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Striving for Excellence

READY, RESPONSIBLE, RESPECTFUL, RESILIENT

We are almost at the end of another session, and as I reflect on the last few years, its safe to say that this year we have been back into the “full swing” of activities, after a number of years of restrictions.

It was good to have the Prizegiving ceremonies back with us, after a three-year absence, where we were able to celebrate the success of our young people. One new set of awards that we have introduced is the 4R awards, for pupils who have demonstrated the Ready, Responsible, Respectful or Resilient attributes in their lives.

This week we said a fond farewell to a number of valued staff. From Support for Learning/Humanities, Miss Longster leaves us to go back down to teach in England. We said goodbye to Mrs Hendry, teacher of Biology, who has worked in the school since 1997 and Mrs Wright, our Drama teacher, who has been here since 2007. I am grateful for the hard work and dedication that they have given to all our pupils and staff over the years.

As we move forward next year, we are going to continue to Strive for Excellence in everything that we do, putting our Young People at the heart of their Education. We really believe that we need to work in partnership with our Parents/Carers and community to ensure that our pupils have the best possible start towards their adult lives. Can I take this time to thank you for your support this session.

I wish all of our young people, staff, parents, carers and partners a very good summer and I look forward to seeing everyone when we return to school in the new 2023-24 session.

Mr T Breen, Head Teacher

Activities Days



Fundraising



Spors Gaidhlig



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Annual prizegiving



We were so happy to present around 100 of our young people awards at our annual prizegiving this week, with awards presented for Effort , progress and overall achievement. We also introduced the “4R” awards to our young people who demonstrate Readiness, Responsibility, Respectfulness and Resilience in the way they go about their daily lives. Our guest speakers were both former pupils- Calum Montgomery, Owner and Head chef at the Edinbane lodge, and Rev Donnie G MacDonald, Minister at Portree & Bracadale Free church. Both were inspirational and motivational, and we wish to thank them for the way they engaged the audience. Our Dux Award for this year went to Darach Hynd, who is pictured receiving his award from Calum.

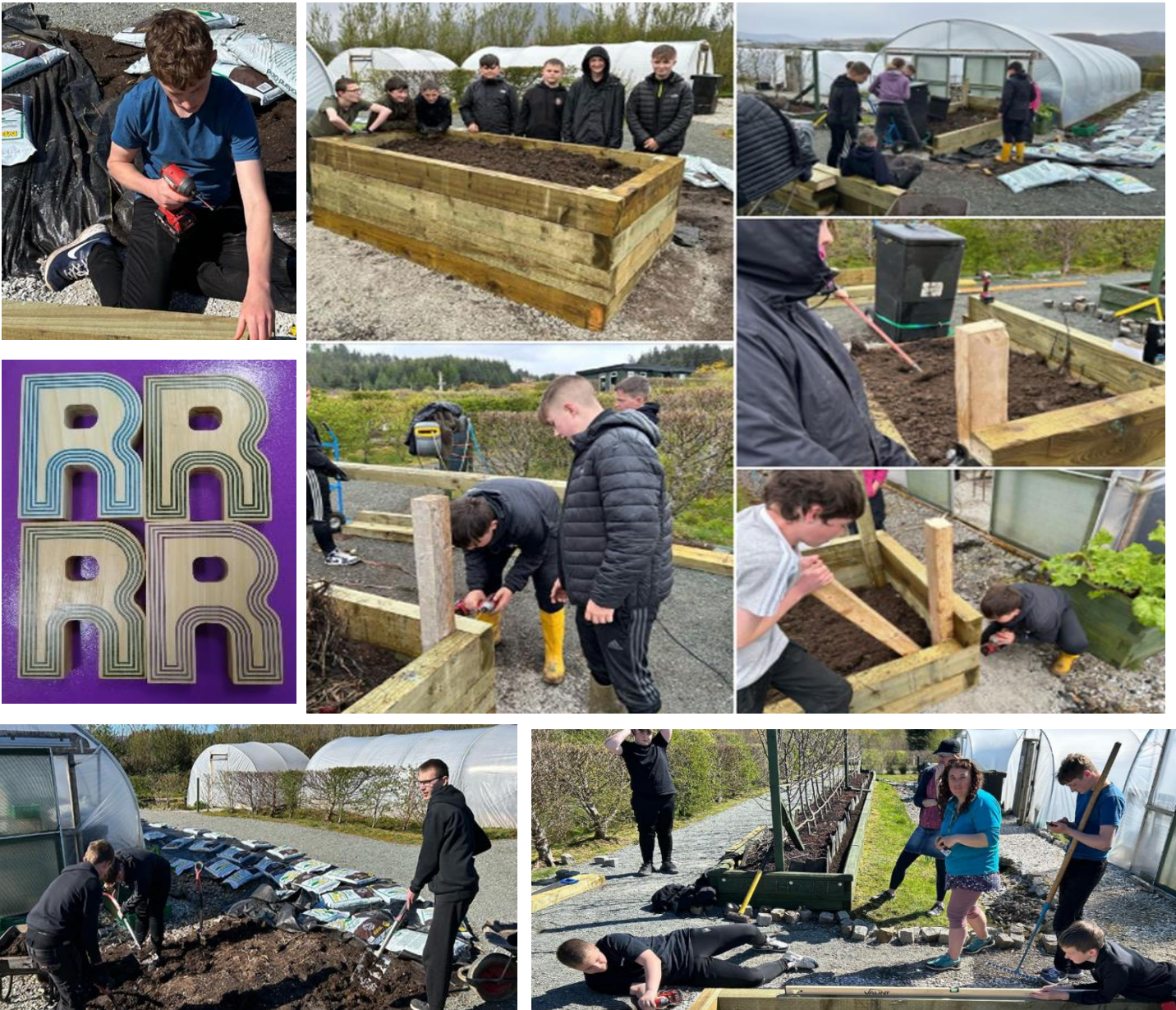
Both evenings were opened by the Skye Youth Pipe Band, ably led by Mr Iain Ruairi Finlayson- a thank you to all members for giving your time both evenings. We also wish to thank our performers, Violet Matheson, Caramarie MacCalman, Euhba Campbell, Isla MacKay and our young traditional music ensemble (Peter Martin, Innes Wilson, Leela Brendon and Grace Pert).



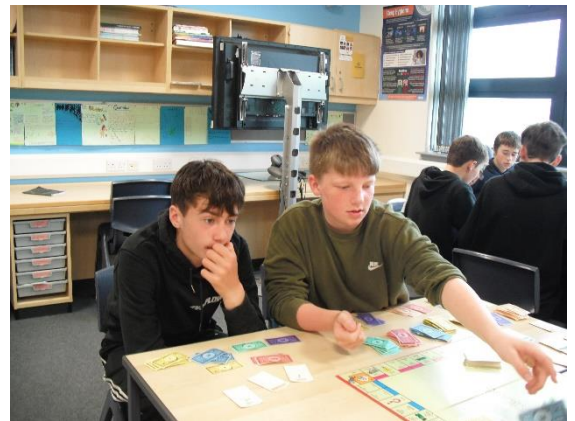
Community Allotment Project

It's been great to make the most of our good weather in school! Some of our S2 pupils have been working with Broadford & Strath Community Company this term to create and develop some raised beds, as part of their outdoor learning. Absolutely amazing to see the progress on the raised beds by our hard-working young people!

We have also recently been given an allotment in Portree, so we look forward to developing this work next session.



Activities Days 2023



Science Field work

S1 classes had the opportunity to go pond-dipping in their Science classes. It was great to identify the wide variety of species found in the locality.



Well Done

Well done to Abbie and Bradley, who delivered Defibrillator training at Dunvegan Primary Gala Day. Abbie & Bradley are doing their DoE Gold award, and this will satisfy the "service" section of the award.



S6 Pupils Last day

We celebrated the final day of classes for our S6 pupils in April. Following a breakfast and awards ceremony, the students made the most of the sunny weather! We finished off with a farewell scavenger hunt, which took us to Gasta Port Rígh for pizza...



Congratulations

Today we presented Hayden and Calum with their Lexia Superstar certificates- a huge **Congratulations, 4Rs- Ready, Responsible, Resilient, Respectful.**



In June, Sadie organised a home-baking sale for The Highlands Support Refugees, where we raised £425 for this charity. This week, at our Prizegiving ceremonies, we will be taking further donations for this worthwhile cause.

[The Highlands Support Refugees](#)

Fundraising



Soup & Pudding Lunch

Congratulations to the pupils involved in running the successful Soup & Pudding lunch at Kilmuir Hall last weekend. Over £500 was raised for our school magazine. Thank you to those in the community who supported the event.

Tha sinn cho taingeil airson bhur taic le iris na sgoile agus moiteil às na sgoilearan againn airson tachartas cho soirbheachail a chur air dòigh.



S6 Pottery Course



Our AH Art students spent the weekend on a pottery course! Thank you to Greg Dobson for running the course, and the Portree High Parent Council for providing a bursary for our young people.



Spòrs Gàidhlig

Spòrs nach gann le Spòrs Gàidhlig an-dè. Tuilleadh fealla-dhà bhon diugh is a-màireach ri thighinn...
[CnaG an Eilein Sgitheanaich - Lasair](#)



Outward Bound

Our 24 young people on the Outward-Bound week and their first challenge was the "traditional" Jog and Dip - kids getting stuck in straight away with a cold-water swim! Our Young People achieved an SCQF level 5 Adventure & Challenge Award



Skye Foodbank

The Nurture department would like to thank the Skye Foodbank for their incredible support and generosity throughout the year. The food has helped the room to run a breakfast club and run a breakfast club and to support some of our pupils on an ad hoc basis.



Shinty

An excellent win for the U17s, who went through to the Final!



Long Service Award



The winners of the Highland Council's Staff Recognition Awards – which took place on Friday, 9 June at the Kingsmills Hotel – have now been announced!

The event provided an opportunity to celebrate excellence and recognise the talent, commitment, and resourcefulness of teams of staff and individuals across the organisation. Our Gaelic-Medium Teacher Mrs MacDonald received an award for long-service to The Highland Council. We wish to personally thank Mrs

MacDonald for the continued service she has given to our High School!

Will's Bench

As we say a fond farewell to our S6 pupils, we were able to round off the year by unveiling a memorial bench to former pupil, Will Clarke, and reflect on Will's time at PHS by sharing stories and memories of him by his teachers and friends. "Will's Bench" has been placed in a prominent position overlooking the Astroturf pitch, so that all will be able to sit and watch the sport that he enjoyed so much and to remind us that we should grasp each positive opportunity that life presents us.



History trip

On Wednesday and Thursday, Higher History students visited The Skye Museum of Highland Life. They spent time investigating the crofting way of life and issues of migration.



School Meals

As part of the 4Rs of PHS, we firmly believe that uniform creates a positive approach to school and learning and helps students get ready to learn. We would like to ask for your support in this matter.



Our uniform is:

- White shirt and school tie
- Black jumper/hoodie
- Black trousers/school shorts/skirt
- Black footwear

(We would kindly request that faded black denim, jogging pants should not be worn and that skirts should be of a suitable length).

We believe that uniform should be affordable, and we are happy to let parents know that our Hoodies are retailing for the same price as the last 2 years. These are available to buy at

<https://schoolwearmadeeasy.com/collections/portree-high>.

If pupils do not wish to wear this, they can choose to purchase their own BLACK hooded top/sweatshirt, with no logo/branding.

Grants are available for some families, depending on financial circumstances- details can be found on the next page.

New S1 pupils were issued with a school tie on the June transition days as a welcome gift. Extra ties can be purchased throughout the year from the school reception at a cost of £5 each.



Education Maintenance Allowance

If you are 16 to 19 years old, in a school or college, you may be eligible to receive financial assistance from an [Education Maintenance Allowance](#) (EMA). EMA is a weekly allowance of £30 per week payable during term time. To be eligible, your family household income must be less than:

- £24,421 - for households with 1 dependent child
- £26,884 - for households with 2 or more dependent children

See Mrs MacLeod for more details and apply online.

Free school meals and assistance with clothing

Free school meals and assistance with school clothing can be claimed if you are receiving any one of a range of benefits.

If you believe you are eligible, please apply online. Students are credited with a daily allowance, automatically added to their canteen PIN number - no other pupils know who receives an allowance. https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/899/schools_-_grants_and_benefits/10/free_school_meals_and_assistance_with_clothing

PLEASE APPLY IF YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE - the number of pupils who qualify for FSMs has a direct correlation to the amount of PEF funding we receive, which is important for us to be able to provide extra literacy support for all pupils.

Pay your school meals online

You will need your child's Scottish Candidate Number. Please contact the school if you need a reminder of your child's Scottish Candidate Number

Allow 24 hours for the payment to reach the pupil's account. Payments made between 4.30pm Friday and 9am Monday will not appear in the pupil's account until the Tuesday

https://self.highland.gov.uk/service/School_meal_payments

School Meals





The school office receives numerous enquiries about school holidays. The up-to-date calendar and holiday dates are outlined below and can also be accessed on the Highland Council website:



[https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/32/school term dates](https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/32/school_term_dates)

We would kindly request that annual vacations be taken during these dates- requests for holidays within term time cannot be authorised.

HOLIDAY DATES – 2023-2024

Opens	Closes
Tuesday 15 th August	1:15pm, Friday 6 th October
Monday 23 rd October 2023	1:15pm, Friday 22 nd December
Monday 8 th January 2024	1:15pm, 16 th February 2024
Thursday 22 nd February 2024	3:40pm, Thursday 28 th March 2024
Monday 15 th April 2024	Thursday 27 th June 2024

Note:

1. Additional Holidays: May Day - Monday (6th May 2024), King’s Coronation 8th May 2023
In-Service Days: Monday 11th /12th September, Thursday 2nd May 2024.



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



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