



AN T-SAMHAIN 2019

# SkyeLines

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The highlight in November has to be our school show “The Rime of the Ancient Mariner”. I think I ran out of superlatives when describing it to colleagues after the rehearsals. We will run a series of photographs from the evening in the next few editions of SkyeLines. We also feature our Aim Skye High winners, our Super Hero competition winners and the Money Mile. This year we raised £1,034.10 – a real achievement for all of our pupils. We also celebrated Children in Need in Spots and raised £470.57!

As part of the curriculum we welcomed PC MacCallum to Modern Studies; we had women from Ross-Shire Women’s Aid to talk to S4 PSE classes and a strange visitor to our French classes in the form of Flat Stanley who travelled from Paris!

November is the time for our annual Career Fair and again we were well supported by local businesses. Pupils, including Primary 7 pupils from both Portree Primaries, enjoyed the event and meeting with some local entrepreneurs.

We have entered the Skye Flag competition and have some innovative and exciting designs. We will feature some of these in our next edition.

We were able to send 153 boxes to the Blytheswood Appeal this session. This was a huge community effort and I would like to thank everyone who helped us fill these boxes.

Finally, our Winter Fair is on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December – please help us to raise the target amount of £2000. We will be open from 11am until 3pm here in the School. Santa will be visiting from 11.30. We will have the usual stalls - bottle stalls, raffles, a silent auction, a craft table and soup, tea coffee and cakes all day.

**Miss C MacDonald, Headteacher**

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## Dates for your Diary

Parent Council Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019

Head Teacher Drop-In: 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019

S1 Interhouse Events: 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Parent Council Winter Fair: 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019

S1-S3 Dance 7-9.30pm; 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019

S4-S6 Dance 7.30-10pm: 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Snowsports Trip Departs (return 22<sup>nd</sup> December): 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019

S1 and S2 Christmas Service and Assemblies: 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Last Day of Term: 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Fundraising: 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019



## Success Assemblies

### S4

Kathleen MacDonald (Bronze)  
Matilda McKiggan (Gold)  
and  
Meghan McCarthy (Silver)



### S5

Max Stancliffe (Bronze)  
Archie MacLean (Gold)  
and  
Henry Blogg (Silver)

### S6

Emma MacPherson (Bronze)  
Mollie Perks (Gold)  
and  
Sarah MacLeod (Silver)



# Super Hero Competition

Miss MacDonald will be holding competitions for S1 pupils over the course of this session. The first competition was to design a Superhero Cape with the pupils name on it. The aim was to raise self-esteem by asking pupils to think of positive words associated with their names. The judges – Miss MacDonald, Mrs MacLeod and Mr Burrows – thoroughly enjoyed looking at all the entries.

Pictured below are the winners and their winning entries. The next competition will be announced during the last week of this term.



Carmen MacAskill, Rose MacKinnon, Ellen MacLeod, Catherine Robertson, Violet Matheson, Gemma MacKenzie and Cailean Dunkel.



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Catherine  
Robertson



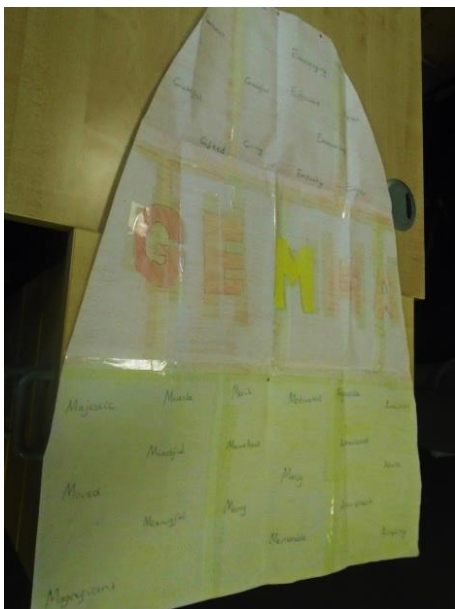
2<sup>nd</sup> Ellen MacLeod 1M2



Violet Matheson  
1T

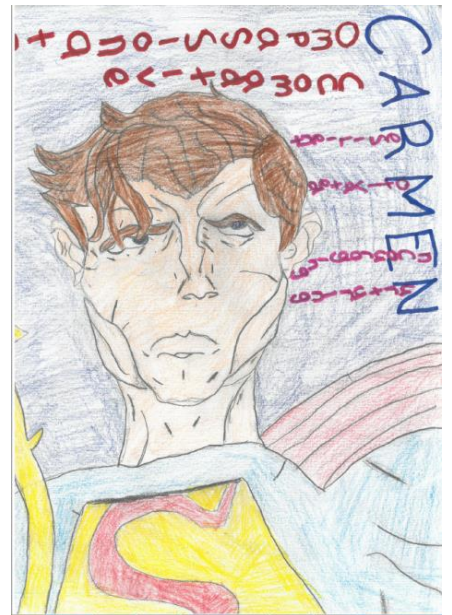
2<sup>nd</sup>

Rose MacKinnon  
1G



Gemma MacKenzie  
1M

3<sup>rd</sup>



Carmen MacAskil  
1G

Cailean Dunkel 1M1



## SHOE BOX APPEAL 2019

Portree High School took part in the Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal again this year. An amazing 153 shoeboxes were collected which more than doubled the number collected last year.

A huge thank you to all who contributed and to those who helped to complete the boxes.



## Council Leaders Visit

*On the 8<sup>th</sup> of November Portree High School had a visit from Nicky Grant, Head of Education and Donna Manson, Chief Executive. They are pictured below with two Prefects Alex Tully and Corrina Coll.*



## Modern Studies

National 4/5 Modern Studies had their annual visit from PC MacCallum in the course of their 'Crime and the Law' studies. Question topics included the causes of crime, the role of community policing and the differences in policing in rural and urban areas. The pupils found it very interesting and PC MacCallum's input will help with their coursework and assignments.



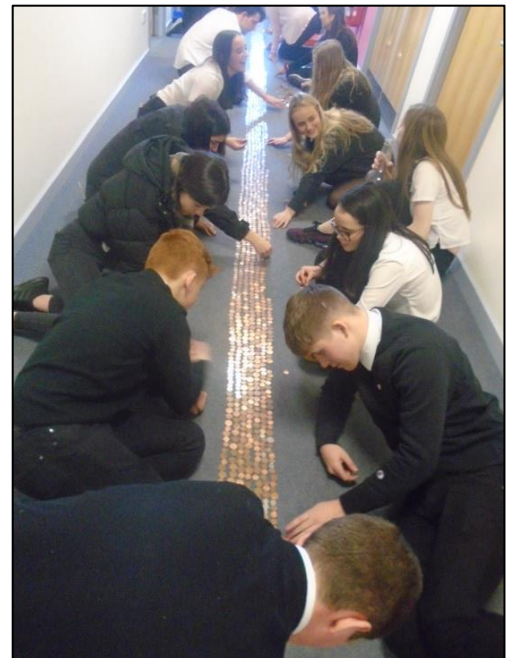
# Money Mile

Congratulations to all involved in this year's Money Mile. A total length of 1,375 metres (0.854 miles) was laid.

Glamaig	550 metres	£483.00
Marsco	475 metres	£357.40
Tianavaig	350 metres	£193.70

A total of £1,034.10 was raised.

An excellent effort by all!





Dress Down Day on 15<sup>th</sup> November was in aid of Children in Need. The theme was either to wear something yellow or dotty.

A total of £470.57 was raised.

Well done to all who participated!







Three ladies from Ross-shire Women's Aid provided talks to S4 pupils as part of their SHARE learning. The pupils also took part in a domestic abuse quiz, an activity on exploring the six types of domestic abuse and discussed coercive control. Pupils engaged well with the sessions.

### **Who are we?**

We are a service working with women, children and young people who are/have been affected by domestic abuse and we have a team of workers who work with women. We also have a team who work with children and young people (age 4-18). We are an outreach team based on Skye and work with people across Skye and Lochalsh.

### **Support for children and young people**

We provide confidential service offering information and support for children and young people with issues experienced due to domestic abuse, e.g. exploring feelings, dealing with anger, self-esteem, healthy relationships and understanding domestic abuse.

Everyone has the right to be safe – we believe you, we don't judge, we are here so you're not alone.

### **What is domestic abuse?**

Domestic abuse is any violent, threatening, controlling or bullying behaviour between people in a relationship. They might be dating, living together, married or have children together. They might be an ex. Abusive behaviour can happen in any relationship and can happen to both women and men. However, in the majority of cases it is experienced by women and carried out by men.

### **There are 6 different types of abuse:**

- Physical
- Mental/Emotional
- Sexual
- Verbal
- Financial
- Cyber

Domestic abuse can happen to anyone, regardless of age, gender, class or culture. Domestic abuse in all its forms is completely unacceptable. All types of domestic abuse come under the new law of coercive control and are a crime

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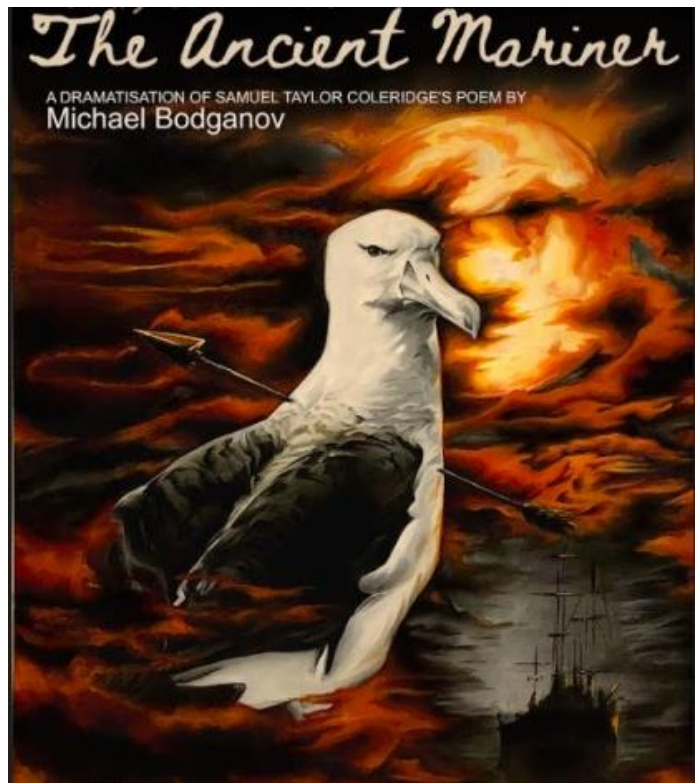
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On the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of November a true ensemble piece of 31 actors, musicians, dancers and sound effects performers worked beautifully in tune with each other to make this atmospheric performance seamless. The performers ranged in age from 12 – 17 and represented every year of the school. Pupils also took on the technical roles – there is as much to be done backstage as on stage as they soon discovered. Experts Pat Myhill and Neil Campbell helped with sound and lighting and brought the production alive. For all the students it was wonderful to have the opportunity to work in a proper theatre space and the days we spent there were inspiring. Many thanks to all the staff at AROS for their support and generosity.



Oscar MacDonald, 5T2, as the Ancient Mariner and Iona Towers, 5M1, as his younger self produced mesmerising performances and both proved themselves huge talents for the future. But onstage the whole cast were on point – no wavering from their purpose and totally immersed throughout. The show was no easy task – the performers needed to sing, dance and act and this cast was drawn from an initial audition attended by 3 times the number of pupils at the school. A huge mention must go to Sara Oussaiden 5M1 who designed the haunting publicity image and many elements of the stage set.

Very conscious of the productions 'green credentials' pupils and staff from Portree High School took part in a beach clean at Borreraig. It was the rope and plastic recovered from this that was recycled into the set. The rest was refashioned from offcuts of wood and items already within school as was the plastic used on costumes and headdresses. The Mariner's jumpers were fashioned from previously-loved woollen garments, recycled material made the bunting and the Albatross skin was made from recycled milk bottles. Thanks to the School Environmental Action Group for their help.

*The show was a huge team effort from the staff and pupils at Portree High School.*

*The whole team loved making this piece and thank you to everyone who came out and supported us!*

*Mrs Wright*

*More to follow in next month's Skyelines.*

# Careers Fair

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November Portree High School held the Careers Fair in The Venue for all S3 – S6 pupils. This event was very well attended by both pupils and businesses. Below are pictures of a variety of the employers who were present.





## Eilidh Doyle



Eilidh Doyle, Scotland's 400 metre hurdle star, who won a Bronze medal as part of the British relay squad at the 2016 Olympics in Rio was in school earlier this month. She is leading a project for Education Scotland to research barriers to children taking part in physical activities and sport in school.

She met with pupils and staff including our Sports Ambassadors. She was really impressed with our

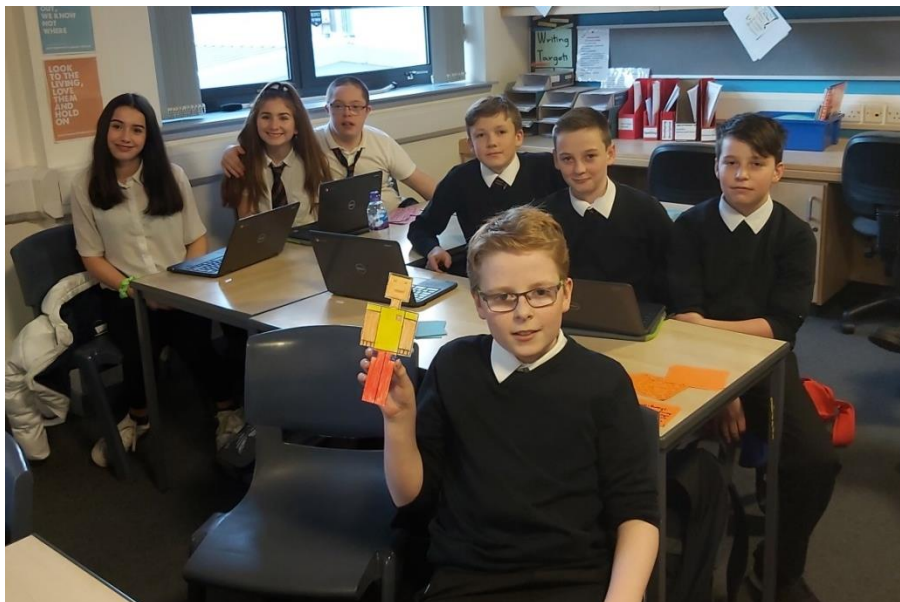
facilities and participation levels on Skye – both inside and outside of school – but heard some of the challenges we have, mainly accessing competitions primarily due to geography.

## Flat Stanley

*Our English department had a recent visitor – Flat Stanley from France! He came to us from some pupils at a French secondary school, via a school in London.*

*The French pupils are tracking Flat Stanley's progress through the UK. Each school he visits is asked to send an email about themselves and their locality teach them about other places and cultures, and help develop their English skills.*

*Flat Stanley is pictured here with some of the pupils in S2 who composed an email all about Portree High School and life here on Skye which was sent to the pupils in France.*



## Dunvegan

*We are very thankful to the following pupils for helping on our volunteering day in Dunvegan: Sam MacLelland (1M2), Chiara MacLean (4G2), Rosie Salter (1T) and Kirsty Leitch (2T1). They all worked hard weeding and pruning and generally tidying up the village.*

*Mayanne MacGregor  
(Let's Make Dunvegan Beautiful Group)*





Various pupils have taken part in a competition to design a flag, which will be recognised by the Court of Lord Lyon — the body responsible for recording and protecting all heraldry, flags and national symbols in Scotland — and will be flown and displayed as an emblem of the island at home and abroad.

The West Highland Free Press, Highland Council ward members and tourism body Skye Connect petitioned the court with the idea for a flag following the example of several other island areas and regions which have, in recent years, adopted a flag.

Philip Tibbetts, honorary vexillologist with the Court of the Lord Lyon, recently visited schools on the island to deliver a series of workshops and presentations detailing his interest in flags, and discussed the themes which could potentially inspire a flag for Skye. He said “Given Skye’s iconic status, the potential for both the design and subsequent usage of a flag for the island is incredible.”

It was hoped youngsters and adults would be keen to have a go at designing the flag and enter the competition, after which a panel — made up of representatives from throughout the community — will compile a short list of final entries which will then become subject of a public vote in February of next year.

The final flag design will be unveiled in March, after which it will become a freely useable symbol for all to display and associate with the Isle of Skye.

Best of luck to our talented young artists in the school.

Miss Cannon



# Cross Country Results

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
S1 Girls	No entries	
S1 Boys	Ruari Preston T	Cailen Dunkel T
S2 Girls	Megan Campbell M	Maili Mackenzie G
S2 Boys	Ross Macleod G	Daniel Warby G
S3 Girls	Chloe Macaskill G	Iona McMath G
S3 Boys	Alex Jamieson M	George Blagden T
Senior Girls	No entries	
Senior Boys	No entries	

