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Striving for Excellence

READY, RESPONSIBLE, RESPECTFUL, RESILIENT

I know that many of our Parents and Carers engage with our Facebook page on a regular basis and so as I collate this term's Skylines, I reflect on the fact that the our Young People have a wealth of opportunities available to them that demonstrate the 4Rs of PHS - to be Ready, Responsible, Respectful and Resilient. Please take the time to have a look through some of the events and activities our pupils have been doing this term as we celebrate all their achievements.

This term we have well and truly started our Rights Respecting School journey, and I am pleased to not only have the support of Mrs Tait - our RRSA co-ordinator – who along with Mr Burrows, has the backing of the whole school community to help us move forward in developing a school that embodies the values of the RRSA and celebrates the United Nations Convention for the Right of the Child. As we progress, I am certain that this work will enable our young people to be supportive of one another; will help celebrate our school diversity and combined with the 4Rs allow our young people leave our school well-equipped for their future careers.

It was great to meet many of our S1 Parents and Carers this week at our S1 Parents' Evening. The overwhelming feedback was very positive with regards to the timings and face-to-face appointments in the Games Hall. It was a good chance for staff to meet with parents and to talk about how our young people have settled into being part of "Team Portree". It also gave parents the opportunity to see the great facilities at the school. Incidentally, for Raasay parents, I am hoping to organise an afternoon event at some point next term - I will communicate more about this in November.

Finally, I'd like to pass on my congratulations to Mrs Julie MacLennan, who was successful in becoming our new Depute Head Teacher, starting at some point in November. We welcome Mrs MacLennan to our school staff, and we all look forward to working with her in the near future.

Mr T Breen, Head Teacher

Young Ambassadors



◀ Sporting Success

Rights Respecting School



◀ Geography & Biology Field Trips

RAF STEM Day



◀ Upcoming Events

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Sport Scotland Young Ambassadors



Well done to Molly and Ruby who attended the Sports Scotland Young Ambassador conference held at the Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness, last month. The girls joined their fellow Young ambassadors from all across Highland, Orkney & the Western Isles for the first face-to-face conference since 2019, which showcases the Young Ambassador programme and provides the leaders with ideas on how they can inspire and motivate other young people within their local ASG to get to get involved in sport within their schools, clubs and communities. They also had the opportunity to hear and meet Olympic and Commonwealth Volleyball player Lynne Aitken who discussed her sporting journey. Molly and Ruby are fantastic role models within the school and we are look forward to working with them again this year.



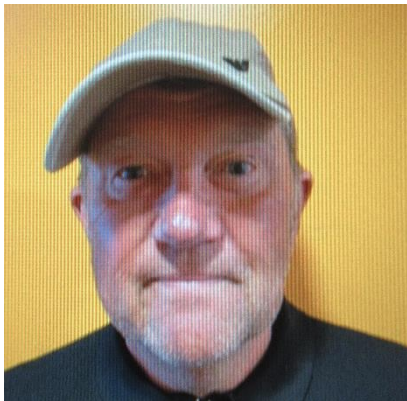


New Teaching Staff

We welcomed our new Teaching Staff to the team at the start of the term. Dr Savage and Miss Anderson joined the Science Faculty, Mr Murphy and Miss Jagger joined the Technologies Faculty. The English Department has welcomed Ms Swanson to their team; with Mrs Constant leading the Enhanced Provision team, as part of the support for learning Department. We also welcome Mrs Taggart to the Gàidhlig Faculty.

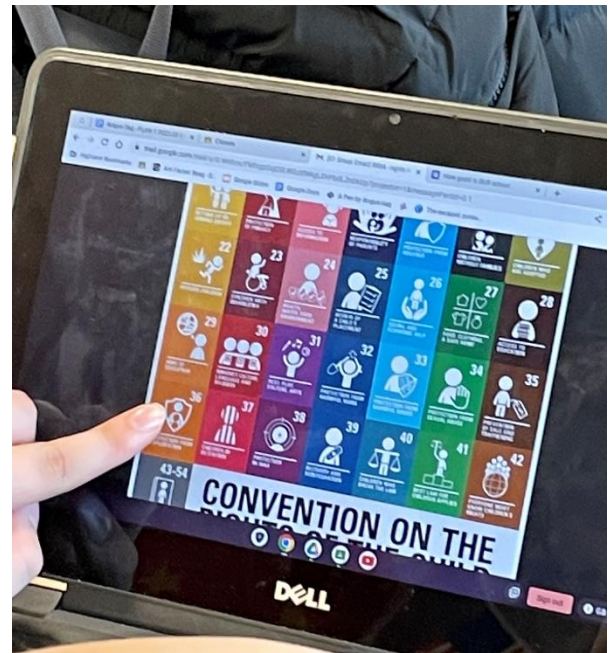
In November, we welcome Mrs MacLennan (Right) to the Senior Leadership Team, with a remit of Pastoral support, Senior Transitions and Parents' Evenings, to name but a few. Mrs MacLennan has been DHT in the Inverness Royal Academy for the past 5 years, before which, she was the PT of Art.





Our Pupil Support Assistant team are vital to the work of the school, providing the support required for pupils with additional learning needs. We welcome Linda, Emily, Rachel, Joan and Gareth to the team for this year. We also welcome Joanie, Brenda and Andy as Pupil Escorts, supporting our pupils when travelling to and from school each day.

Rights Respecting School



Students have been engaging with enthusiasm and positivity in our Rights Respecting Schools Project. Our Rights Respecting Student Steering Group devised a game of charades based on the Articles of the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child. Here are some budding Oscar winners in the making!



There's always a part of your education you don't see as a student: the preparation before the teaching. As well as the genuine hope that what you are trying to teach works - that it has a positive effect on pupils. There is an optimism that the hard work you put in actually has the potential to change someone's life in a constructive way.

The UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools programme, be it directly or indirectly, lets students take part in that side of our education. The Rights Respecting Schools Steering Group has the responsibility of helping to teach fellow students the rights that we as individuals should respect and know about. This involves lots of preparation: thinking of ideas to help fellow students learn about rights and then transforming our ideas into activities to educate others.

The trembling fear that exists when standing in front of a class, teaching them through fun games, or talking on stage with everyone listening to you is a nervy, quite scary process. But at the same time, you gain immense personal satisfaction because not only do you learn something about the process of learning and teaching, but your fellow pupils do as well. Being with the Rights Respecting Schools Steering Group has enabled me and the many others who partake in it to further our own experience as well as our social skills. Also, to respect the many teachers who create lessons every day whom we normally take for granted.

A Steering Group Member





Halloween Disco!

- S1-3
- Thursday 27th of October
- 7-9 pm
- Fancy dress
- Tickets £5
(on sale from Monday 25th of October)



BLYTHSWOOD SHOE BOX APPEAL

Remember to buy items over the Hols!!



- Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- Hat, scarf, gloves
- Soap
- Underwear/ Socks/Tights
- Small Toy*
- Sweets*

Miscellaneous

- New Make-up
- Sewing Equipment
- Household Candles
- Screwdrivers/Pliers
- Household products

Stationery

- Pens/Pencils/Sharpener
- Notepads/ Colouring books
- Rulers/Rubbers

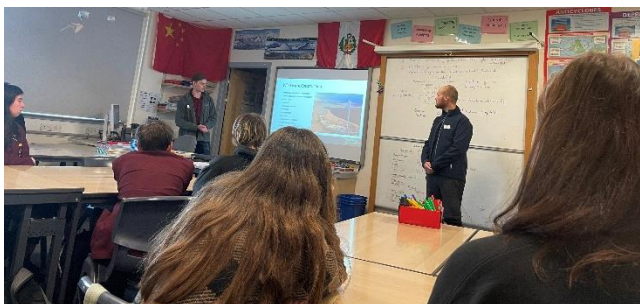
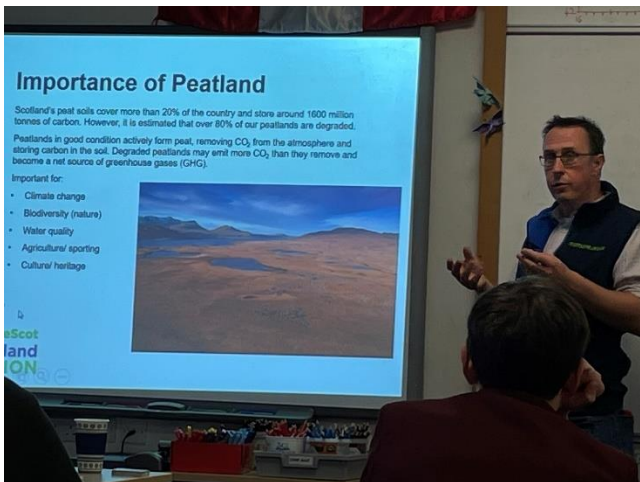
Clothes and other Items

(T-shirts/Pyjamas/ Jumpers/Shirts) etc

Miscellaneous

- New Make-up
- Sewing Equipment
- Household Candles
- Screwdrivers/Pliers
- Household products

Geography



Teaching and learning in our dynamic Geography Department has recently been supplemented by engaging outside speakers. Representatives from Muirhall Energy met with our Senior Phase students to discuss windfarm development considerations with a particular focus on the Glen Ullinish II proposals. Steven Varwell from Naturescot gave a very interesting talk to our Higher and Advanced Higher students on peatland and the issues faced today.

Thank you to all for taking the time to visit our Geography Department.

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Well done to the N5/H/AH Geography students, who spent the weekend completing their fieldwork. Our pupils demonstrated the 4Rs in all they did - Ready, Responsible, Respectful and Resilient!



STEM RAF Day

As part of National Maths Week Scotland, the RAF were in school this term, working with our S3 and Enhanced Provision pupils on STEM Activities





Sporting Success

Skye girls were successful in the S1/2 Shinty 6s in Kingussie, with the Under 14 boys winning both the Ferguson Shield and the MacMaster cup!

Our Senior girls were part of the Skye Ladies team, who were runners up in the Valerie Fraser Shinty Cup Final.

In Girls Football, Roddy and Sarah from HLH took a team of S1/2 and S3/4 pupils across to the Spar SFA Tournament, supported by our Sport Scotland Young Ambassadors Molly & Ruby.



Biology Field Trip

Our Biology pupils had the opportunity to go to Scorrybreac to do biological field work along with marine biologist Hayley Wolcott and CLIMAVORE project manager, Shona Cameron. The pupils learned about the different intertidal zones; how to identify the species that live there and the use of biological field techniques.





Kakatsitsi Drummers



After a three year break, we welcome these drummers back to our school to work with our S1-3 pupils and our music classes.



Money Mile 16th NOVEMBER

Our Money Mile returns in November. We need pennies for this fundraising event which will take place on the 16th of November - all the money collected will go towards Christmas gifts for the elderly in the community of Skye and Raasay.



The Creative Faculty presents

PERFORMANCE NIGHT

A SHOWCASE OF TALENT
IN
DANCE, DRAMA, MUSIC AND ART

November 17th
7pm
The Venue

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR
ADULTS £5/€3 CONCESSIONS



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:

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/learninghere/schools/schooltermdates/>



HOLIDAY DATES – 2022-2023

Opens	Closes
	1:15pm, Friday 07 October 2022
Monday 24 October 2022	3:40pm, Thursday 22 December 2022
Monday 09 January 2023	1:15pm, Friday 17 February 2023
Thursday 23 February 2023	1:15pm, 31 March 2023
Monday 17 April 2023	Lunchtime, 29 June 2023

Note:

1. Additional Holidays: May Day - Monday (1st May 2023), In-Service Day: Thursday 5th June

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/learninghere/schools/schooltermdates/>



S5/6 Parents' Evening- Tuesday 1st November
 S1-3- Halloween Disco, Thursday 3rd November
 Drama performance- Thursday 17th November
 S3 Parents' Evening- Tuesday 29th November

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



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