



AN LÙNASTAL 2019

SkyeLines

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“Let Me
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Welcome back!

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of week two already. S1 have settled in well and have already enjoyed a variety of activities. We encourage a growth mindset amongst our pupils – a ‘can-do’ approach and with this in mind we welcome ‘Live-n-Learn’ into school early in August. Every S1 and S2 pupil is involved in a two- hour workshop to encourage a positive attitude to school and to life in general. This is followed up in school and ‘Live-n-Learn’ return for a follow-up session in February.

The Nevis Ensemble were in school and delivered a rousing concert to our S1, S2 and S3 pupils.

We also had an actor, Peter Gill in school. His play ‘Meeting Tommy Atkins’ which deals with issues from the First World War was watched by senior History, English and Drama pupils.

Our Gold Duke of Edinburgh pupils have successfully completed their practice expedition. These six hardy souls will be hoping for better weather for the main event in a fortnight’s time.

We were delighted with our SQA results this year and congratulate pupils on their successes. Six pupils achieved 5 As in their Highers and 15 achieved 5 Highers. More details and pictures will follow in the September edition of Skyelines.

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Dates for your Diary

My WOW Ambassador Training (S6): 3rd September 2019
Pupil Council Meeting (S2-S6): 4th September 2019
Ski Trip Meeting 6pm: 4th September 2019
School Photographs S1, S4 and S6: 5th September 2019
Head Teacher Drop-In: 10th September 2019
Senior Interhouse Events: 11th September 2019
Kakatsitsi Dancers (S1): 13th September 2019
Inset Days: 16th and 17th September 2019
S1 and S2 Worship Assemblies: 18th September 2019
N4/5 Geography Fieldwork: 19th September 2019
Parent Council AGM: 23rd September 2019
N5 Geography Fieldwork: 24th September 2019
UCAS Exhibition Inverness (S5/6): 24th September 2019
S3 and S4 Worship Assembly: 25th September 2019
Higher Geography Fieldwork: 30th September 2019



New Staff



Mrs Vine
Principal Teacher
Science



Mr MacKenzie
P.E. Teacher



Miss Gold
Probationer Science Teacher



Miss Davies
Probationer Art Teacher



Miss MacPhee
Probationer Gaelic
Teacher

Nevis Ensemble



Nevis Ensemble is different. There's nothing else quite like it in Scotland. Its vision is 'music for everyone, everywhere'. And it means business. Since its first performance in July 2018, the orchestra has given 130 performances to around 22,500 people all across Scotland, from a farm in the Scottish Borders, to the summit of Ben Nevis in the Highlands – and everywhere in between. Concerts have taken place in venues as diverse as swimming pools and children's parks, to homeless centres, museums and train stations.

On Tuesday 27th August it was the turn of Portree High School!
More in September's Skyelines.



Jansvans visits Portree High School

We love to give pupils an idea of all the local opportunities available to them when they leave school so were delighted when representatives of Jansvans came in to speak to pupils.

Jansvans, based in Portree, is family owned and offers young people lots of job opportunities as the store contains a hardware section, home improvements section, garden centre, a sign shop and a self-storage department and is commonly referred to as the 'One Stop Shop'.

Jans Retail Manager, Ken Imrie told the pupils about the history of the business and his path to becoming the manager. Supervisor, Elizabeth Currie and Front of House Worker, Sergio Pina also spoke about their own experiences regarding working for the company and how jobs are varied due to the number of departments.

The many jobs on offer include taking bookings and valeting vehicles on a daily basis for the van hire, helping out at the power tool hire and storage service where customers can keep documents and household goods. The opening of the new Red Brick Café also means a variety of jobs in the hospitality industry for young people. At Jans the pupils were informed that there is a job for everyone!

We would like to thank Ken, Elizabeth and Sergio for taking the time to visit Portree High School to inform pupils about the wonderful variety of jobs on offer!

Holland Trip

A group of forty pupils from Portree High School enjoyed a mix of football and culture on a recent trip to Holland. This year's trip followed a similar very successful visit in 2017. Both the boys' and girls' teams played three games. The PHS Girls won their first game against Voorhout on penalties after the tie finished 1-1. Holly MacLean 5G was the Portree hero with three penalty saves. The boys meanwhile enjoyed a 2-0 win against Voorhout with Dan MacDonald and Cameron Campbell grabbing the goals.



The second round of games saw the Portree sides face RCL Leiden where temperatures at the start of the game were above 30 degrees. The Portree boys found themselves up against tough opposition and it showed as they lost 4-1. The girls also struggled in the heat, losing 2-0.

Conditions were much cooler for the third set of games against Die Haghe and the Portree girls triumphed 3-1 with a brace from Abby MacLean and one from younger sister Holly. Strikes from Archie MacPhee, Alex Tully and Dan MacDonald gave the boys a 3-0 win against a well organised Die Haghe side.

Both the youngsters and adults really appreciated the hospitality and the impressive footballing facilities in Holland, and off the field the highlights included excursions to the Johan Cruyff Arena and the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam.



Both teams



Borreraig Beach Clean

This is very much a community event and all are welcome.

I will be taking some pupils over to Borreraig to camp on the Friday evening and you are very welcome to join us then, or on Saturday.

The plan is to walk in to Borreraig during the afternoon of Friday 6th September and set up camp. The minibus will leave the school at 13.30 on the Friday and we will start walking from the old graveyard at Kilchrist by 14.30. The 5 km in to Borreraig should easily be covered in about two hours.

On Friday evening it is hoped that we can build the biggest bonfire ever seen on Skye from all the wood found on the beach.

The beach clean RIB will be available to transport the rubbish collected from Borreraig to a Highland Council provided skip located at Camas Mallaig, by Torrin.

Our pupils will be responsible for clearing a section of beach of all plastics and placing the rubbish in plastic bin liners. Gloves and bin bags will be provided and participants will be given a full safety briefing beforehand.

Mr Watt

Saturday 7th September, 11am -3pm

All welcome

Come by land or sea.

Anyone can join a group of walkers leaving
Kilchrist at 9.30am.

Do wear appropriate clothing and footwear!

Strath and Sleat Church of Scotland
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Kayakers

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PHS Football Tournament

The end of the summer term means that the whole of the new S2 come together for an afternoon to play a European-based football tournament, whereby each team represents a country and competes for the 'European Cup'.

Twelve teams were playing in total and, in the lead up to the tournament, pupils were researching/presenting key facts about their country in French and learning French football vocabulary to help get them motivated! Special thanks goes to the PE Department who were the ones to tackle the logistics of the tournament on the day with the assistance of their senior Sports Leaders and it is safe to say that the day went without a hitch, with each game played to perfection. The sun made an appearance, all pupils took part with positive (competitive!) attitudes and gave it their best but... there had to be winners:

Bowl Winners: Spain

Lewis MacKenzie, Cameron MacQueen,
Hollie MacLennan, Lois Langlands
and Rowan Purrett
(All 1M)



Cup Winners: France

Ross MacLeod, Callie MacLean,
Lexy MacLeod, Sadie MacDonald
and Evie Gillies
(All 1G)

Plate Winners: Croatia

Skye Deans, Neil Lawson, Monica Abridge, Annie Wilson and Archie Millar
(All 1T)



Please pay careful attention to our Dress Code in P.E

Long hair needs to be tied back.
Jewellery/watches need to be removed.
Nose studs rather than nose rings – at own risk. Nose rings need to be covered.
Nails should be short enough to allow pupils to participate fully in classwork.

PE Kit Portree High School

Choose from

- Tracksuit bottoms
- Leggings
- Shorts
- A change of jumper
- A change of tee shirt that can be tucked in
- A change of non-marking footwear – not the shoes you wear to school
- Astro – training shoes or round plastic studs. No metal studs or blades
- Warm/waterproof clothing for outdoor sessions

Football



We started going to training in January and got into the Development Squad. We have seen our team grow and develop in the new Highland and Islands League as the season has progressed but it is very difficult for us to make the training sessions three times a week due to school and the distance/time it takes to get there and back.

We travel through for matches nearly every Sunday (for home matches) but for away games it is at least two nights away from home if not three (due to ferry times).

Even though it is difficult for us to participate in training so far away, our coaches are very understanding and don't let it get in the way of their choices for team selection.

Jennifer MacLeod 6T and Katherine Dibble 6G

Leadership



A big well done to Lauren Cromack 5M1 who becomes the latest pupil at Portree High School to collect their Navy High Life Leadership hoodie! Over the past year Lauren has been building up her volunteering hours by supporting the running of S1-S3 girls' football in Portree High School as well as supporting the running of P4-7 Active Schools Football sessions.

Lauren also supported the running of football sessions in the summer holidays as part of the Active Schools programme.