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Striving for Excellence

READY, RESPONSIBLE, RESPECTFUL, RESILIENT

We have had an extremely busy 11 weeks this term, with the return to the 'traditional' SQA exam window for our senior students and the change of timetable to name but a few. We had our new S1 visit us for a Numeracy and Literacy day in May, followed by their three-day induction which was very successful.

We said goodbye to our S6, by organising an adventure day and we were able to enjoy a Final Farewell Prom. Our Youth Philanthropy Initiative final took place and we were able to give a cheque for £3,000 to Skye Stroke Friends, courtesy of The Wood Foundation.

I announced earlier this month that Portree High School is working towards recognition as a 'Rights Respecting School', an award given to schools on behalf of Unicef UK and with that in mind, we have applied for the Bronze Award with a view to working towards the Silver Award next session. My aim for Portree High is to be a school where children's rights are at the heart of our ethos and culture, to improve well-being and to develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential.

Finally, this week we say a fond farewell to a number of valued staff. From Support for Learning, we are losing Mrs Miller and Mr Moller; in Home Economics, Mrs MacInnes is retiring and in Science we say goodbye to Mr Watt and Miss Fay. Finally, we wish Miss Scott-Moncrieff our very best wishes as she takes up the helm as Head Teacher of Plockton High School. I am grateful for the support she has given to all our pupils and staff over the last 11 years as Depute Head Teacher. Mr Burrows will take up the role of Acting Depute Head, and we will be advertising for the substantive post early in the new session.

I wish all of our young people, staff, parents, carers and partners a very good summer and I look forward to seeing everyone when we return to school in the new 2022-23 session.

Mr T Breen, Head Teacher

Farewell S6



Delivering the Young Workforce



End of Session Success Awards



HOUSE

Glamaig:

PUPIL SUPPORT

Miss K MacPhee (S1-3)
Mr T Coles (S4-6)

Marsco:

Mr N Burrows

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Former Pupil

We are delighted to share this new display in the reception area of the school. The display is a memorial to one of our former pupils – Karen Nicolson (née MacLeod) – who attended Portree High School from 1970 to 1976.

Karen was an outstanding athlete winning the Scottish Cross Championships as a member of the PHS team in her schooldays and going on to represent Scotland at World Championship level, as well as at the Commonwealth and Olympic Games.

Karen’s family have kindly donated her running memorabilia to the school and we are delighted to be able to share it in this new display which we are sure will provide great inspiration to our pupils now and in the future.



S1 Visit

As part of Delivering the Young Workforce, a group of S1 pupils visited the MOWI feed mill facility in Kyleakin, where they looked at the importation of raw materials and the process of fish feed manufacture for the aquaculture industry. 4Rs of PHS – Ready!



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S6's Last Day

We celebrated our S6's last day of school before their exams began. Following a breakfast of croissants, pastries and fruit kebabs, we headed to [A.C.E Target Sports Skye](#) for the remainder of the morning.



FAREWELLS

After 40 years' service, we said a fond farewell to Gillian Siwek, who retired from her role as our school librarian. Mrs Siwek has supported thousands of pupils throughout her time in PHS and we wish her well in her retirement. We also said farewell to our cook Eilidh and we wish her the very best. At the end of term, Mr Watt and Mrs MacInnes are retiring, Mrs Miller and Miss Fay are moving to other Highland Council schools and Mr Moller is heading to university to study Classics.

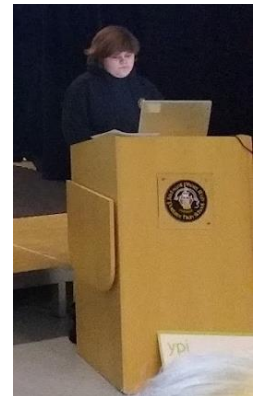


...and Welcome

Our new school librarian, Mrs Hunt had a tour of the school and met staff and pupils. As we get back to normality, classes are now returning to use the library facilities and we are grateful for the continued support from Mrs Hunt and her team.

YPI Final

In May, we held the Youth Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) final in The Venue and all six final teams shared passionate speeches in support of their charity. We wish to thank the judges for coming in and making the tough decision as to which group made the best case in supporting their charity. Congratulations to Skye Stroke Friends who were awarded the £3,000 charity donation.



S6 Prom

Our Class of 2022 had an amazing time at their prom! We said a fond farewell and we wish them every success for the future. 4Rs of PHS – Ready!





The Journey

From Alberta to Portree...91 years and 7,207 miles later!

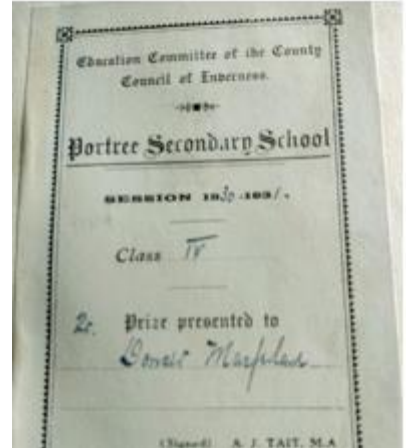
Mr Breen gets many, many emails every week, but on the 3rd of March this year, he received one that was much more interesting than most...

It was from a Mr Larry Murray, who lives in St Albert in Alberta, Canada and concerned a history book that had been awarded to an S4 pupil at one of our school prize giving ceremonies...in 1931!

Mr Murray had been over in Scotland on holiday and had been doing a spot of souvenir shopping in a second-hand bookshop when he came across the book.

This is what the email said:

'I visited Scotland with my daughter some years ago and purchased a book from old second book store; better souvenir from my view. Anyway, I purchase a book which was awarded to a Mr. Donald Macfarlane by Head Master A. J. Tait (Head Master at Portree Secondary School). The award is dated July 1931. The book titled "Cromwell" is in extremely good condition as well as the award label. If this book is of interest to the Portree Secondary School I will send it on.'



Mr Breen (being a chemist) tends to deal with formulae and charts and suchlike, so anything to do with books gets swiftly forwarded to the lofty heights of the English Department and Mrs Mackenzie's inbox...

Mrs Mackenzie contacted Mr Murray and 'Cromwell' began his long (and somewhat roundabout) journey home to Skye.

Mr Murray posted the book in his hometown of St Albert and from there Cromwell travelled to Edmonton, to Calgary, to Memphis Tennessee (USA), to Stansted near London, to Inverness and on home to Portree. A journey of 7,207 miles (11,462 kilometres) after 91 years!

Mr Murray, who has strong Scottish connections, was delighted to hear that Cromwell had arrived at Portree High:

'Cromwell is home once again. Thank you for letting me know. I get a big smile knowing that the Cromwell book is back where it started its 12,000-kilometer trip.'

The school will donate the book to the Robert MacDonald Collection in the school library, but in the meantime if anyone knows anything about a Donald MacFarlane, who was in Class IV (S4) Portree Secondary School in July 1931, please contact Mr Breen.



Cromwell's journey.



Mr Murray and his grandson Elliot.

Senior Prefect Team



For our Senior Prefects for session 2022-23, we are delighted to have Angelo Arwen and Beth Campbell as Head Prefects, supported by Darach, Andrew, Emma and Molly as Deputes. We look forward to working with all our prefects over the next year to support our young people at PHS.

Reuseable bottles



This month, many of our pupils visited Somerled Square, where Scottish Water unveiled their 'Top-Up Tap' and were encouraging people to re-use and fill up water bottles. This will help to reduce single use plastic water bottles as both residents and visitors can refill their bottles from the tap rather than buying more plastic bottles. We would encourage all pupils to bring a refillable bottle to school and top-up from the water fountains on the ground and first floor.

It was time to celebrate the success of our pupils at our success assemblies - well done to all!

We gave out a large number of success certificates and also introduced our 'R' awards for pupils who have demonstrated the 4Rs of PHS in the work they do in and around the school. A wide range of class awards and sports achievements were also awarded.

End of session Successes







Disability Sports 2022

Lachie & Calum went through to Millburn Academy on the 21st of June for the annual Disability Sports Competition. The boys represented Portree High School in 3 athletic events: long jump, shot putt and distance running in at this event. One of our S6 Prefects, Lewis Macleod, supported the lads and joined in with the other Sports Leaders to officiate. "4R's of PHS- Ready, responsible, Respectful and Resilient"



Striving for Excellence

Putting all the Rs of PHS into practice, our EP group visited Dunvegan Castle earlier this month in the rain. Following up our learning about the Queen's Jubilee, it was fantastic to tour a real castle and our thanks go to Dunvegan Castle and Gardens for leading us around. Thanks too to Atholl House Hotel in Dunvegan for their hospitality, inviting us to use their dining room to have our snacks in the dry!

4Rs of PHS - Ready, Respectful, Responsible, Resilient!

EP Visit to Dunvegan



Euros S2 Football Championship



Each year, our Languages department works with PE and our young sports leaders to organise a Football tournament for all S2 pupils, in mixed teams. We had a fantastic day last week, with TEAM SCOTLAND being the overall winners of the tournament.



Education Maintenance Allowance

Financial Assistance

If you are 16 to 19 years old, in a school or college, you may be eligible to receive financial assistance from an [Education Maintenance Allowance](#) (EMA). EMA is a weekly allowance of £30 per week payable during term time. To be eligible, your family household income must be less than:

- £24,421 - for households with 1 dependent child
- £26,884 - for households with 2 or more dependent children

See Mrs MacLeod for more details and apply online.

Free school meals and assistance with clothing

Free school meals and assistance with school clothing can be claimed if you are receiving any one of a range of benefits.

If you believe you are eligible, please apply online. Students are credited with a daily allowance, automatically added to their canteen PIN number - no other pupils know who receives an allowance.

https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/899/schools_-_grants_and_benefits

PLEASE APPLY IF YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE - the number of pupils who qualify for FSMs has a direct correlation to the amount of PEF funding we receive, which is important for us to be able to provide extra numeracy support for all pupils.

Pay your school meals online

- You will need your child's Scottish Candidate Number. Please contact the school if you need a reminder of your child's Scottish Candidate Number

Allow 24 hours for the payment to reach the pupil's account. Payments made between 4.30pm Friday and 9am Monday will not appear in the pupil's account until the Tuesday

https://self.highland.gov.uk/service/School_meal_payments

School Meals





The school office receives numerous enquiries about school holidays. The up-to-date calendar and holiday dates are outlined below and can also be viewed on the school website:

<http://www.portreehigh.highland.sch.uk>

The dates can also be accessed on the Highland Council website:

https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/32/school_term_dates



HOLIDAY DATES – 2022-2023

Opens	Closes
	12 noon, Thursday 30 June 2022
Tuesday 16 August 2022	1:15pm, Friday 7th Oct 2022
Monday, 24 th October 2022	Thursday, 22 nd December 2022

Note:

- In-service day - 15 August
- In-service day - 12 September and 13 September

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<http://www.portreehigh.highland.sch.uk>



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