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“Earbam”
“Let Me
Trust”

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We had a very successful recruitment campaign for the Anthony Nolan Trust and twenty six of our S5/6 pupils have now signed up to the donor register. Members of the local Fire and Rescue Service have facilitated this very worthwhile cause.

We have poetry, book reviews and updates of Developing the Young Workforce Events. Football also features with a recent Football Festival in Dingwall.

Mrs Cormack has now taken up her new post in Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, so our Acting Pupil Support Teacher for G House is Miss F MacNab.



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Dates for your Diary

Maths Sans Frontières: 5th March 2019
 S3 Parents' Evening: 5th March 2019
 Head Teacher Drop-in: 6th March 2019
 Pupil Council and Learning Council Meetings: 6th March 2019
 YPI Final: 7th March 2019
 S1 Interhouse Events: 13th March 2019
 S3-S5 Parent Information Session: 14th March 2019
 Red Nose Day: 15th March 2019
 Maths Additional Prelim: 19th March 2019
 S1 and S2 Success Assemblies: 20th March 2019
 Parent Council Meeting: 25th March 2019
 S3 Success Assembly: 27th March 2019





Success Assemblies

S5

Ella MacFarlane (Silver),
Kieran MacLean (Gold)
and
Abby MacLean (Bronze)



S6

Shadri Nel (Bronze),
Ross McKenzie (Gold)
and
Lorna MacLean (Silver)



The Anthony Nolan trust was formed in 1974 by the mother of Anthony Nolan. Her son was in desperate need of a bone marrow transplant, which was extremely difficult at the time to obtain. Anthony's mother found the process of trying to find a donor complicated and difficult, so she decided that a register to help speed up the process was needed. Therefore, The Anthony Nolan Trust was formed. Now, forty five years later, it is matching individuals willing to donate their blood stem cells or bone marrow to people with blood cancer and blood disorders who desperately need lifesaving transplants.

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been working together with the organisation to recruit new donors within Portree High School to broaden the pool of donors and increase the chance that a life-saving stem cell donation can be made.

If you are between the ages of 16 and 30 then sign up to be on the register at

<https://www.anthonynolan.org/donor-application/begin>

Over 30s can also join at <https://www.dkms.org.uk/en/register-now>

Andrew Whitehead

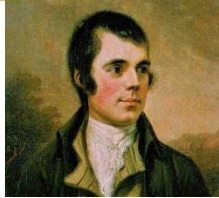


Maths

These colourful dodecahedrons were made by the following pupils in their S1 Maths class:

Paul Barker, Lisa Dixon, Ethan Ford, Johnnie Gillies, Callum Hayward Anderson, Cameron Long, Jack Mutch, Charlie Oag and Amber Thomson. They had to cut them out carefully, and follow specific instructions in order, so that they could be put together satisfactorily. Good team work!





Poetry



To celebrate Burns' Night last month, Mrs. Lamont's S1 English class wrote their own Scots poems – inspired by Robert Burns' 'Tae a Moose'.

Golden Eagle

Ah wis traivelin oan th' hill oan day
I think it micht hae bin in May
When tae mah surprise a doo oan the' brae
Flew up 'n' made me dive.

A golden eagle muckle, broon, scary come up fernet
me

I dinnae ken wha git mair o' a gliff
Th' eagle or me
As it flapt its wings in tae th' sky line
Ah wid bring binoculars 'n' keek tae see
If there is na birds thare.

I'm Sorry

Ya wee clatty bahookie
O' a cratur
How come did ye fly
oan tae mah fairm
If ye didnae ye wouldn't
git eating.

As ah wis oodors wi' mah
Mates eating a biscuit
Then ye cam ower an
Landed oan it ah teuk
A muckle bit 'n' then...

Ye wur gaen ah cuid cop
Ye buzzing aroond mah
Throat bit then it stoped.
'N' that wis th end o ye.
by Angus MacKinnon

Wasp

Wee, annoying, clatty, stripy,
hackit wasp
A'm a bawheir bit sorry that
mah mukker staun oan ye.
Bit ye made a mistake by
Crawling doon mah sark
Ye shuid say sorry tae me,
fur ye left a muckle mark.

'n' yit again a'm sae sorry
fur slappin ye, punching ye
'n' hitting ye

Ah mean whit did ah ever
dae tae ye tae deserve
that mark, Tell me noo
That's richt, ah wis juist
Sittin' mindin' mah ain
Business, and stuffing mah
Moo!

by Maili MacKenzie

Tae a Blue Boattle

Ye we're flying aroond minding yer ain business,
'N til ah cam aroond 'n' squashed ye.
Sorry fur killing ye ah swear ah didn't mean it.
Ye wur th'yin buzzing aroond
wi' yer muckle beady ee 'n' yer fleet blue flash.

It mist be staotin tae be a blue boattle,
Ye see everything in slow motion 'n' ye ainlie worry
about thare 'n' then.

A'm sorry blue baottle it'll ne'er happen again.
by Grace Nicolson

Tae a Shrew



*This wee beastie is grey 'n' narrow
and darts about juist lik' an arrow
his snout is pointed, his tail is long
his bite is pointy 'n' gey strong.*

*You bolted 'n' scampered
your maw she pampered
through th' grass 'n' muddy fields
you played, ye hurt, ye healed*

*I tried tae fin' ye bit ne'er caught you
your maw protected you
and sheltered ye too.*

*At lang lest, ah finally fun you
curled up ticht ye wee shrew
but alas, th' wheels wur wide
and gaed ower ye th' day ye died.*

by Ellen MacInnes

Wee Bee

Wee dooally stowed timorous bee
Och howfur muckle ye wull be missed by me
Ye wur black 'n' yellow
And weren't ye juist a wee fellow.

Ye were juist buzzin' around
Till ye hit the grund
Ma Knee couldnae wait
It must hae bin fate

Twas time tae say see ye later
Ah jalousie ah wis th' hater
Ye wull ne'er get taw fly agin
Och dinnae ah hate the pain.

by Evie Gillies

Tae a Fly

Wee, buzzing, annoying, dirty, beastie, disturbing wee thing
Ah thought ye wur juist thare tae squidge
Bit na ah juist steped oan th' wee midge

A'm sorry ah squished ye yesterday ah didnae mean tae step oan you.
I hawp that yer nae deid Git everything yi'll need.
it mist be stoatin bein' a fly fur ye cuid fly a' ower th' world

Ah hawp hawp yer a'richt in heaven 'n' again a'm feelin' apologetic
Ah juist cop sae pathetic.

by Caramarie Macalman



The Void Nomaly

The eye lay in the endless void. Silently moving without anyone's notice. That eye had many hidden secrets and wisdom. And behind it, behind the anomaly, the galactic resonance that shined brighter than anything near it. Was unknown infinite space that carried on without an end.

The eye suddenly would blink. Once, twice and thrice. If you were close enough you could almost feel the loneliness, the fear and sadness that had an unknown source. And if you watched, watched and watched you could see the light going out the life and very existence being blown out like a whisp of flame in the wind.

It carried on its life, wishing and wishing for someone to be there to keep it from dying and then....

Something happened. The stars that had been floating around were suddenly filled with energy as light and heat erupted from their inner core. Now the once empty emotionless void was lit up in happiness and joy as the stars danced with each other and spreading everywhere. The eye gained enlightenment and realised that no matter how much pain you feel, something will always be there for you to get back up again. Soon the eye was filled with brightness and a hint of pure and innocent gold as it took the first step into life and no longer did it feel sadness for it knew that it was no longer alone in this cold, dark and ugly world...

Abdullah Zahid 1T

S1 Book Reviews

***The Midnight Gang* by David Walliams reviewed by Maili MacKenzie**

The book is about a boy called Tom who is rushed to hospital after a hit on the head. At the hospital he meets four other children. At midnight all the children make sure their matron is sleeping and they sneak out and have big adventures.

Overall this book was exciting and funny. I liked it when the children sneaked out at midnight. I would recommend this book because it is action-packed and full of adventure.

***Diary of an Un-Teenager* by Pete Johnson reviewed by Calum MacLean**

Zac and Spencer are good friends. They are two boys who are nearly teenagers and the book is about what they get up to.

Overall the book was good and funny. I really enjoyed the bit when Spencer was going to be a skater.



Girl, Missing by Sophie MacKenzie
reviewed by Eubha Campbell

The book is about a girl who goes looking for her 'real' parents and why her adoptive parents will not tell her who they are. But it's not as easy as it seems – her search takes her to America, where she finds out about Sonia Holtwood...

Overall this book was great. I enjoyed the bit where Lauren and Jam are in a car with Sonia. I would recommend it because it's really interesting.

***Awful Auntie* by David Walliams**
reviewed by Evie Gillies

A girl named Stella had to go and stay with her Awful Auntie Alberta, but she finds a friend who's a ghost, and wants to run away with him. But it's not so easy...

Overall this book was exciting and quite funny at the same time. The one bad thing is that it was a bit long, but I enjoyed it.

I enjoyed the part when they tried to run away – it was the most exciting part.

I would totally recommend this book – it was funny, adventurous and overall a great book!

***The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* by CS Lewis**
reviewed by Caramarie MacCalman

Four children fell through a wardrobe to the land of Narnia. They met a faun, a witch and a magical lion, Aslan.

Overall this book was good because it didn't get boring – it was packed with adventure and I enjoyed it.



An eager group of S4 pupils from Portree High School were delighted to have recently received a visit from Stephen Smith, a Director from Highland Motors. Highland Motors is a locally owned garage and MOT centre based in Borge, just outside Portree.

What did pupils learn?

Pupils learned that there are various skills required to work at Highland Motors such as: panel beating, mechanics, diagnostic technicians, sales, marketing, administration and strong customer service skills for reception work. As well as informative, the visit was kept interactive as Mr Smith brought along some diagnostic tools used for repair and damage detection so that pupils could see how these instruments are used in practice.

Mr Smith explained the benefits of learning a skilled trade and how as an apprentice you get the opportunity of learning and earning at the same time in a real-world environment that puts your skills to the test right away.

Plans are underway for pupils to get the opportunity to visit this local business.



Atlas Arts, based on the Isle of Skye, is a unique organisation that focuses on commissioning contemporary art, culture, heritage and culture. This month producer Shona Cameron and office manager Suzy Lee visited Portree High School to share their individual career path stories.

After an informative talk about the world of art and creativity pupils were asked to think of what careers they could enter with an art degree and to analyse what pieces of art they thought had been created by a qualified artist. Pupils enjoyed several interactive activities with Shona and Suzy as they were finally tasked with selecting a piece of local art and deciding where in Skye it should be installed, explaining their reasons for their decision.

These stimulating activities were good for pupils as it made them think of art and creativity careers and how this fits in with the world around them. Shona and Suzy very kindly offered a helping hand with portfolio preparation and art college application forms in addition to giving advice regarding useful art work experience.





DYW West Highland arranged for seven S4 and S5 pupils to visit the Misty Isle Gin Distillery in order to find out about this work sector and the skills required to run a successful business. Through using a combination of water from Loch Storr, wild juniper berries and botanicals such as lemon, angelica and coriander, Misty Isle Gin has grown to become a famous product.

Pupils listened carefully as owners, brothers Alistair and Thomas Wilson, informed pupils about the distilling process, the ingredients used and the various types of gin produced. Pupils were shown the equipment used to make the gin as the workings of the still and bottling site were explained in detail.

Accuracy and detail is everything in the gin-making industry as the pupils learned at the bottling plant when it was explained that bottle volume and labelling has to be kept to a set standard. As with any product, it is important that the product is marketed widely and therefore pupils also found that a large part of the budget goes on marketing alone, giving pupils an idea of business spend and operations.

After a brilliant tour, pupils and teachers had the opportunity to ask the Wilson brothers questions about their careers. A final bonus was the chance to sample the wild juniper berries that are an essential ingredient in the making of Misty Isle Gin!

Girls' Football

Ten S1-S3 girls travelled to Dingwall to take part in the most recent football festival. Portree played eight games (lost one, won two and drew in the other games). Lauren Cromack, 4M1, accompanied the group as our 'Young Leader Volunteer'. Lauren has completed her volunteer hours to apply for her 'black hoodie' through High Life Highland's Sports Academy.

Thanks to Sam Nicolson the girl's coach. Sam takes practices on Mondays after school.
All girls welcome.



Interhouse Events Results

S2/3 Girls

1st Tianavaig

2nd Marsco

No Glamaig participants

S2 Boys

1st Tianavaig and Glamaig

2nd Marsco

S3 Boys

1st Tianavaig

2nd Marsco

No Glamaig participants