

The Highland Council

**Lochaber Area Committee
25 November 2013**

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Kinlochleven High School Associated School Group Overview

Report by Director of Education, Culture and Sport Service

Summary

This report provides an update of key information in relation to the schools within the Kinlochleven High School Associated School Group (ASG), and provides useful updated links to further information in relation to these schools.

1.0 ASG PROFILE

The Kinlochleven Associated School Group (ASG) consists of Kinlochleven High School and the following primary schools: Ballachulish, Duror, Glencoe, Kinlochleven and St. Brides. The primary schools in this area serve over 200 pupils, with the secondary school serving 143 young people.

ASG roll projections can be found at:

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/yourcouncil/highlandfactsandfigures/schoolrollforecasts.htm>

1.1 Attainment and Achievement

1.1.1 KINLOCHLEVEN HIGH SCHOOL

In session 2012-13 there was a large turnover in staff and consequential interruptions to learning for various reasons including: An Acting Head Teacher who for part of the session had a considerable teaching commitment, Acting Depute Head Teachers, maternity leave, retirement, staff leaving to move to other posts and other vacancies, which despite considerable effort by the school and the Council were covered by relief staff.

Staffing for session 2013-2014 is settled. The Head Teacher has returned to the school and a substantive Depute Head Teacher appointed in August 2013.

The school currently has one vacant post, which following advert has resulted in a number of applicants.

Attainment – Performance Summary

Overall percentages in a small school can alter dramatically as the result of a change in performance of a few pupils.

S4 Results

English at Level 3 or above: Increased to 97%

Maths at Level 3 and above: Increased to 97%

5+ Level 3 and above : Increased to 97%

5+ Level 4 and above: Increased to 93%

5+ Level 5 and above: Dropped to 36%

S5 Results

English at Level 3 or above: figure was 100%

Maths at Level 3 and above: figure was 104%

5+ Level 3 and above: figure was 100%

5+ Level 4 and above: increased to 100%

5+ Level 5 and above: increased significantly to 65%

1+level 6: increased significantly to 52%

3+ level 6: dropped slightly to 13%

5+ level 6: dropped slightly to 10%

S6 results

English at Level 3 or above: increased slightly to 103%

Maths at Level 3 and above: increased slightly to 100%

5+ Level 3 and above: increased slightly 103%

5+ Level 4 and above: increased slightly to 100%

5+ Level 5 and above: dropped slightly to 52%

1+level 6: dropped slightly to 45%

3+ level 6: dropped significantly to 19%

5+ level 6: dropped significantly to 10%

Actions

The school is aware of the importance of closely monitoring and supporting individuals to ensure they achieve their best.

Departments require to analyse actual performance (compared to likely Scottish Qualification Authority outcomes) as well as referring to Cognitive Ability Test scores. This is to include higher expectations of leaners.

Senior management should work closely with departments where children are not yet achieving the grades which might be expected

1.1.2 Wider Achievement & Notable Successes

Secondary – Kinlochleven High School – [Link to most recent S&Q Report](#)

Successes

Senior pupil selected for the United Kingdom sailing team and is undergoing intensive training programme.

Senior pupil and one former pupil gained their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. This is the culmination of a program begun in school working in partnership with Highlife Highland.

Several fundraising activities held, allowing the school to contribute to everything from Genetic Disorders research to supporting aid work in Malawi.

S3 Business Management class placed in the top ten in Scotland in the Coca-Cola Schools Business Challenge. A significant achievement for a small school.

Extra-Curricular

Football

Rugby

Shinty

Primary Schools

Ballachulish

Successes

In November school organised a collection of Shoe Boxes for the Charity Blythswood Appeal.

In December the school pupils knitted squares and sent them to AIDS charity „Knit A Square Care“. These are turned into blankets for children in South Africa

In January school won a Christmas card design competition which was run by Abbeyfield Ballachulish.

In January the school raised and sent a donation to CHAS for £78.

In February a pupil came third in the annual Nether Lochaber Primary Cross Country Competition.

In March the school and both nursery departments held an afternoon of fundraising for Red Nose Day and raised a total of £620 for the appeal.

Ballachulish & Kinlochleven Primaries came together for an Eco day, where pupils described their eco topics. A grant of £500 was received from local councillor's discretionary budget to support this work.

In March pupils from Ballachulish held a fundraising event and sent £450 to Comic relief.

In March the school Dodge Ball team won the South Lochaber Primary Schools Competition.

In April several pupils were involved in a shinty event which was arranged to raise money for transport costs. This in turn pays for the players of all ages to attend shinty matches.

In April the school received a special Recognition Certificate for „Show Racism the Red Card. Several pupils and their teacher attended this award which was presented at Hampden Park in Glasgow.

The school has a Nathans Waste Savers recycling container for old clothing in the school grounds and the local community are welcome to use this facility. Money raised goes to the School Fund to help with transport costs and purchasing items for the school.

In June Ballachulish pupils took part in a 7 mile sponsored walk for charity and raised over £1200.

School sponsors a child in Guatemala and sends money to Action Aid each year.

In June School had a visit from the Edinburgh School Band and gave them a donation of £50.

Extra-curricular

Volleyball

Club 13 – Art

Knitting & Craft Club

Scouts, Beavers

Orienteering Club

Annual visit to Glencoe Outdoor Centre for Outdoor Activities

Cycling

Duror Primary

Successes

Duror Room 13 participated in a fundraising portrait project, painting employees of Brussels TBWA – Aug – Dec 13.

Duror Room 13 created a Mountain Culture display out of wire figures against a backdrop photograph of Glencoe for the Mountain Festival 2013.

Duror Primary was awarded their 3rd Eco Green Flag on May 2013

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Duror Primary won awards at the Glencoe and District Flower Show for their vegetables grown in the school garden and craft work – August '13.

Duror Primary School held a Vegetable Taster Event, cooking vegetables from the school garden and invited parents and members of the community – September „13

Extra-Curricular

P4-7 attended 8 swimming lessons

P4-7 attended a four day block of skiing at Nevis Range

P4-7 participated in 3 days of Outdoor Activities at the Glencoe Outdoor Centre

P1-3 participated in Stramash Outdoor

Golf for P6-7

6 sessions of rugby by Lochaber Rugby Coach

Duror P1-7 visited Glasgow Science Centre

Duror after School Clubs – Guitar Club, Chess Club, Homework Club and Fit Club

Glencoe Primary

Successes

Glencoe Room 13 participated in a fundraising portrait project, painting employees of Brussels TBWA – Aug – Dec 13.

Glencoe Room 13 created a Mountain Culture display out of wire figures against a back drop photograph of Glencoe for the Mountain Festival 2013.

Glencoe Primary was awarded their 3rd Eco Green Flag on May 2013

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Glencoe P1-7 visited Sea Life Centre

Glencoe P6-7 visited Time Capsule Coatbridge, Escape in Glasgow and IMAX cinema

Glencoe Primary entered school triathlon 2013

Glencoe after School Science Club

Glencoe Primary German Christmas Market

Chanter /Tin whistle

Kinlochleven Primary

Successes

Published book which the children in P3/4/5 have written about walks in Kinlochleven called „Don't Forget Your Wellies“. Came about from the Environmental walks the children undertake on a Friday.

Runners up in the South Lochaber Dodge Ball competition.

Successful joint school (Kinlochleven / Ballachulish) Eco day

Second Green Flag – application was Highly Commended as being the best application they had had. There were no recommendations.

Mosaic for the tables along the Salmon trail in Kinlochleven

Regular contact with senior citizens at Abbeyfield

P7 girl won the South Lochaber cross country

Run citizenship classes fortnightly for mixed groups of children – include lifelong skills (such as sewing, cooking, gardening) Gaelic, yoga, road safety

Archery is very popular and some of the children have won gold and silver medals.

Extra-Curricular

There are many activities after school which are run in the adjoining Leven Centre – Youth Club, football, shinty, gymnastics, climbing, swimming

St. Bride's Primary

Successes

Attending Schools Traditional Music Concerts and Workshops at Celtic Connections in Glasgow P4-7

St Bride's Burns Award for song, music or project – prize Quaich and vouchers donated by Lochaber Burns Club

Inter-schools Swimming Gala and Sports – medal winners

Nether Lochaber Flower Show – winning Art & Craft sections

Skiing Awards

Lochaber Schools Cross Country Event – medal winners

Triathlon Event – medal winners

Young Leaders Awards –P6/7

Extra-Curricular

Afternoon Christmas Concert and Tea Party for Senior Citizens, and Community friends of the school

Evening Christmas Concert for Parents and Family – raising money for Mary's Meals

Burns Supper Evening – with Gary Innes of "Manran" as a special guest to present the new Burns Award

World Book Day event – raising money for Book Aid

Planting and tending of fruit trees for Community Orchard in conjunction with the Community Council

Travelling Art Bus Exhibition

General Science Workshop "Body Builders"

Eco Garden Activities – willow sculpture with the Forestry Commission, Bug Hotel construction, on-going composting

Glencoe Outdoor Centre – 3 days

Golf Festival at The Dragon's Tooth

Zoo Lab – whole school

Drama Workshops – Ilona Munro/Eden Court Outreach

Gaelic Learner sessions and Drama Workshop – Dougie Beck Feisan

Indoor Climbing at Ice Factor

Geology Field Trips – Mr Blair, Chairman of Lochaber Geopark

Orienteering (after school club run by parent volunteers)

Cross Country Running sessions with parent volunteers

National Poetry Day and the Poetry Post Card Event with the Scottish Poetry Library

Young Leaders Awards P6/7

Dance Platform P6/7

National Story Telling Week – guest readers from the Community and parent volunteers

Scottish Book Week “Reading Challenge and Awards” online voting and Authors Live Event
 Red Nose Day Fund Raising
 War and Peace Museum in Oban
 West Highland Museum in Fort William
 Art Project with Nether Lochaber Church for Harvest and for Easter displays
 Alcan Smelter – Fort William
 Clay Workshops with High Life Highland
 Fizz Pop Fairies
 MacFarlane’s troupe annual visit and workshop – Jacobite Living History group from America who tour NT Properties
 “Go With The Flow” Lochaber Fisheries Trust – salmon eggs hatching and releasing at the River Lochy, electro-fishing and river survey
 World Mountain Bike Championships – visit to training day
 Squirrel Event at Glen Righ – Forestry Rangers
 BLAS Festival – BLAS Challenge Game – Rangers Service
 John Muir – interactive drama – BLAS Festival Event
 Seafari Trip Corryvreckan Whirlpool/Wildlife Spotting Trip from Easdale
 Fit Kids After School Club led by our new Young Leaders Awards pupils plus one parent volunteer

Ballachulish Primary School	Link to most recent S&Q Report
Duror Primary School	Link to most recent S& Q Report
Glencoe Primary School	Link to most recent S& Q Report
Kinlochleven Primary School	Link to most recent S& Q Report
St Brides Primary School	Link to most recent S& Q Report

Kinlochleven ASG		
School	Date of Latest Published Report	Link
Kinlochleven High School	Apr 2010	Latest inspection report
Ballachulish Primary School	Aug 2005	Latest inspection report
Duror Primary School	Nov 2008	Latest inspection report
Glencoe Primary School	Aug 2011	Latest inspection report
Kinlochleven Primary School	June 2009	Latest inspection report
St Brides Primary School	June 2008	Latest inspection report

Early Years Centre	Date of Latest Published Report	Link
Ballachulish GM Nursery	Nov 2012	Latest inspection report
Ballachulish Nursery	Nov 2012	Latest inspection report
Kinlochleven Nursery	Mar 2012	Latest inspection report
St Brides Primary Nursery	Sept 2011	Latest inspection report

1.1.3 Destinations 16+

Leaver destination information is taken from the School Leaver Destination Return (SLDR) which is a statistical return undertaken by Skills Development Scotland (SDS) on behalf of the Scottish Government. The most recent return is based on a follow up of young people who left school between 1 August 2011 and 31 July 2012. This exercise was carried out during the month of September 2012.

	% Positive Destinations		
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Kinlochleven High School	100.0%	95.5%	nya
Highland	89.4%	90.7%	nya
Scotland	88.9%	89.9%	nya

1.2.1 Attendance/Absence/Exclusion Profile 2011/12

Scottish Government collect Attendance, Absence and Exclusions on a bi-annual basis, comparative national information will be next available for academic year 2012-13.

SCHOOL	% Actual Attendances	% Authorised Absences	% Unauthorised Absences	No Of Exclusions and Rates per 1000 Pupils	No Pupils Excluded and Rate per 1000 Pupils
Highland Primary (2011-12)	95.3%	3.9%	0.8%	8/1000	6/1000
Scotland Primary (2010-11)	94.8%	4.0%	1.3%	11/1000	6/1000
Ballachulish Primary School	94.1%	5.9%	0.0%	0/1000	0/1000
Duror Primary School	96.6%	2.8%	0.5%	0/1000	0/1000
Glencoe Primary School	98.3%	1.6%	0.1%	0/1000	0/1000
Kinlochleven Primary School	95.6%	4.0%	0.4%	0/1000	0/1000
St Brides Primary School	97.2%	2.8%	0.0%	0/1000	0/1000
SCHOOL	% Actual Attendances	% Authorised Absences	% Unauthorised Absences	No Of Exclusions and Rates per 1000 Pupils	No Pupils Excluded and Rate per 1000 Pupils
Highland Secondary (2011-12)	91.0%	6.3%	2.6%	39/1000	27/1000
Scotland Secondary (2010-11)	91.1%	6.1%	2.7%	72/1000	40/1000
Kinlochleven High School	94.6%	4.1%	1.3%	66/1000	66/1000

1.3 School

SCHOOL	ECO School	Travel Plan	Improving through Self-Evaluation and Improving Services	No of Placing Requests In	No of Placing Requests in Granted	No of Placing Requests Out Granted
Kinlochleven High School	silver	No	Good (2010)	2	2	0
Ballachulish Primary School	green flag	Yes	Good (2005)	1	1	1

Duror Primary School	green flag	Yes	Good (2008)	0	0	0
Glencoe Primary School	green flag	Yes	Good (2011)	0	0	1
Kinlochleven Primary School	green flag	Yes	Good (2009)	1	1	0
St Brides Primary School	silver	No	Adequate (2008)	0	0	0

ECO School information is reported as at July 2013. Placing requests are those received to start in a school during academic year 2012-13.

It should be noted that all placing requests in/out of these schools were able to be accommodated this year. There were therefore no parental appeals lodged for this Associated School Group.

1.4 ECS Staffing

School	Teaching Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	Non-Teaching (FTE)
Kinlochleven High School	17.59	6.84
Ballachulish Primary School	4.20	1.37
Duror Primary School	2.15	0.56
Glencoe Primary School	2.00	0.73
Kinlochleven Primary School	2.70	2.75
St Brides Primary School	2.40	1.47
Nursery	Teaching Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	Non-Teaching (FTE)
Ballachulish GM Nursery		0.96
Ballachulish Nursery		0.98
Kinlochleven Nursery		1.86
St Brides Nursery		0.98

School staff information from Staff Census collected Sept 2012. Please note that only certain types of teaching posts are counted here: Normal complement, Long term sick absence replacement, secondment replacement, maternity leave replacement, other replacement, temporary contract, covering a vacancy. Teachers who teach at the school but are centrally employed are excluded.

Pre-school staff information has been taken from the Pre-School Census returned to the Scottish Govt in September 2012.

Core staffing is calculated using the Highland Staffing Model, which takes account of national agreements for P1 to P3 class sizes. As a result, all primaries in this ASG are staffed according to the model.

- [Staffing Table DSM Annex 4 PDF](#)
- [Primary Teacher Staffing Arrangements Admin Circular 9/2010](#)
- [Primary School Rolls as at 17th August 2013 – Appendix 2](#)

In addition to core staffing for each school, a model will be used to provide an appropriate level of ASN cover to each school within the ASG. This model was approved at Adult and Children's Services Committee, 26th September 2012. Report [ACS-33-12](#).

This session we are funding additional staffing for the ASG as follows:

- 3 FTE ASN teachers
- 5 FTE PSA staff (assuming FTE = 27.5 hrs)

The identified level of need at start of session was:

43	Pupils at level 2
9	Pupils at level 3
1	Pupil at level 4

1.5 Funding

School/ Nursery	Devolved Budget 2012/13	Cost per pupil	Carry Forward from 2011/12	Devolved Budget 2013/14	Cost per pupil	Carry Forward from 2012/13
Kinlochleven High School	977,783	6,475	-3,427	952,906	6,269	8,706
Ballachulish Primary School	252,561	3,238	-9,074	250,805	3,215	-8,460
Duror Primary School	110,822	6,519	-5,465	117,810	7,363	-4,413
Glencoe Primary School	109,055	6,816	-5,437	110,398	6,494	-2,670
Kinlochleven Primary School	181,074	3,122	-7,549	181,453	3,024	-7,353
St Brides Primary	137,560	5,981	-2545	137,396	5,974	-3461
Ballachulish GM Nursery	19,108	3,185	-871	19,987	3,331	-977
Ballachulish Nursery	20,904	1,493	-1,218	21,345	1,525	-1,058
Kinlochleven Nursery	39,674	1,803	-1,958	40,377	1,835	-2,032
St Brides Nursery	18,319	1,832	-830	19,195	1,920	-927

Members are asked to note that devolved funding is generally sufficient for school needs.

1.6 Buildings

School	Suitability	Condition	Occupancy	Current/Future Investment (last 5 yrs)
Kinlochleven High School	A	A	61%	PPP
Ballachulish Primary School	B	B	79%	£265437 (inc replacement windows, Toilets refurbishment)

Duror Primary School	C	B	64%	£15000 (replacement windows)
Glencoe Primary School	B	B	34%	£25000 (Refurbishment of toilets)
Kinlochleven Primary School	B	A	45%	PPP
St Brides Primary School	B	B	53%	

Building suitability and condition levels are as reported on the 2013 School Estate Core Facts return.. Occupancy levels are based on the school roll for academic year 2012-13

2.0 Sports Facilities – Kinlochleven ASG

2.1 Kinlochleven High School

Astroturf playing field, two fully equipped multi-gyms, Community Centre also houses a full size games hall equipped for basketball, volleyball, badminton and indoor football. The school grounds also have an outdoor basketball court.

2.2 Primary Schools

Ballachulish

Small Gym Hall/Dining Hall, Grass plays area, Bike Shelter, Play train

Duror

Small tarred playground with playground markings, Small sloping grass area with balance trail, Traverse wall, Covered Bike Shelter, Vegetable plots

Glencoe

Large grass play area, Tarmac area with playground markings, Balance trail and small climbing area, Greenhouse and vegetable plots, Bike Shelter

Kinlochleven

Gym hall, outdoor grass area was replaced with Astroturf so the children can now play all year round. Pupils, parents and the local community have successfully raised £8000 for an outdoor classroom and await permission from procurement to finalise purchase.

St. Brides

Small multi-purpose hall which doubles as a dining hall / PE Hall, tarred area around the building and playing field (remedial works are planned drainage and re-seeding etc in Spring 2014)

3.0 HIGH LIFE HIGHLAND IN Kinlochleven ASG

HLH Facilities and Services within the Wick Associated School Group Area	User Information	2010/11	2011/12
The Leven Centre	Users	47,898	-
Fort William Library	Issues	56,661	57,075
Caol Library	Issues	9,168	8,722
Mallaig Library	Issues	5,766	4,813
Kinlochleven Library	Issues	11,217	11,454
Mobile Library	Issues	25,145	23,920
Sports Pitches Jubilee Park, Ballachulish, Kinlochleven High School All weather pitch	Available for let by sports club	-	-
Active Schools Co-ordinator	Unique Participants	Different information was collected prior to this year	90 males and 80 females= 170 distinct participants which is 50% of the total ASG roll
Youth Development Officer	Contacts with Young People	3489	4853
	Young Scot Card	90	91
	Percentage uptake (National average – 72%) Youth Participation Highland Youth Voice Participants	2	2
Adult Learning	Unique Participants	101	132

Programme Information:

High Life Highland <http://highlifehighland.com/>

The Leven Centre

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/communitycentres/thelevencentre.htm>

Fort William Library

<http://highlifehighland.com/libraries/fort-william-library>

Caol Library

<http://highlifehighland.com/libraries/caol-library>

Mallaig Library

<http://highlifehighland.com/libraries/mallaig-library>

Kinlochleven Library

<http://highlifehighland.com/libraries/kinlochleven-community-library>

Mobile Library

<http://highlifehighland.com/libraries/fort-william-mobile-library>

Examples of Youth Work in Kinlochleven ASG

The youth development team for the Kinlochleven Associated School Group in conjunction with the 2 Lochs Project (church-based Youth provision) provide a mix of regular and project based youth work. The 2 Lochs project run "The Space" a drop-in on a Tuesday lunchtime for S1-S3, youth-club in Duror, study break club for S4-S6 and a drop-in event on a Friday evening in Ballachulish or Glencoe. In addition the project runs a number of faith based activities.

The High Life Highland (HLH) youth worker supports a number of sport initiatives encouraging young people to take part.

Project based work over the last year has included - delivering the Duke of Edinburgh Award through HLH and Kinlochleven High School. At present all S3 are engaged at Bronze level which have resulted in a group wishing to progress onto silver and gold levels.

In addition the Mashed project runs a 10 week block for girls which cover self-confidence and life skills. Recently the group made a film about drugs and alcohol.

Plans for the coming period include Fusion nights (multi-activity nights) once a month on either a Friday or Saturday night as well as developing an Arts programme with young people.

The Youth Worker also supports local youngsters to participate in the two Highland Youth Parliament conferences in June and November each year as well as the local Lochaber Youth Forum.

HLH Youth Services –

- Work directly with young people in NEED
- COORDINATE local provision
- Support PARTNER organisations
- Ensure young people have a VOICE

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Area Committee is asked to scrutinise and note the content of the report.

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KINLOCHLEVEN ASG SCHOOL ROLL (WEST AREA)

PRIMARY SCHOOL ROLLS AS AT 24TH OCTOBER 2013

Portree	NURSERY 3s			NURSERY 4s				PRIMARY							
	AUG	JAN	APR	AUG	JAN	APR	TOTAL	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	TOTAL
Ballachulish Primary	12			8			20	8	9	15	7	12	12	11	74
Duror Primary							0	3	2	3	2	4	1	3	18
Glencoe Primary							0	6	1	4	1	2	2	1	17
Kinlochleven Primary	5			9			14	13	12	5	9	7	7	9	62
St Bride's Primary	1			6			7	15	4	3	3	4	4	1	34

	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	TOTAL
Kinlochleven High School	27	22	23	29	28	14	143

involved	therapists. ASN file may be opened at this Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consultation and resources from therapists ASN file opened at this Level	coordinate and monitor support and outcomes for the child/young person.	
Communication	Ordinary oral/aural and written communication eg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • visually supported environment • using less complex language 	Communication and language needs met by specific approaches eg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • symbols • visual/verbal cues 	Enhanced support to aid communication and social inclusion additional communication methods eg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sign/gesture, including Makaton • augmentative systems 	Highly specialised methods required all of the time eg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sign language • Braille