift 3, decode:

Mxolxv fdhvdu xvhg wklv flskhu wr surwhfw phvvdj hv ri
plolwdub vljqlilfdqfh.



5) Frequency Analysis

Use your knowledge of the English language and the frequency of certain letters and words to help you decode this message:

Mqd vdhm gpcd gkngsd kh tplm jwud oz nlc
nbtneh tnln mp awlc mqd nlhtdk.
Pamdl mqdkd wh n kdnkc apk mqphd tqp
hoggddc.

Answers on page 20



To celebrate National Poetry Day on the 3rd of October, some of our pupils took part in a poetry lesson with a difference, which was delivered online by the London-based poet, Simon Mole.

The theme of National Poetry Day was Truth.

Pupils were first asked to think of some memorable events from their own lives that they could picture clearly. Next, they had to note down at least three visual details from that memory. Thirdly, they had to describe some of the sounds they could remember – being as creative as possible and using techniques like onomatopoeia, or alliteration. The next job was to write a few sentences describing the main action of the event – focussing on the most important things that happened. Lastly came the fun part – moving away from the truth and introducing something magical or imaginary. Pupils then had to identify the main emotion associated with their memory and then think of something they could use to convey that emotion – for example colours, animals or sounds.

Here are some of the poems they came up with:

My Trip to London

The huge spinning London eye
Bright red buses
Giant tower bridge

The loud noise of constant chatter
Angry drivers beeping their car horns beep beep
Tour guides talking to their groups

The blue grey river Thames
Bright red double decker buses
The orange leaves falling everywhere

A bus tour through the big city
So many sights to see

Suddenly the rain stopped and the sun appeared
We could finally see rainbows

By Eubha Campbell 2G

When I When To Italy

Clear blue lake with the sun shining
Beautiful big gondolas
Smooth creamy ice cream
Splashing into the pool
Yellow and beige sand falling through your
finger tips
This was my first time in Italy I was very
excited
I was feeling happy and relaxed
I felt like I was a lilo in the pool

Lara Jeffrey 2G

When I went to Cyprus

White and blue beautiful boats by the harbour
Splash
Clear blue pool of sea
Boats sailing away

Gorgeous sunsets at night
Orange, Yellow and Pink skies
Black birds chirping away in the distance

Feeling joyful and relaxed
Lying there on my lilo
Floating away happily

Caramarie MacCalman 2G



The Custard Catastrophe

I am standing in line
Behind my friends
A snake of blue jumpers
In a noisy red hall.

The warm, sweet smell
Makes my stomach rumble
The lady with the white hat hands me a bowl
Of creamy goodness!

I am walking back to the table
When suddenly there is a muffled
THUD
And then silence.

I look up from the floor.
I see my friends and every other eye in the room
On me.
The silence breaks into laughter
And I am sitting in a pool of sweet warmth.

And then I look down,
I feel my face start to burn.
I don't know if I want to laugh or cry...

I appear to have forgotten
My trousers!

Maili MacKenzie 2G

Let's Do Yoga!

One day in school instead of PE
I did yoga for a change, you see
Mrs Wilson told us what to do
Helped us relax and feel brand new.

Quiet background music to help us
unwind
Loud grunting noises coming from
behind
Red, red faces busy concentrating
Some difficult positions I was hating.

I got to do backflips and cartwheels
Showed the girls my parkour skills
People stretching their arms out straight
Others bending their knees, doing great.

How did I feel? I felt happy and chilled
Doing the moves I felt very skilled
Felt I was flying high
Up, up, up to the sky.

Calum MacLean 2G



School Dress Code

Pupils are expected to follow the dress code whilst in school, on school trips, and during study preparation time/exams. This includes white shirt and tie, black trousers/skirt and BLACK footwear. **JACKETS and HOODIES should be off in both classes and corridors!!!**



Maths



Well done to all those who took part in this year's Maths Wi Nae Borders competition that was part of this year's Maths Week Scotland. This is a national mini-competition that consists of five different maths problems on a variety of topics (one of which is in Scots or Gaelic) that was inspired by the annual 'Mathématiques sans Frontières' contest. Only the best solutions that stand out from the crowd are needed to succeed in this competition and these need to be chosen by the class. All



entries have been sent to the National Museum of Scotland to be marked.

Miss MacCallum

'Maths Wi Nae Borders' was a fun class activity in which we had to form groups and solve maths-related problems and puzzles. The groups were made of 3-5 people and the challenges ranged from chess to Jenga to anything really. The whole activity was quite fun and I hope we get to do something like it again soon.

Andrew Martin 3T1



On the 10th of October, 3rd year participated in a maths puzzle challenge where they had to complete 5 problem solving questions. They were judged on the look of their answer as well as if it was correct or not. It was a really fun experience and very interesting to be under pressure in a time limit. Hopefully this will be on offer next year. Bha e sgoinneil!

Meredith Brook Young 3G

RME Conference

Members of local faith groups kindly gave of their time to facilitate faith workshops which were attended by senior pupils.



Presiding Officer

S4/5 Modern Studies have been involved in an educational project in collaboration with the Scottish Parliament and Magic Torch Comics considering the effectiveness of First Minister's Questions as a form of parliamentary scrutiny. The aim is to produce a resource to be utilised in schools throughout Scotland.



The first stage of the project involved a visit from Presiding Officer, Kenny MacIntosh MSP.

Questions ranged from 'How difficult do you find it to be impartial?' to 'Do you think 'humbug' is appropriate language to use in a Parliament?'

Scottish Parliament Trip

The second stage of the project took place the following week when the class accompanied by Mrs Laing, Mr Breen and Mrs MacFarlane, visited the Scottish Parliament. There they attended different committees,



conducted a Q and A session on parliamentary scrutiny with Maree Todd MSP and Edward Mountain MSP, visited the Debating Chamber, had a tour of the Parliament, watched FMQs and caught up with the Presiding Officer following his visit to the school. Two senior students were also asked to speak to STV on the Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill. The third stage of the project involved a workshop with Paul Bristow from Magic Torch Comics where students applied their research to complete storyboards for the educational resource.



Survival Cookery

S6 recently took part in survival cookery sessions run by the Home Economics Department. Many of them thought that this was going to be about survival 'in the great outdoors' however it was based around preparing them to be able to cater for themselves when they eventually leave home. Twelve dishes were produced in each session (four complete three course meals) allowing pupils to see how speedily and simply these could be prepared. The twelve dishes prepared could account for one week's meals. The total cost of all the dishes prepared in each session was approximately £9.50, much less than a takeaway pizza!



MÒD

From October 11th to the 18th the Royal National Mòd took place in Glasgow. On Saturday the 12th of October the fiddle and piping competitions took place. 'Strupag' were the winning Under 19 Fiddle Group. Monday the 12th was the start of the children's competitions. Eoghainn Campbell was the winner of the Under 13 Presenting. He was also placed 2nd in the Under 13 Traditional Singing and 3rd in the Under 13 Prescribed Solo. Erin Gillies was placed 2nd in the Advanced Junior Clarsach. Iain Cormack was placed 2nd in the 16-18 Open Singing competition and 3rd in the 16-18 Traditional Singing. Rachel Henderson was placed 2nd in the 13-15 Learners Poem. Alasdair Stewart was placed 3rd in the 11-12 Storytelling Competition.



Swimming Gala

On the 24th of September Mr Seavill and Miss Wilson attended the Highland Disability Sport Swimming Gala in Inverness. The pupils did exceptionally well with Garion McCrimmon, Jordan Richardson and Michael Jones winning two medals each and Jamie Montgomery winning three medals. A great day was had by all and all that is left now is to see if any of the pupil's times are good enough to qualify them for the Highland Council Team at Nationals.



Dancing

I attend Highland Dancing classes and I am taught by Karen Campbell of Dannsairean an Eilein Sgitheanaich. On the 28th of July, I went to the City of Inverness Championships to try and win my pre-championship. I competed in the Age 14 section in the Pre-Championship Competition in which I danced four dances - Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Seann Triubhas and Half Tulloch. I competed against dancers my age from all across Scotland to be the overall winner of the section. If you are the overall winner of your section then it enables you to compete in a championship, which I have been preparing for recently.



Erin Gillies 4G1

Girls' Rugby

Girls' rugby takes place every Friday afternoon and is open to S1-S6 pupils. We are looking for girls to take part in a range of training sessions and games outwith the school over the coming year. The girls have already participated in a 7-a-side competition in Highland Rugby Football Club and performed very well. We are keen to build on this success so anyone who is keen to come along and have a go please see Mr Preston for more information.



Inter-House Football



S3 Interhouse winners

Boys

Tianavaig were the winners with Marsco and Glamaig runners up

Girls

Glamaig were the winners.

Tianavaig are now 2 wins out of 2.
Congratulations to all who took part!

Under 15s End of Year Tournament



Lochalsh won the tournament, but Ross Macleod (pictured right) was voted Player of the Tournament. Sam Grundy (pictured left) was also voted Player of the Year from the League Season.



Soccer 7s Tournament

The final Skye and Lochalsh Soccer 7s Tournament of the year was held in Portree on the 5th October. There was a great turnout with thirteen teams including some of our new S1s.

Young Leader Ruari Macleod helped take the Broadford teams, while Niall Macphee, Ruairi Lates, Fraser Gillies, Katherine Dibble, Holly Maclean and Cameron Morrison helped run the event, setting up goals and pitches and refereeing all the matches.



MEDIA TRAINING DAY

THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

➤ **CUILLIN FM RADIO BUILDING – 9.30am**

✓ **EXPERT INPUT FROM CUILLIN & WEST HIGHLAND FREE PRESS**

➤ Media training from local experts in journalism, writing, interviewing, filming, recording & editing!



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Or use the sign-up sheet on the Youth Development Notice Board (*Portree only*)

Find us on Facebook @ Skye & Lochalsh Youth Development





Coded solutions

1) Polybius square

This cipher is an ancient Greek invention, attributed to a scholar named Polybius.

2) Transposition Challenge

t	h	e	w	o
r	l	d	s	s
m	a	l	l	e
s	t	d	o	g
i	s	1	5	c
m	l	o	n	g

The world's smallest dog is 15cm long

3) Atbash Cipher

This code was used to encrypt the Hebrew alphabet.

4) Caesar Shift Cipher

Julius Caesar used this cipher to protect messages of military significance.

5) Frequency Analysis

The best code crackers won't give up and always want to find the answer. Often there is a reward for those who succeed.