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“Earbam”

“Let Me

Trust”

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The wild winds of September have really affected our brave Duke of Edinburgh Award pupils! The Gold expedition veterans experienced some of the most extreme conditions our assessors were ever out in and our Bronze practice expedition students missed out on their overnight camp! I would like to pay tribute to our pupils' perseverance and our staffs' patience – well done all!

We have held our Parent Council AGM – minutes are available on our school website. We are always looking for new members. If you feel you could volunteer for any school activities e.g. driving our school minibus or going on our PSA Supply list then please get in touch. We held our annual RME Conference and enjoyed workshops from a number of faith groups.

We had the school photographer in school and there is still time to buy photographs – good Christmas presents for proud grandparents and doting aunts! The girls have been playing football and three of our pupils attended the Disability Swim Meet in Inverness recently. They came back with a haul of medals.

Our Gaelic staff have attended the annual Altan Conference and we held the launch of FilmG in Portree this year – we appeared on the Gaelic news programme ‘An Là’ that evening.

We also welcomed a Gaelic student, Liam MacGregor, who was with us for a fortnight's observation and he will be back in January for a longer spell.

Our Senior pupils travelled to Inverness to the annual UCAS Conference. We will be spending time with S4 and S5 explaining the UCAS process this session.

Our Senior pupils have been involved in working with Skills Development Scotland to become My World of Work Ambassadors. This involves them going into junior classes to explain about the opportunities they have. Our aim is to make the language of career management known to all our pupils from S1 to S6. The skills they require for different careers are being taught through the different subjects and through PSE.

The Pupil Council have met and pupils are encouraged to take part in the democratic process.

Finally we have also had a coaching week working with our Active Schools Co-ordinator and Highlife Highland – delivering sessions on badminton, football and dodgeball.

Yes! It has been a busy September!

**Miss C MacDonald, Headteacher**

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## Dates for your Diary

Pupil Council Meeting (S1–S6): 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018

Interhouse Events (S3): 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018

National Poetry Day: 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Head Teacher Drop-in: 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018

S1 Success Assembly: 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Survival Cookery (S6): 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Last Day of Term – Fundraising: 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

First Day of Term: 29<sup>th</sup> October

Parent Council Meeting: 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Bioinformatics Workshops (S5/S6): 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018

S2 and S3 Success Assembly: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018



## Head and Depute Boys and Girls



*From left to right:  
Depute Head Boy: Andrew Whitehead  
Head Girl: Chloe Urquhart  
Head Boy: Jonathan Smith  
Depute Head Girl: Shadri Nel*

## Congratulations

**Congratulations to Arthur Brook Young and Chloe MacKinnon who achieved five As each in their Highers.**







## London Theatre Trip 2018



In the last week of June a party of 34 pupils and staff headed off to London. Visiting London is a fabulous glimpse of a vastly diverse culture and this experience is based around three top class west End Shows.

From the 30's Hollywood glitz and glamour of 42<sup>nd</sup> Street to post-revolutionary France with Les Miserables and then finishing with School of Rock, where a failed rock star posing as a supply teacher in an elite fee-paying school,



introduces the pupils to the music of Rock legends. The pupils form a Rock band and win Battle of the Bands! All very different, all brilliantly staged, totally engaging and thoroughly enjoyable.

Our daytime activities included the London Eye, an open top bus tour, the Emirates cable car, Oxford Street and also time to soak up the Bohemian atmosphere of Covent Garden with its vast array of street artists, stalls and café culture.



On our last day we took a fabulously scary, high speed, white knuckle ride on a Thames Rib. Seeing London from the water was superb, taking in famous landmarks such as the Tower of London, the Shard, Tower Bridge, MI6 as well as replicating part of the

high speed boat chase from the Bond Film Spectre.

A superbly successful trip, packed full of pupil experiences which cannot be measured in grades or certificates, cannot be experienced in Skye or indeed Scotland, but one which will our youngsters will remember for a very long time!



## Fèis an Earraich

A group of Fèis teenagers from Portree High School rehearsed with Donald Livingstone ahead of various performances.

They played beautifully in Broadford for Fèis an Earraich at the Blas Festival and took part in Skye Live as part of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fèis.

Alasdair MacLeod from BBC Alba interviewed them for 'An Là'.



Pictured are:

Back from left to right:

Emma MacPherson, Mhairi Gillies, Kathleen MacDonald and Rachel Henderson.

Front: Beth Campbell, Molly Fox and Erin Gillies.

### Naidheachdan Gàidhlig

#### Farpais FilmG 2018 ga chur air bhonn

#### FilmG's 2018 competition was officially launched in Portree High school

Bha latha air leth againn nuair a chaidh farpais FilmG 2018 a chur air bhonn ann an Àrd-sgoil Phort Rìgh air Dihaoine an 14 den t-Sultain. Thàinig Lana Pheutan a bha na sgoilear ann am Port Rìgh, agus sheall sinn air bileag ùr nan àrd-sgoiltean.



Fhuair na sgoilearan cothrom beachdachadh air na



sgeulachdanaca cuide ri Lana mus do dh'fheuch iad beagan Virtual Reality ón BhBC. Chunnaic sinn an uair sin dannsa bho SkyeDance, filmichean a rinn Lana thar nam bliadhnaichean agus am film aig Àrd-sgoil Phort Rìgh a bhuannaich "Sgrìobt as fheàrr" an-uiridh.



### Deagh latha air seat filmidh Bannan

*Enjoying a day on the Bannan Film Set as a prize for winning best script at last year's FilmG awards!*



Fhuair ceathrar bho AS3 an cothrom a dhol a dh'fhaicinn an t-sreath ùr de Bhannan ga fhilmadh ann an Slèite o chionn seachdainn no dhà. Chaidh an cothrom a thabhann do cheathrar bhon chlas a bhuannaich duais airson an sgrìobt as fheàrr ann am farpais FilmG an-uiridh.

A bharrachd air coinneachadh ris na rionnagan bha an cothrom aig a' chloinn bruidhinn ri cuid de luchd-obrach an dràma.

“Chòrd a' mhadainn gu mòr rinn air seat filmidh Bannan aig a' Chrùbh ann an Slèite. Chunnaic sinn tòrr filmadh a' dol air adhart agus choinnich sinn ri cleasaiche no dhà air an robh sinn eòlach leithid Cailean Collier (a bhios a' cluich an neach poileas, Cailean) agus Màiri Nic Ill Innein (a bhios a' cluich Isla.) Chunnaic sinn cuideachd ar caraid

sgoile, Meredith a' cluich pàirt ann agus 's i bha math.

Ghabh sinn biadh còmhla ris an sgioba aig meadhan là agus abair gun robh an cèic aca math! B' ann an uair sin a fhuair sinn an cothrom ceistean a chur air na daoine a bha ag obair ann an latha ud.

Bhriudhinn sinn ri cleasaichean agus luchd-obrach leithid Crisdean Dòmhnallach a bha ag obrachadh na solais agus Mairead Hamilton a bhios a' stiùireadh a' phrògram. Chaidh an dithis aca don àrd-sgoil ann am Port Rìgh. Bha Eilidh Rankin bho Cànan nar companach airson an latha agus tha sinn glè thaingeil dhi airson ar cumail trang agus ann an sunnd. Ar taing cuideachd do FilmG airson an latha a chur air dòigh dhuinn.”

**Le Rodachan, Lachlan, Erin agus Kathleen 3G1**



## Blas – Òran Mòr

**A day out at the Blas Festival to sing a new Gaelic song along with 600 other youngsters.**



Ghabh sgoilearan às Àrd-sgoil agus bun sgoiltean an eilein pàirt anns a' chuirm sònraichte a bha aig Blas am-bliadhna, gus “Bliadhna na h-òigridh” a chomharrachadh. Chruinnich còrr is 600 sgoilear bho air feadh na dùthcha ann an Inbhir Nis air Disathairne an 15 den t-Sultain gus òran gu tur ùr a sheinn is a chluich còmhla. A thuilleadh air a'

chloinn, bha ceòladairean ainmeil a' cluich aig a' chuirm – nam measg Skipinnish, Trail West agus Breabach a bharrachd air ceòladairean bho Fèisean thall 's a bhos.

“Abair latha aig Òran Mòr le Blas - bha e cho spòrsail! Choimhead mi air tòrr chòmhlain-ciùil eibhiseach agus b' iad Trail West, Breabach agus Skipinnish an fheadhainn as motha a chòrd rium. Ged a chaidh sinn ann gus òran ùr a sheinn, fhuair mi cuideachd an cothrom agallamh a dhèanamh le sgioba naidheachd BBC Alba agus a bhith ag èisteachd ri cuid de na ceòladairean as fheàrr leam.” **Màiri Nic Ill Iosa 3G2**



“Bha Òran Mòr aig Blas 2018 uabhasach spòrsail is bha e sgoinneil tòrr clann eile fhaicinn bho dhiofar sgoiltean a' tighinn còmhla. Nuair a smaoinichich mi air ais bha e cho misneachail a coimhead air a h-uile duine a bha ann a' dannsa is a' seinn còmhla rinn. An dèidh dhuinn ullachadh a dhèanamh le Breabach agus Dòmhnall Seathach sa mhadainn, lean sinn piobaraire don phàirc far an robh am fèis a' gabhail àite. Bha sgioba camera ann bho BBC Alba is fhuair mi fhèin, Mhairi is Seumas an cothrom bruidhinn air an t-bh.”

**Le Chiara MacLean 3G2**





## Christmas Fayre Fundraiser for Hope and Faith School



Building on the amazing success of last year's Young Leaders' Charity Group Miss MacDonald and Miss Cannon need volunteers-



**Two pupils from each form  
class in S1-S3**

The goal is to come up with creative ideas to raise money at the school fayre for our partner school in Zambia.

## WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AT AROS?

A group of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year pupils are working with AROS to help programme items of interest to YOU!!!

Currently they are looking at five categories: pop music, traditional music, dance, drama and comedy.

But what are your recommendations?  
What do you want to see?

Please give your suggestions to Julia Coe 6M, Caitlin MacPhee 6M, Heather Mackenzie 6M, Lorna MacLean 6M or Elsa Galbraith 5T.

If you would like to join this group please speak to Mrs Wright.  
New members always welcome.





## PE Lost Property

If you leave your belongings in PE it is kept in the PE office for approximately one week and then passed to Reception, it then goes to the lost property cupboard on the first floor. Please come and claim your lost items of clothing ASAP.

## MOUNTAIN BIKING

Do you like mountain biking?  
Would you like to win a Trek bike Marlin5?  
Make a 30second film about why you like riding your bike!  
Posters on PE noticeboards  
[www.mtbcos.co.uk/competition-2018](http://www.mtbcos.co.uk/competition-2018)  
Closing date 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018

## Sports Ambassadors

Congratulations to our new Sports Ambassadors Murphy Henderson and Cameron Campbell. They recently attended a training day in Inverness with Danny Steele (Active Schools). They have great plans to motivate pupils to participate in a variety of sporting events.





## PE Coaching Week

Over 40 students took part in badminton/dodgeball and football qualifications. The badminton course was led by Jane Grant, Highland Badminton Development Officer. Jane hopes to establish some inter-school badminton competitions on the west coast.

A dodgeball group led by students takes place in Broadford and hopefully one can be established at lunchtime/after school in Portree led by our newly qualified students.

Junior football is available for boys on Thursdays. Junior and senior girls train with Sam Nicolson after school on Mondays at present. Hopefully after October holidays we can establish a senior boys practice.



Badminton



Dodgeball