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SkyeLines

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“Earbam”
“Let Me
Trust”

The month of November has been exceptionally busy even by Portree High School standards. We have hosted our Careers Fair, enjoyed a spectacular drama performance from over fifty of our very talented pupils, held a very powerful and moving event for Remembrance Day, raised almost £900 for the Money Mile, sent £400 and sixty boxes to Blythswood Care, shown art work at an exhibition in The Archive Centre - showcasing our work with our exchange school in Canada - and held our Cross-Country Championships.

The English National 5 prelim has taken place and we have also had three Parents' Evenings. It was good to meet with S1, S4, S5 and S6 parents.

Winter Fair 1st December

Please come along and/or donate bottles/soup/home baking/ etc.
We really need to top-up school funds!

Miss C MacDonald, Headteacher



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Dates for your Diary

Parent Council Winter Fair: 1st December 2018

Head Teacher Drop-in: 5th December 2018

S1 Interhouse Events: 5th December 2018

Christmas Concert: 6th December 2018

S1-S3 Christmas Dance 7-9.30pm: 12th December 2018

S4-S6 Christmas Dance 7.30-10pm: 13th December 2018

Snow Sports Trip Departs (returns 23.12.18): 15th December 2018

S1 and S2 Christmas Service: 19th December 2018

S3-S6 Assemblies: 19th December 2018

Last Day of Term-Fundraising: 21st December 2018



Success Assemblies

S4

*Lauren Hallas (Bronze),
Alice Hook-MacDonald (Silver)
and
Lewis MacDonald (Gold)*



S5

*Tiegan Michell (Gold),
Joseph Moller (Silver)
Missing: Corrina Coll (Bronze)*



S6

*Lillie Mehan (Bronze),
Frazer Brown (Gold)
Missing: Maxeen Major*



Images from our Remembrance Event



Our Remembrance event was staged by Mrs Wright and featured spoken text, poetry and song. The event marked the ending of the war 100 years ago.

The text was read by Molly Jamieson, Hugo Lamb and Niamh Coughlin.

The songs were performed by Molly Fox, Arthur Brook Young, Lyes Oussaiden and Ross McKenzie.

The poems were read by Christina MacDonald, Kieran MacLean and Shadri Nel.

The piper was Archie Maclean.

The event was staged twice, first for lower school and then the upper school.

A huge thanks to all those who performed – they did so with grace and dignity.



Food in Wartime



As part of Remembrance Week in Home Economics, S1 pupils learned about weekly rations and the effect it had on the nations' diet. The senior pupils in the department prepared a variety of wartime recipes and S1 all had the opportunity to taste them. Opinions varied from "Delicious" to "No, no, no!"

Wartime Food Rations

Each adult received the following rations to last all week (as shown below):
Meat: approximately 6oz (150g), 1 egg, 4oz (100g) cheese, 2oz (50g) bacon.

Fats: butter, margarine and lard 4oz (100g) in total, 8oz (200g) sugar.

2oz (50g) loose tea

and

2oz (50g) boiled sweets.



Dulce et Decorum Est



Bent double, like old beggars under sacks,
Knock-kneed, coughing like hags, we cursed through sludge,
Till on the haunting flares we turned our backs,
And towards our distant rest began to trudge.
Men marched asleep. Many had lost their boots,
But limped on, blood-shod. All went lame, all blind;
Drunk with fatigue; deaf even to the hoots
Of tired, outstripped Five-Nines that dropped behind.

Gas! GAS! Quick, boys! - An ecstasy of fumbling
Fitting the clumsy helmets just in time,
But someone still was yelling out and stumbling
And flound'ring like a man in fire or lime...
Dim through the misty panes and thick green light,
As under a green sea, I saw him drowning.

In all my dreams before my helpless sight
He plunges at me, guttering, choking, drowning.

If in some smothering dreams, you too could pace
Behind the wagon that we flung him in,
And watch the white eyes writhing in his face,
His hanging face, like a devil's sick of sin,
If you could hear, at every jolt, the blood
Come gargling from the froth-corrupted lungs
Obscene as cancer, bitter as the cud
Of vile, incurable sores on innocent tongues,
My friend, you would not tell with such high zest
To children ardent for some desperate glory,
The old Lie: *Dulce et decorum est*
Pro patria mori.

Wilfred Owen

WW1 Propaganda



A summary of what my chosen poster contains:

The poster is showing a soldier pointing to the word FOOD to get people's attention.

He is wearing a helmet and holding a gun in his right hand, his face looks very serious. There is a bomb going off in the background.

The purpose of my chosen poster:

The poster is telling people at home that they need to stay within their rations to help feed the soldiers. The poster is telling people that if soldiers eat plenty food to stay strong they WILL WIN the WAR.

by Freya MacNeil 1G

A summary of what my chosen poster contains:

The poster that I chose has "IF THE CAP FITS YOU JOIN THE ARMY TO-DAY" and it has a brown field cap in the middle.

The purpose of my chosen poster:

It was made for men and boy teenagers to persuade them to go to war. The biggest words are 'you', 'join' and 'to-day' because they want you to see these words so they are eye catching.

by Ellen MacInnes 1G





A summary of what my chosen poster contains:

It has a very important person who everyone would've known about at that point (the head of the army). He is looking at you from whatever angle you put the poster at. It is very eye catching. It has YOU in a big font which makes you notice it. He is pointing at you. They've also put Britons in a big red font which makes it seem as if the man in the poster is calling out to you (whoever is walking by).

The purpose of my chosen poster:

It was made to attract people (men) to join the army. Its main message is to join the army as it shows a very important man on the front. The reason I chose this poster is because it is one of the most famous posters in the world and it's very eye catching. It also had big font which makes it pretty hard to ignore. This poster is mostly aimed at men although some WWI posters were aimed at women. This poster is aimed at men because at that point in time they didn't allow women to go to war.

by Grace Nicolson 1G



Portree High School took part in the Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal this year again. Katrina Martin, Dougal McKiggan and Julia Coe helped to pack this year's shoeboxes which amounted to sixty in total. £400 was also given to the Blythswood Shoebox Appeal through previous fundraising.

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



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13 November 2018

Dear friends

Thank you for your recent donation of £400.00 towards the work of Blythswood Care. Your generosity is making a real difference to disadvantaged children and vulnerable adults in three continents.

Mihai Micula has been one of our shoebox distributors in Satu Mare county, northwest Romania, for many years. He describes the village homes in which he left your precious gifts last winter as being some of the poorest in Romania. One family consisting of a widowed mother and three children occupied a shack which lacked windows, electricity and sanitation, and suffered regular floods whenever it rained.

Mihai asked Ema, aged 9, what was her favourite item in the box. She immediately picked out the winter hat. "She said it was going to keep her warm in bed at night," he said. "That really broke my heart. They have no heating in the house and always have to sleep with their jackets on to avoid freezing."

"We want to thank you for bringing joy into these people's lives," his report goes on. "Words cannot express the experience we had when we saw the difference a shoebox can make to these children." Believe me, your support really does transform lives. Without you we would not be able to deliver this practical and personal aid to families like that of little Ema. Thank you again for your kind gift.

Wishing you God's rich blessing

Yours sincerely

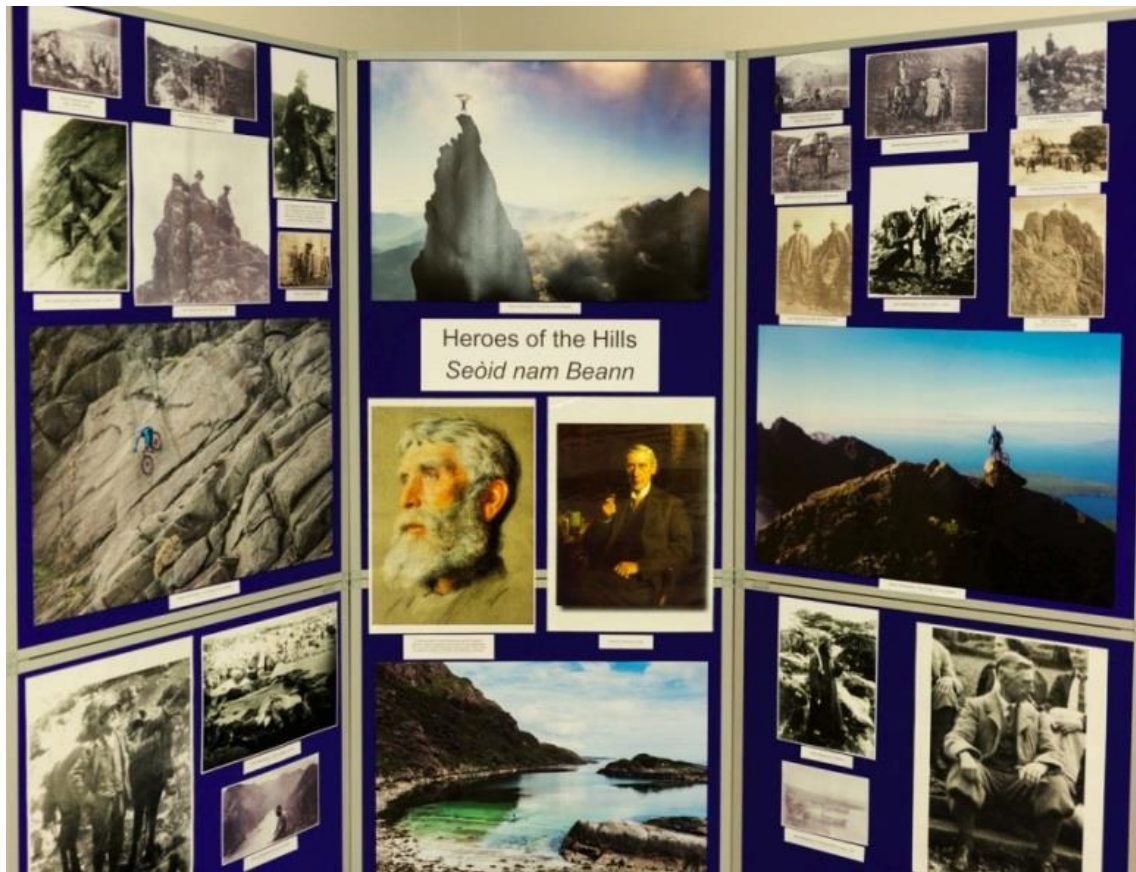
James Campbell
Chief Executive

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. (James 1:27)

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Canadian Exchange and Art Exhibition



We started working on drawings of figures in second year. We began by drawing a model of Norman Collie and John MacKenzie, two pioneers of the Cuillin. We drew the model from different angles and after sketching it out, we chose a landscape to go behind them. We chose between all of the Cuillin peaks that Collie and MacKenzie climbed and named. We did not appreciate that there was a Canadian connection until our third year. When we found this out we were encouraged to produce some art pieces for the exhibition.



Mr Elwood, an art teacher from Mount Boucherie Secondary School, West Kelowna, British Columbia in Canada, also had his pupils working on their art pieces. They worked on landscape paintings of the peaks that Norman Collie climbed in the



Canadian Rockies. He brought his pupils work over to Skye for an exhibition that took place in the Archive Centre in Portree. The art pieces from our school and the Canadian school were exhibited during the month of October.



The exhibition was called Heroes of the Hills, and as well as featuring past heroes, Collie and MacKenzie, it also included modern day pioneer Danny Macaskill. It was a great opportunity to be able to have our art displayed in the exhibition next to the Canadian pupils' work.

Kathleen MacDonald (3G1)



Pictured from left to right with their paintings are: Ruairidh Hunter (3T2), Morgan Mackenzie (3T1), Ryan Grundy (3M), Sara Oussaiden (4M1), Rachel Shaw (3M), Kathleen MacDonald (3G1), Matilda McKiggan (3G2) and Leia Croy (3M). Missing from the picture are: Meghan McCarthy (3G1), Isobel MacLean (2T2), Ruby MacLeod (2T2) and Mia Parker (3G2).

Careers Event

On Tuesday 13th of November the Parent Council held a Careers Discovery Day in Portree High School. All pupils in the school were invited to ask the guests questions about their work. Below are some photos of the day.



Emergency Services



NHS



Dunvegan Castle



The Three Chimneys



Hotels



Atlas



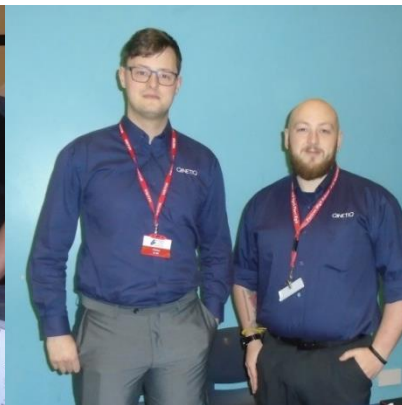
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Forestry



Marine Harvest



QinetiQ



Archive Centre

West Highland College UHI



Mrs Smith from the Parent Council on tea duty.



The Army at PHS Careers Day

The army has a lot of job opportunities and a few were covered in four presentations on Tuesday 13th November 2018.

There was a lot of interest in finding out about what is involved in the training and what qualifications are needed which was presented to over 70 pupils in S4, S5 and S6 in the Question and Answer sessions.



Grower's Hub and Highlife Highland Leadership

S4 pupils Cameron Morrison, Max Stancliffe, Billy Eveling and Ruari Lates participated in this year's partnered project with Broadford and Strath Community Company and Broadford Youth Club.

The group met every Wednesday afternoon and managed their own growing plots at the Hub. They all produced a huge amount of fresh vegetables and practical work skills. They also assisted Broadford Youth Club with their soccer 7s team during the football season, achieving their Blue Hoodie Leadership Award.

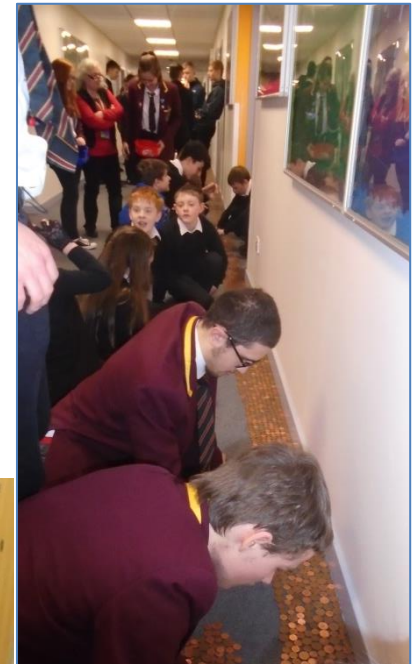




Money Mile



Glamaig



Marsco



Tianavaig

Glamaig	£408
Marsco	£269.40
Tianavaig	£137.84

**A total of £815.24 was raised.
Well done to all!**

Teenage Cancer Trust Talk



On Thursday 22 November, we had our annual visit from the Teenage Cancer Trust who spoke to the whole of S2 about understanding cancer, better awareness and coping with the illness. As in previous years, Alana Robinson, a truly inspirational speaker, delivered a very informative and thought-provoking presentation and S2 pupils showed their appreciation by giving Alana their full attention, asking sensible questions and responding maturely to her questions. Alana thanked them for being so attentive and said that she had never spoken to a more responsive group. Her main message was to be aware of the early-warning signs and to speak to someone about any worries they might have. We are very grateful to the Teenage Cancer Trust for their continued support of our pupils and hope to do some fundraising for this very important charity later in the year.



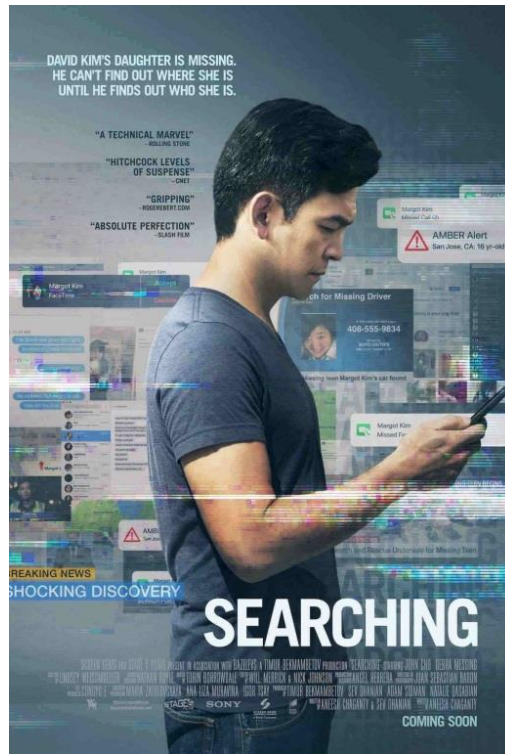
The **FIVE COMMON SIGNS** of cancer in young people are:

- ⚠ PAIN**
(that doesn't go away with painkillers)
- ⚠ A LUMP, BUMP OR SWELLING**
- ⚠ EXTREME TIREDNESS**
(meaning you find it hard to stay awake)
- ⚠ SIGNIFICANT WEIGHT LOSS**
(more than a few pounds)
- ⚠ CHANGES IN A MOLE**



'Searching' Film Reviews

SI pupils went to Aros to watch the film 'Searching' which Mrs Fuge arranged as part of the Into Film Festival.



The film was about a teenager who goes missing, so her dad goes and looks for her, with a detective who was 'assigned'...

Overall the film was amazing because it everything was set up so well! I enjoyed how everything was online and in class. It made it very unique.

I would recommend this film because it is not like any other movie.

Alex MacLeod 1G

There was a family of three - a mum, dad and their daughter called Margot. Then one day the mum got cancer and died a few months later in hospital. After that Margot stopped talking to her dad as much and then one day Margot went missing...

Overall this film was very entertaining and there were lots of plot twists.

I enjoyed the plot twists and I enjoyed the film overall. I would recommend it because it was very enjoyable!

Angus MacKinnon 1G

The Murdie Fund

Charlotte Gordon, Anna Morton, Cameron MacKay, Max Stancliffe, Ruari Lates and Holly MacLean set up the Murdie Fund after they failed to win the Youth Philanthropy Initiative earlier this year. They chose the Skye Respite Centre to do their presentation on as they wanted to purchase a mobile sensory unit with the £3,000 winnings in memory of Murdo MacLean. They were devastated when they lost so the others said they would help Holly (a beloved cousin of Murdo) to raise the £3,000!! Rev D G MacDonald got on board and set up a Just Giving page for them. Murdo's parents ran three half marathons and had sponsors. I ran a pop up cafe in the library, two bake sales were held in the school, Kirsty Dibble had a donation box at her 18th birthday which raised £175 and they were given accommodation for a week on Eigg to auction. It didn't go, so the owner kindly donated £200 to them. A raffle was held and the two Portree Primary boys in the picture, Donald Angus Bruce and Brody Macqueen sold plants and raised £155.

In total they made £11,263.94!!!!

They plan to give some money to the Portree High School and Portree Primary School as Murdo was loved and cared for by both so well.

Kathleen MacLean



Leanachan Challenge



Alex Jamieson, Flynn Wadham and George Blagden travelled to take part in the annual Leanachan Challenge. The boys all ran well within a field of 80 runners, with Alex and George coming out in first and second place respectively in their age groups.

Scottish Fun Climbing Competition

New pupil Morag Bruce, 3T1, represented the school in the 'Climb Scotland for Fun' competition in Aberdeen.

Morag was runner up in her age group. Morag hopes to go on and take part in other competitions.



Cross Country Championships

S1

1st – Megan Campbell, Ross MacLeod
2nd – Lexi MacLeod, Daniel Warby



S2

1st Chloe MacAskill, Alex Robertson
2nd Emma Gunn, Noah Chadwick



S3

1st – Molly Jamieson, Euan Wilson
Runner up – Niamh Coughlin, Tom Rees



Senior

1st Emily Matheson and Cameron Campbell
Runners-up Jennifer Shaw and Ross Gordon

