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Skye, Ross and Cromarty Area Committee

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Dingwall Academy 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 Dingwall Academy Associated School Group (ASG), and provides useful updated links to further information in relation to these schools.

1.0 ASG PROFILE

The primary schools in this area serve over 1160 pupils, with the secondary school serving 1128 young people.

ASG roll projections can be found at:

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

There are currently no Head Teacher vacancies in the ASG and all schools receive support through the Quality Improvement Team and the Area Office.

1.1 Attainment and Achievement

1.1.1 DINGWALL ACADEMY - 2014

Attainment – Performance Summary

The following tables should give a picture of attainment in the school over the last 5 years

National Priority Measures (3 year average of results achieved by pupils by the end of S6)

NP Measures for Dingwall Academy (Highland), STACs 2013 pre-appeals
 Three Year Average Percentages and NCDs based on S4 Roll for passes achieved by the end of S6
 All Candidates

	NP 1.1 C		NP 1.2 A		NP 1.2 B		NP 1.2 C		NP 1.2 D		NP 1.2 E		NP 1.2 F	
	Eng & Maths		5+ Level 3		5+ Level 4		5+ Level 5		1+ Level 6		3+ Level 6		5+ Level 6	
	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD
2011-13	94	7	93	7	84	5	57	5	57	4	42	3	28	4
2010-12	93	7	91	7	80	6	56	4	56	3	41	3	27	4
2009-11	96	4	94	5	82	5	53	5	53	4	38	4	24	4
2008-10	96	3	94	4	81	5	51	5	50	4	35	4	25	3
2007-09	95	4	93	5	82	5	49	5	47	4	33	4	23	4

The table above shows percentages and NCDs for the 7 three year rolling average National Priority measures.

Points to note

- The % of pupils gaining English and Maths level 3 and 5+ level 3 has room for improvement
- The % of pupils gaining 5+ level 4 awards and 5+ level 5 awards continues to improve but remains in line with the National average
- The % of pupils gaining 1, 3 or 5 Highers has continued to improve over the last 5 years.

Attainment: by the end of S4

Whole School All Measures for Dingwall Academy (Highland), STACs 2013 pre-appeals
 Percentages and NCDs based on S4 Roll for passes achieved by the end of the selected stage (S4)
 All Candidates

	Eng Lev 3		Maths Lev 3		Eng & Maths		5+ Level 3		5+ Level 4		5+ Level 5		1+ Level 6		3+ Level 6		5+ Level 6		1+ Level 7		
	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	
2013	96	7	91	9	91	8	93	7	85	5	40	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2012	96	7	89	10	89	9	89	9	78	7	31	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2011	98	4	98	3	95	5	96	4	84	4	34	6	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2010	93	8	92	8	90	8	89	8	75	7	41	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2009	94	7	99	3	93	6	90	7	79	6	32	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Points to note

- The % of pupils gaining English and particularly Maths level 3 has room for improvement
- The % of pupils gaining 5+ Level 4 and 5 awards continues to show improvement

Attainment: by the end of S5

Whole School All Measures for Dingwall Academy (Highland), STACs 2013 pre-appeals
 Percentages and NCDs based on S4 Roll for passes achieved by the end of the selected stage (S5)
 All Candidates

	Eng Lev 3		Maths Lev 3		Eng & Maths		5+ Level 3		5+ Level 4		5+ Level 5		1+ Level 6		3+ Level 6		5+ Level 6		1+ Level 7	
	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD
2013	97	8	93	9	93	8	91	9	84	6	45	8	47	5	23	6	9	6	0	0
2012	99	4	99	4	97	4	96	4	89	3	53	5	51	4	31	3	18	2	1	1
2011	94	8	93	8	91	9	91	8	78	7	56	4	53	3	32	3	16	3	1	2
2010	94	7	99	3	93	7	90	8	82	5	47	6	47	4	20	6	6	8	0	0
2009	96	5	97	4	95	4	92	5	79	6	52	4	48	3	28	3	14	3	0	0

Points to note

- The % of pupils gaining 1, 3 or 5 Level 6 awards(Higher) shows a dip from last year though is still in line with the National Average

Attainment: by the end of S6

Whole School All Measures for Dingwall Academy (Highland), STACs 2013 pre-appeals Percentages and NCDs based on S4 Roll for passes achieved by the end of the selected stage (S6) All Candidates

	Eng Lev 3		Maths Lev 3		Eng & Maths		5+ Level 3		5+ Level 4		5+ Level 5		1+ Level 6		3+ Level 6		5+ Level 6		1+ Level 7	
	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD
2013	99	4	100	3	97	5	97	3	90	3	59	5	60	3	43	4	31	3	21	3
2012	95	8	94	9	91	8	91	8	79	7	60	4	58	4	45	3	33	3	21	3
2011	94	8	99	3	93	7	90	8	82	5	50	6	53	5	38	4	18	7	12	7
2010	96	6	97	4	95	5	93	5	79	6	57	4	56	3	40	3	28	3	16	4
2009	98	3	100	100	98	2	97	2	84	4	51	4	50	4	36	3	24	3	14	4

Points to note

- The % of pupils gaining 1, 3 or 5 Level 6 awards(Higher) maintains its good position of last year and is above the National Average

Summary

- The school continues to show encouraging signs in terms of improving pupil attainment in the school at Level 5 and 6 awards
- The school needs to look at its provision for less academic pupils, particularly in terms of Literacy and Numeracy awards.

1.1.2 Wider Achievement & Notable Successes

Dingwall ASG – Achievement Opportunities

Dingwall Academy

SQA EXAMS

17 pupils achieved 5 passes at Higher Level in S5.

In S6 Alexander Beaton Garcia and Eilidh McFarlane both achieved A passes in 3 Advanced Highers – they had both already achieved 5 A passes at Higher Level the previous year. By the end of S6 31% of pupils had achieved 5 or more Highers and 21% achieved at least one Advanced Higher.

In S4 40% of pupils achieved 5 or more passes at Credit/Intermediate 2 level.

SPORT

Dean Brannen in S2 won a total of 3 gold medals and 1 silver swimming at the Special Olympics in Bath. Dean will carry the Baton to represent Dingwall Academy as part of the Baton Relay for the Commonwealth Games.

Tom Hoffman S6 continues to excel in fencing and has competed for Scotland in both junior and senior competitions.

Five Dingwall Academy pupils participated in the Scottish National Mountain Bike Championships in Dumfries – Callum Russell was the highest placed finishing 2nd.

Murray Wallace S4 became the British Slot Car Racing champion as part of a senior team, this is the first time that the trophy has been won by a Scottish team.

In the Highland Schools swimming Gala Adrian Moody and Dean Brannen both achieved podium places.

Lauren Fraser S4 and Joe Arnaud S2 have both been selected to represent Scotland at the Schools International Cross Country.

Joanna MacLennan S2 won a gold medal at the British Schools Judo competition.

Dingwall Academy dominated the Ross-shire Schools cross country event winning three out of the six team trophies and finishing second in the other three. The U15 boys cross country team then went on to win the North Schools Cross Country championships and recently finished 3rd in the Scottish Schools Event.

Jordan Thomson S5 has been selected for the U17 Caledonia Regional Rugby Squad.

ARTS

S1 and S2 pupils represented the school at the Inverness Mod. Eilidh Sutherland and Ewan MacKenzie won 1st and 2nd in the Reading competition; Sam McCourt and Alasdair MacKenzie were 1st and 2nd in conversation. Islay Grant won the under 13 Reading and the shield for best overall Gaelic. For the second year running Dingwall Academy won the folk group competition, bringing back the Loch Ness Shield. Kirsty Wilson also came 3rd in the National Gaelic writing competition.

Two Dingwall Academy pupils were asked to exhibit their work at the Advanced Higher Art Show. This showcases the best talent in Scotland.

Jessica Neilson S1 successfully auditioned for the Scottish Ballet production of Hansel and Gretel at Eden Court.

Dingwall Academy's team were 3rd in the Regional Heats of the Rock Challenge performance event at Eden Court.

The Drama Group won 1st and 2nd place at the Scottish Community Drama Association one act plays in March.

Susannah Mack is a young ambassador for the Royal Scottish National Orchestra.

ENVIRONMENT

Dingwall Academy and partners RoWAN and RHET have been awarded 'Food for Thought' funding by Education Scotland. This is being used to establish the school as a growing hub. The school achieved the Silver Eco School Award.

FUNDRAISING

The Annual sponsored walk took place in October. Over £7000 was raised for both the Lucky2bhere charity and the school fund.

Dingwall Academy is the top fundraising school in Britain for Teenage Cancer Trust – over £14,000 has now been raised by the school for the charity.

The World Challenge and Outlook Expedition groups raised over £1000 at the recent Agricultural Model Show.

S1 pupils took part in a challenge for Lepra and raised £1455.

EXPEDITIONS

During Summer 2013 8 senior students took part in a 4 week expedition to Borneo and Malaysia as part of World Challenge Expeditions. This summer a group of pupils will travel with Outlook Expeditions to Romania and in Summer 2016 another group travel to Tanzania.

Ben Wyvis Primary

Whole School participation:-

Achievements inside and outside school shared at weekly assembly certificates and awards photographed, displayed or /and put into Achievement folders

Class and whole school level celebrations of success in achieving targets in curricular areas

Annual award ceremony with parents, celebrating 4 Curriculum for Excellence capacities, effort, citizenship, sport, etc.

Charity fundraising events- Children in Need, Red Nose Day, Lepra, British Heart Foundation, Inter House team events and activities

Enterprise skills- Summer Fete, Christmas Fair, etc. Finance Week

Health and Wellbeing- Creating Confident Kids

Extra-Curricular Activities to develop skills/sense of achievement:- (parents/staff)

Shinty P.1-7; Hockey P.1-3; Cross-country P.5-7; Badminton P.4-7; Skipping P.2-3; Craft P.5-6; Football skills P.4-7; Drama P.4-7

Opportunities for achievement through leadership roles

Eco group, House and Vice-Captains, Pupil Council, Litter Bugs, Monitors, Buddies, Junior Road Safety Officers group, Pupil Librarians.

Dingwall Primary

Ongoing achievements celebrated through Well Done assemblies, Learning Logs, Star Writers , Pupils of the Week etc. Achievements celebrated by award of Well Done Certificates and Badges in P1-3 and Credit Card Awards in P4-7 which lead to Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards from HT for repeated awards to individual pupils.

All pupils contribute to Cool Achievers Awards when good work, behaviour, achievement in class and school celebrated by award of House Points. These are totalled up each term with the winners getting extra play time. Awards celebrated at achievement assemblies each term.

Responsible Citizens

Ongoing Eco - work supported by ROWAN and Global Citizenship developments.

400 Trees planted by Pupils and their parents Oct 2013

Junior Road Safety Officers active in the school promoting various initiatives

Toy and Book Sale and Infant Concert collection raised £811 for Highland Hospice and Junior Diabetes Research in December 2013

Red Nose Day - £1,797 raised in school March 2013

Children in Need Day - £1,623 raised in Nov 2013 by dressing up and holding Dingwall's Got Talent Contest

P1/2 c and P2/1 raised £70 for the Philippines Typhoon Research.

P3 gave £50 of their enterprise money to the Philippines Appeal.

Choir performed at Wyvis House and Ross Memorial Hospital and community events.

After School Gardening Club

Big Spring Clean Up

National First Shinty Festival – P5 shinty team won Certificate of Fair Play.

2 pupils were Player of the Day at Ben Wyvis Basketball festival.

Take part in the annual 'Send my Friend to School Campaign'

Playground Buddies / Nursery Buddies

Pupil Council very active, elected each year to represent class. Meets with Head Teacher once a month.

Confident Individuals

Quiz team won Ross Shire Area Rotary Quiz Trophy in Mar 2014

P4/5 and P6/7 Shinty Teams through to National Final in Fort William March 2014

Strings Club attended Inverness Music Festival at Eden Court, and came first in their category with an individual first and second.

P6 through to the National Soccer 7s Football Festival in Dundee March 2014

Reigning National 6 a side Shinty Champions for 2013

Present Qwik Cricket Champions for 2013

Inter School Sports Ross-shire Group A Champions for 2013

Three P7 boys competing in Sheffield in British Schools Judo and in the Venray International Judo competition in Holland.

Eco Group presented at Dingwall Academy

Nearly 30 pupils completed the Loch Ness Baxter's 5k and over 40 will take part in the Smiles for Miles 5k.

Choirs won first and second place in the Learners Category at the Mod.

2 pupils took part in De A-Nis as shown on BBC Alba.

Large range of enterprise stalls at the Xmas Fair.

Ferintosh Primary (Clustered with Mulbuie Primary)

Achievements are celebrated and recorded in a number of ways which include:

- Golden Assemblies

- House Wall
- Certificates, stickers and awards
- Pupils record achievements weekly in their own personal achievement folios
- Publishing of work in community newsletters and on school website

Pathways to Wider Achievement 2013-14

Activities provided this session, 2013-14, include opportunities to participate in a range of activities through our pathways to wider achievement.

PATHWAYS TO WIDER ACHIEVEMENT FERINTOSH PRIMARY SCHOOL 2013-14

<u>Sporting</u>	<u>Outdoor Learning</u>	<u>Performance</u>	<u>Life Long Learning</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming • Shinty club • Basketball coaching session • Rugby training • Rugby festival • Football Clubs • Football Soccer Sevens • County Sports • Shinty festival • Glasgow 2014 • Cross Country Competition • Zumba Kids • Golf Taster session • Curling Taster session • Ross County Workshop • Cluster Schools Sports Championship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor Writing Day • Residential Trip • Orienteering taster session • Mosaic Trail • Aigas Fieldtrip • Creeping Toad Story teller • Poultry keeping • SPCA workshop • Climate Challenge • Zoolab workshop • John Muir Award • Outdoor Writing workshop • Big Dig Week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guitar • Kodaly • Tin Whistle • Drums • Carol Singing • Dance workshop • Play in a Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library van visits • Life Saving skills • Bag Packing • Road Safety • Pupil Council • School Health Week • Children in Need • Rotary Quiz • Finance Workshop • MFR Winter Warmer Appeal • Bridge lessons • Martin Luther King Assembly • Rotary Quiz • House Captains • Tai Ji Taster session • Safe Highlanders

Mulbuie Primary (Clustered with Ferintosh Primary)

Celebrating Achievement 2013 -14

Achievements are celebrated and recorded in a number of ways which include:

- Golden Assemblies
- Achievement Wall
- Work displayed on walls
- Certificates, stickers and awards
- Pupils record achievements weekly in their own personal achievement folios
- Publishing of work in community newsletters (Muir Matters) and on school website

Pathways to Wider Achievement 2013-14 (taken from Mulbuie Primary School website)

Mulbuie Primary School celebrates development and growth of the whole child, and, in collaboration with parents and community groups, is pleased to provide opportunities and experiences in a range of activities throughout the school year. Activities provided this session, 2013-14, include opportunities to participate in a range of activities through our pathways to wider achievement:

Sporting	Outdoor Learning	Performing	Learning for Life
Swimming	Playground Leaders	Guitar	Life Saving Skills
Football training	ECO committee	Strings instruction	Library van visits
Cross Country Club	Residential Experience	Kodaly	JRSO training
Rugby training	Creeping Toad	Tin Whistle	Bag Packing fund raiser
Rugby Festival	The Big Dig	Guitar	Buddy Programme
Basketball training	Climate Challenge	Play in a Day	Pupil Council
Shinty Club	Outdoor Circle Time	Nativity Play	Cash For Kids Appeal
Soccer Sevens	Local walks	Carol Singing	Children in Need
Cross Country Competition		Dance Workshop	Bridge lessons
Zumba Kids	Zoolab workshop	Music Festival	Martin Luther King Assembly
Ross County Training	John Muir Award		Rotary Quiz
Golf Taster session	Outdoor Writing Workshop		Safe, Strong and Free
Curling Taster session			Choices for Life
Ross County Workshop			Safe Highlanders
Orienteering Taster			Mary's Back Packs club
Multi Sports Club			Chess Club
Interschool Sports			House Captains
Cluster School Sports Champions			Resilient Kids
			Tai Ji Taster session

Strathgarve Primary (clustered with Marybank PS)

- Won competition with Eneco wind farm to design a logo for the wind farm. Pupils received individual prizes and the school won an Ipad.
- Annual mini-Highland Games held at Strathconnon Primary with Strathgarve and Marybank also taking part.
- Community engagement through consistent entry in local 'News and Views' with primary school pages, performances at Christmas in the local hotel and various fundraising events organised by the Parent Council.
- Various charities supported including Rag Bag, Red Nose Day, McMillan Cancer Research.
- All P6-7 received cycling proficiency training.
- Weekly Head Teacher's stickers and certificates presented to those who have followed the social skill of the week well, to the child who has shown the most sportsmanship and from PSAs for those showing good social skills in the playground.
- Celebrations wall in hall entrance showing certificates recently presented.
- Recently re-elected pupil council to work on various school issues
- Resilient Kids used at P1, P3 and P7 level

Marybank Primary (clustered with Strathgarve PS)

- March 2014 - Ross-shire schools cross country – Group E small schools – boys team winners
- March 2014 – Music Festival – P4-7 came first in class for action song 'Ocean Commotion'
- February 2014 – re-gained Eco Green Flag award
- Friendship Games held annually welcoming St Clements school to work with Marybank pupils in sports type activities

- Annual mini-Highland Games held at Strathconnon Primary with Strathgarve and Marybank also taking part.
- Weekly Head Teacher's stickers and certificates presented to those who have followed the social skill of the week well, to the child who has shown the most sportsmanship and from PSAs for those showing good social skills in the playground.
- Celebrations wall outside HT's office showing certificates recently presented and in library showing wider achievements.
- Ongoing community involvement – singing at Fairburn House, for Senior Citizens lunch, Eco litter pick, invited to our school performances.
- August 2013 - Trim Trail installed in playground in collaboration with windfarm funding
- August- September – all P6-7 pupils completed cycling proficiency training
- Recently re-elected pupil council to work on re-instating school house groups and updating school blog
- Sept 2013- JRSOs represented the school at a meeting at Smithton Church
- Playground leaders and buddies established
- Resilient Kids used at P1, P3 and P7 level
- Various charities supported

St Clements Special School

- St Clements got our 3rd green flag.....1st school in Highland to get 3 consecutive flags.
- Planning and running the annual Christmas coffee morning and raising funds for a local charity.
- Practising and performing mime for end of term service for parents
- Running a tuck shop for profit
- Trip to London to collect eco award
- Runners up in regional 5-a-side football
- Singing at Wyvis House and at Tesco to raise money for charity
- Participation at Inverness Music Festival
- Raising money for Sport Relief by peddling a smoothie maker
- T4 Candle enterprise project
- Natalie Bradshaw was awarded the Coronation Cup by the Parent Council for the pupil who has made the most achievement in 2012-2013. The staff nominate and she received the most nominations.
- Eco Awards are :
 - The Lewis MacKenzie Trophy for potato yield, result of competition run by Dingwall Academy Diggers Group for ASG .
 - £3000 grant from Jane Goodall's Roots and Shoots organisation for the SYLVAE (Supporting Youngsters Living in Vulnerable Areas and Environment) project. We developed an underused area of the school grounds into a safe and stimulating sensory garden for pupils with the most profound and complex needs.
 - Received an award from Jane Goodall's Roots and Shoots for this garden. Two pupils from Eco group were presented with a trophy at London Zoo by Jane Goodall. St Clements School were only 1 of 12 to receive an award from 1600 participating schools in the UK.
 - Provided 2 benches for school grounds from money raised by Eco funds.
 - Eco Group presented a power point presentation on waste minimisation at Dingwall Academy, with other participating schools in the ROWAN project.
 - Worked with education officer at Evanton Woods to create seating area for the public.

Amal would like to tell the councillors we are raising money to buy a chicken to keep at the croft.

Strathconon Primary

Visits out of the Glen

- Panto – Eden Court Theatre – Whole School & Nursery.
- “Sticky Kids” – Strathpeffer Pavilion – Nursery & P1.
- “Big Sheep Event” – Dingwall Mart – Whole School & Nursery.
- “Highland Folk Museum” – Kingussie – Whole School & Nursery.
- J.R.S.O. Training – Inverness – 2 x P6 pupils.
- “Written World Workshop” – Abriachan & Moniack Mhor – P4 -7 pupils.
- “Safe Highlanders Event” – Inverness – P7 pupil/pupils.
- 9 x Swimming Lessons @ Dingwall Pool – Whole School (P1 – P7)

Visitors

- Feis Ros – Whole School & Nursery.
- Kodály – Whole School & Nursery.
- Library Van – Whole School.
- Drumming Tutor – P6 only.
- Zoolab – “Biodiversity” - Whole School & Nursery.
- Oral Health Educator – Whole School , Nursery and Parents.
- S.S.P.C.A. – Whole School & Nursery.
- Celedrocs – “Geology” – Whole School.
- John Kerry – (Basketball) – P4 – 7.

Social Contribution to School & Community.

- Strathconon Superstar Award – given monthly based on 4 capacities.
- Pupil Council – 4 elected members 2 x (P1 – 3) & 2 x (P 4 – 7. Elections held every August, with every pupil creating a manifesto.
- Eco Squad – 4 pupils (elected) 2 x (P1 – 3) & 2 x (P4 – 7)
- J.R.S.O’s for P6 – We have (1 x P6 & 1 x P5)
- Eco Club – Open to all pupils, parents / grandparents and younger children in the community.

Hosting and Participating (Events in the Glen).

- Hosting “Strathconon Highland Games” - 3 School event including Strathgarve & Marybank Schools. – Attended by pupils / staff and parents / supporters from all 3 schools.
- School Sports Day – Strathconon Games Field. – Community & Parents etc. invited.
- School Christmas Show – Performed in the Village Hall – Evening event open to the community.
- Carol Singing – Pupils perform carols and seasonal songs at Coffee Morning in the Village Hall.
- Family Burn’s Supper – Hosted by Pupils / Parents and Staff. Evening Event – entertainment by the pupils / catering by parents and staff. Whole Community Event in Village Hall.
- Chinese New Year – Special lunch and celebrations in school. Parents / friends invited to Afternoon performance of a play “The Willow Pattern Story” – All props and art work created by the pupils.

Projects linked with other agencies

- “Moray Firth Seatrout” – project to study eco system of the river including visit to hatchery, and hatching May Fly larvae in temperature controlled tubs in class. Whole school P1 – 7

- “Rowan & RHET” – growing and harvesting food (used in our school lunch). - Recycling all waste. All food waste is recycled in Strathconon – Linked with Eco Club. – 2 types of composters.
- “Seafood in Schools” – P7 only visit to Dingwall Academy and opportunity to taste, try and investigate many types of seafood. P7 relayed all info in a presentation to P1 – 6 in school. “Sustainability.”

Charity Fundraising

- Blythwood Appeal – Christmas Boxes (D.V.D. presentation).
- Pancake Day – All children P1 – 7 baked pancakes and staff cooked pancakes all day to orders from the community.
- “Epilepsy Doodle Day” – all children participated in “National Doodle Day” competition and found out how epilepsy affects the life of many children and adults. (Online presentation)
- “Children in Need” – “ Onesie / Pyjama Day” (pupils and staff)

Strathpeffer Primary

Successful Learners

Money Week to promote financial education

World Book Day

Travelling Art Gallery

Piping and Drumming Pupils representing Strathpeffer at the Highland Youth Pipe Band

Strings pupils participating in the Strings Club

Basketball player from Strathpeffer chosen to play for Scotland U12

Children learn independently and as part of a group

Children link and apply different kinds of learning in new situations

Children developing positive attitudes and respect for one another

Safe Strong and Free – Nursery

Maintaining profiles for sharing with parents

Confident Individuals

Celebrating success in “Well Done” assemblies

Choir and individual pupils taking part in the Inverness Music Festival

Junior Sports Leaders - Primary 7

All children take part in a show at least once a year

Hosting and performing at Burns Night - P 6&7

Resilient Kids

Taking part in internal and external competitions

Sharing wider achievements in assemblies

P7 residential trip to Alltnacriche

Drumfun- P1-7

Pupils sharing work with parents at the Open Evening

Granny and Grandad’s concert - P1-7

Taking part in the Yearly Talent show - P1-7

Transition Nursery /Primary & Primary / Secondary

Effective Contributors

Gardening Club

Pupil Council

JRSOs

Cross Country

County Sports

Badminton tournaments

Swimming Gala

Shinty Club & tournaments

Netball Club & tournaments

Basketball tournaments

Football Club & tournaments
Playground monitors
P7 Organising the Talent Show
P7 buddies for P1 pupils
Entertaining Senior Citizens at Strathallan
Rotary Quiz
Sports Day and House Sports

Responsible Citizens

Eco Committee
Pupils monitoring recycling
Renewable Energy education
Pupils involved in whole school waste audit
Fundraising for various charities
Visiting speaker from SSPCA
Whole School Litter Clean Ups
Scripture Union Club

Tarradale Primary

Opportunities for personal achievement

- Performance opportunities, music festivals, assemblies, sports tournaments so far include eg rugby, shinty, football, netball, cross country, writing, art. We also take pride in any outside medals or trophies which are given just as much importance as the school led activities.
- Learning with multi age groups, mixed classes with rotating teachers throughout curricular days/weeks.
- Individual achievement logs.
- Achievement awards – weekly for assembly, certificates, house points, table of the week (special table in canteen with candles music and milkshake for good manners), Star of the week (hot chocolate with the Head Teacher), class star – allows class to play in the playpark at play and lunch for a week.
- Perfect attendance
- Star writers – writing is then sent to the local café for community to see.
- School Blog

Opportunities to contribute to the ethos and life of the school

This includes opportunities to be a part of the decision making within the school, to contribute as leaders and role models, offering support and advice to others and setting examples to all as to what being part of the 'Tarradale family' is.

- Head Boy and Head Girl – have their own bullying 'forum'. If a child has a problem they can meet with their head boy/girl to help discuss and fix.
- Prefects – work with the Head as a pupil council to develop the school in any way they see needs it.
- House Captains.
- Childrens' voice – twice termly whole school works with the Head Teacher to look at school improvements and evaluation.
- Playground leaders – lead play and are also the buddies for new intake from term 2 onwards.
- All of the above belong to our Citizenship groups – meet every 4 weeks instead of assembly to be part of their chosen group. The whole school is involved in this with all staff and all pupils coming together. Here are the variety of groups provided. Glee, Card making, Fundraising group, Blog group, knitting group, Eco/garden gang, Snag, Sports, Book club, Lego club, House Captains.

- Saturday parent children gardening days with soup and sandwiches
- Reading across classrooms all classes go to the nursery to read stories and work with the wee ones on literacy and numeracy.
- Whole school cinema trip with parent council at Xmas.
- Whole school movie nights (one Friday evening in the month)
- Bringing in African Drummers, Masai Warriors etc whenever there is something available.
- Road safety shows
- Eden Court outreach productions
- Global Footprint
- Rag bag collections – regular.
- Bjorn the polar Bear workshops
- Organised special weeks within the year for all parents, staff and pupils to take part in. ECO week, LITERACY week, HEALTH week. Whole school finance /enterprise – Xmas Fayre.

Opportunities to contribute to the life of our Community and the world

- Senior citizen Christmas production
- Regular visits from the children to the local Residential Home.
- Organised tea parties for the over 60's – P7.
- Community polytunnel used by the village gardening group for the village bulbs etc and children and locals plant the village tubs.
- From field to plate – Tarradale Masterchef! (done after topic on potatoes from field)
- Literacy group – Our community have so far raised £11,000 for the school to look at new reading resources.
- Children entertain in the village for any function eg Burns Supper in the Golf Club, Xmas Carol concert in the square, Story competitions in the library.
- Easter Bonnet Parade and egg giveaway. Last day all children parade in the village giving mini eggs to the community as thanks. Special care is given to the older residents.
- Marys Meals project – through School Nutrition Action Group
- Back pack project – through Fundraising group
- Sports Relief
- Red Nose Day

Opportunities within school for personal growth

- Abernethy outdoor centre for 1 week P7.
- Resilient kids programme for both P3 and P7
- Seasons for Growth programme for any child suffering from changes or loss.
- Lego Club during lunchtimes for children on the Autistic Spectrum or are having difficulties with friendships.

Secondary – Dingwall Academy – [Link to Dingwall Academy webpage](#)

Primary by School:

School	Link to School Webpage
Ben Wyvis Primary School	Ben Wyvis Primary webpage
Dingwall Primary School	Dingwall Primary webpage
Ferintosh Primary School	Ferintosh Primary webpage
Marybank Primary School	Marybank Primary webpage
Mulbuie Primary School	Mulbuie Primary webpage
Strathconon Primary School	Strathconon Primary webpage

Strathgarve Primary School	Strathgarve Primary webpage
Strathpeffer Primary School	Strathpeffer Primary webpage
Tarradale Primary School	Tarradale Primary webpage

School	Date of Latest Published Report	Link to Education Scotland Pages
Dingwall Academy	May-07	Dingwall Academy Inspection
Ben Wyvis Primary School	No Inspection	Ben Wyvis Primary Inspection
Dingwall Primary School	Jun-08	Dingwall Primary Inspection
Ferintosh Primary School ©	Nov-10	Ferintosh Primary Inspection
Marybank Primary School ©	Dec 2007 (Follow Up)	Marybank Primary Inspection
Mulbuie Primary School ©	Nov-10	Mulbuie Primary Inspection
Strathconon Primary School	Aug-10	Strathconon Primary Inspection
Strathgarve Primary School ©	Dec-09	Strathgarve Primary Inspection
Strathpeffer Primary School ©	Aug-11	Strathpeffer Primary Inspection
Tarradale Primary School	May-10	Tarradale Primary Inspection

© Denotes school part of a "cluster" management arrangement

Early Year Centre	Date of Latest Published Report	Link To Inspectorate Pages
Tarradale Primary Nursery	Sep-11	Tarradale Primary Nursery Inspection
Ben Wyvis Primary Nursery	Apr-13	Ben Wyvis Primary Nursery Inspection
Croileagan Inbhir Pheofharain	Jan-13	Croileagan Inbhir Pheofharain Inspection
Dingwall Childrens Nursery	Apr-12	Dingwall Childrens Nursery Inspection
Dingwall Ducklings	Nov-13	Dingwall Ducklings Inspection
Dingwall Primary Nursery - EM	Jan-12	Dingwall Primary Nursery EM Inspection
Dingwall Primary Nursery - GM	Jan-12	Dingwall Primary Nursery GM
Kilcoy Kindergarten	May-13	Kilcoy Kindergarten Inspection
Little Angels Nursery	Jan-13	Little Angels Nursery Inspection
Marybank Primary Nursery	Mar-13	Marybank Primary Nursery Inspection
Muir of Ord Playgroup	Jun-11	Muir of Ord Playgroup Inspection
Mulbuie Primary Nursery	Nov-13	Mulbuie Primary Nursery Inspection
St Clement's School Nursery	May-11	St Clement's School Nursery
Strathconon Primary Nursery	Mar-13	Strathconon Primary Nursery Inspection
Strathgarve Primary Nursery	Mar-13	Strathgarve Primary Nursery Inspection
Strathpeffer Primary Nursery	Dec-13	Strathpeffer Primary Nursery Inspection
No of Childminders : 28		

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 2012 and 31 July 2013. This exercise was carried out during the month of September 2013.

	% Positive Destinations		
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Dingwall Academy	87.7%	92.0%	91.5%
Highland	89.4%	90.7%	93.1%
Scotland	88.9%	89.9%	91.4%

Leaver Destinations for Dingwall* Academy

Number of pupils leaving in school year:

Total No. Leavers	Dingwall Academy	HIGHLAND	SCOTLAND
2010/11	138	2575	54073
2011/12	162	2495	50892
2012/13	199	2580	52801

Destinations of Pupils (%)

DESTINATION	Dingwall Academy			HIGHLAND			SCOTLAND		
	10/11	11/12	12/13	10/11	11/12	12/13	10/11	11/12	12/13
Higher Education	36.2%	46.3%	35.7%	33.2%	34.6%	33.7%	35.8%	37.3%	36.5%
Further Education	18.1%	17.9%	14.6%	22.3%	21.2%	23.7%	27.1%	26.8%	27.8%
Training	3.6%	1.2%	0.5%	2.0%	2.5%	1.9%	5.6%	4.6%	5.0%
Employment	26.8%	22.8%	39.7%	29.2%	29.7%	31.2%	19.3%	19.8%	20.4%
Voluntary	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	0.5%	0.9%	0.7%	0.5%	0.4%	0.5%
Activity Agreements	2.9%	1.9%	1.0%	2.2%	1.8%	1.9%	0.5%	0.9%	1.3%
Unemployed Seeking	10.1%	5.6%	7.5%	7.7%	5.9%	5.6%	9.6%	8.4%	7.1%
Unemployed Not Seeking	1.4%	1.2%	1.0%	1.8%	1.9%	0.8%	1.2%	1.3%	1.2%
Unknown	0.7%	1.2%	0.0%	1.1%	1.5%	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%

Note: National averages have been calculated from the figures for all available local authority and grant-aided schools, whereas the local authority averages are based on local authority schools only.

There are currently 10 open Activity Agreements involving Former Pupils of Dingwall Academy.

1.2 Pupils

Roll, Looked After and EAL pupil numbers have been taken from the Pupil Census carried out in September 2013. Pre-school roll information is taken from the Highland Pre-School Census carried out in September 2013.

School	Pupil Roll	Looked After	EAL Pupils	Free Meals Eligibility	Free Meals Uptake
Highland Primary				16.4%	87.9%
Scotland Primary				22.0%	88.4%
Ben Wyvis Primary School	240	<5	<5	11.1%	100.0%
Dingwall Primary School	440	8	37	16.8%	100.0%
Ferintosh Primary School	16	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Marybank Primary School	34	0	0	small school/number	small school/number
Mulbuie Primary School	54	<5	0	small school/number	small school/number
Strathconon Primary School	16	0	0	small school/number	small school/number
Strathgarve Primary School	12	0	0	43.8%	100.0%
Strathpeffer Primary School	160	0	<5	15.3%	100.0%
Tarradale Primary School	197	0	<5	13.7%	82.1%
School	Pupil Roll	Looked After	EAL Pupils	Free Meals Eligibility	Free Meals Uptake
Highland Secondary				11.4%	78.8%
Scotland Secondary				15.5%	74.7%
Dingwall Academy	1128	15	31	10.4%	64.2%
Nursery	Pupil Roll	Looked After	EAL Pupils	Free Meals Eligibility	Free Meals Uptake
Tarradale Primary Nursery	32				
Ben Wyvis Primary Nursery	59				
Croileagan Inbhir Pheofharain	22				
Dingwall Childrens Nursery	21				
Dingwall Ducklings	18				
Dingwall Nursery - EM	48				
Dingwall Nursery - GM	7				
Kilcoy Kindergarten	38				
Little Angels Nursery	43				
Marybank Primary Nursery	9				
Muir of Ord Playgroup	18				
Mulbuie Primary Nursery	10				
St Clement's School Nursery	1				
Strathconon Primary Nursery	1				
Strathgarve Primary Nursery	2				
Strathpeffer Primary Nursery	37				

Free School Meal information extracted from Healthy Living Survey collected February 2013 Free Meals Eligibility is the percentage of the present school roll registered for free meals. Free Meals Uptake is the percentage of those present on census day who were registered and took free meals.

The comment "small school/number" indicates that because of the small numbers of pupils in the school or the small numbers registered for free school meals this information cannot be disclosed.

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 (2012-13)	94.8%	4.3%	0.9%	8/1000	5/1000
Scotland Primary (2012-13)	94.9%	3.8%	1.3%	10/1000	6/1000
Ben Wyvis Primary School	95.2%	4.1%	0.7%	0/1000	0/1000
Dingwall Primary School	94.5%	4.6%	0.9%	2/1000	2/1000
Ferintosh Primary School	97.2%	2.0%	0.8%	0/1000	0/1000
Marybank Primary School	95.4%	3.7%	0.8%	34/1000	34/1000
Mulbuie Primary School	96.3%	3.1%	0.6%	36/1000	18/1000
Strathconon Primary School	92.6%	6.6%	0.8%	0/1000	0/1000
Strathgarve Primary School	96.0%	3.2%	0.8%	0/1000	0/1000
Strathpeffer Primary School	95.5%	3.6%	1.0%	0/1000	0/1000
Tarradale Primary School	95.1%	4.1%	0.7%	10/1000	10/1000
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 (2012-13)	90.9%	6.4%	2.6%	39/1000	28/1000
Scotland Secondary (2012-13)	91.9%	5.4%	2.5%	58/1000	33/1000
Dingwall Academy	90.3%	8.0%	1.6%	34/1000	20/1000

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
Ben Wyvis Primary School	green flag	Yes	No inspection	3	3	6
Dingwall Primary School	green flag	Yes	Good (2008)	4	4	4
Ferintosh Primary School	green flag	No	Satisfactory (2010)	1	1	2
Marybank Primary School	green flag	Working On	Weak (2006)	0	0	0
Mulbuie Primary School	green flag	Yes	Satisfactory (2010)	8	8	0
Strathconon Primary School	green flag	No	Good (2010)	0	0	0
Strathgarve Primary School	silver	No	Good (2009)	1	1	0
Strathpeffer Primary School	green flag	No	Satisfactory (2011)	4	4	2
Tarradale Primary School	green flag	No	Satisfactory (2010)	0	0	12
Dingwall Academy	silver	Yes	Good (2007)	16	16	7

ECO School information is reported as at Feb 2014. 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 ASG.

1.4 ECS Staffing

School	Teaching Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	Non-Teaching (FTE)
Dingwall Academy	88.80	25.42
Ben Wyvis Primary School	11.80	8.12
Dingwall Primary School	20.90	22.53
Ferintosh Primary School	2.10	1.85
Marybank Primary School	2.20	0.89
Mulbuie Primary School	3.60	1.24
Strathconon Primary School	1.70	0.51
Strathgarve Primary School	1.20	1.10
Strathpeffer Primary School	9.40	4.86
Tarradale Primary School	11.30	6.39
Nursery	Teaching Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	Non-Teaching (FTE)
Tarradale Primary Nursery		1.86
Ben Wyvis Primary Nursery		3.08
Croileagan Inbhir Pheofharain		2.79
Dingwall Childrens Nursery		8.14
Dingwall Ducklings		1.29
Dingwall Primary Nursery - EM		3.28
Dingwall Primary Nursery - GM		0.99
Kilcoy Kindergarten		4.74
Little Angels Nursery		2.71
Marybank Primary Nursery		0.99
Muir of Ord Playgroup		1.17
Mulbuie Primary Nursery		0.99
St Clement's School Nursery		0.00
Strathconon Primary Nursery		0.41
Strathgarve Primary Nursery		0.55
Strathpeffer Primary Nursery		1.86

School staff information from Staff Census collected Sept 2013. 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 2013.

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:

- 14.3 FTE ASN teachers
- 57.4 FTE PSA staff (assuming FTE = 27.5 hrs)

The identified level of need at start of session was:

136	Pupils at level 2
64	Pupils at level 3
11	Pupils 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
Dingwall Academy	4,225,042	3,655	-77,927	4,148,527	3,604	-87,866
Ben Wyvis Primary School	405,404	1,740	0	689,338	2,872	-15,348
Dingwall Primary School	1,137,457	2,597	-59,327	1,087,021	2,448	-57,122
Ferintosh Primary School	139,035	6,621	-5,480	134,657	8,416	-7,155
Marybank Primary School	140,486	4,844	-6,177	137,325	4,039	-6,426
Mulbuie Primary School	187,748	3,414	-9,747	189,417	3,508	-9,742
Strathconon Primary School	81,667	5,444	-4,981	95,327	5,958	-4,173
Strathgarve Primary School	97,918	6,994	-4,715	93,993	7,833	-4,962
Strathpeffer Primary School	507,447	3,132	-12,073	475,287	2,971	-6,058
Tarradale Primary School	580,935	2,905	-27,519	566,925	2,878	-14,692
Ben Wyvis Primary Nursery	44,427	673	0	74,993	1,136	-1,329
Dingwall Primary Nursery - EM	53,973	1,058	-2,327	48,482	951	-2,709
Dingwall Primary Nursery - GM	18,843	4,711	-613	19,619	4,905	-641
Marybank Primary Nursery	21,141	1,922	-958	21,166	1,924	-683
Mulbuie Primary Nursery	17,897	1,491	-868	18,803	1,567	-899
Strathconon Primary Nursery	7,531	1,883	-403	8,078	2,020	-400
Strathgarve Primary Nursery	11,183	5,591	-467	12,416	6,208	-562
Strathpeffer Primary Nursery	42,300	1,322	-534	38,491	1,203	-186
Tarradale Primary Nursery	39,911	950	48	40,223	958	-578

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)
Dingwall Academy	A	A	91%	
Ben Wyvis Primary School	A	A	No info	
Dingwall Primary School	B	C	68%	
Ferintosh Primary School	C	B	28%	
Marybank Primary School	C	C	58%	
Mulbuie Primary School	C	C	79%	
Strathconon Primary School	B	C	60%	
Strathgarve Primary School	C	C	56%	
Strathpeffer Primary School	A	A	69%	
Tarradale Primary School	B	C	70%	

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. (No data available for Lochaline Primary School)

3.0 HIGH LIFE HIGHLAND IN DINGWALL ASG

HLH Facilities and Services within the Dingwall Associated School Group Area	User Information	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Dingwall Leisure Centre	Users	145,554	72,758 (no pool)	148,643
Dingwall Academy Community Facilities	Available for let	NA	NA	NA
Dingwall Town Hall	Users	Info not collected prior to 12/13	11,149	
Strathpeffer Tennis Courts	Open public use	NA	NA	NA
Dingwall Library	Issues	100,519	95,873	90,372
Muir of Ord Library	Issues	16,276	16,768	16,784
Mobile Library	Issues	47,147	47,255	42,456
Sports Pitches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jubilee Park 	Available for let by sports clubs	NA	NA	NA
Active Schools Coordinator	Unique Participants	Different info collected prior to 2011/12	593	882
Youth Development Officer	Contacts with Young People Young Scot Card percentage uptake (National average – 72%)	3351 88%	3349 96%	2905 96%
Adult Learning	Unique Participants	190	194	377

Programme information

Dingwall Leisure Centre: <http://highlifehighland.com/leisure-facilities/dingwall-leisure-centre>

Dingwall Library:

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/libraries/yourlocallibrary/dingwalllib.htm>

Muir of Ord Library:

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/libraries/yourlocallibrary/muirofordlib.htm>

Mobile Library:

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/libraries/mobilelibraryservice/dingwallmobilelibrary.htm>

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

Signature:

Designation: Director of Education, Culture and Sport

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Date: 14 April 2014

SCHOOL AND NURSERY ROLLS

Session 2013-14

SEED Code	School Name	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	TOTAL
1000225	Ben Wyvis Primary School	39	36	36	29	31	38	31	240
5114624	Dingwall Primary School – English Medium	55	47	55	54	51	65	49	376
5114624	Dingwall Primary School – Gaelic Medium	9	14	5	12	6	8	10	64
5114926	Ferintosh Primary School	0	3	0	4	3	1	5	16
5116325	Marybank Primary School	8	4	2	6	4	5	5	34
5116627	Mulbuie Primary School	10	5	5	8	10	9	7	54
5118123	Strathconon Primary School	4	3	2	2	4	1	0	16
5118220	Strathgarve Primary School	3	0	2	0	1	3	3	12
5111226	Strathpeffer Primary School	27	25	29	19	20	22	18	160
5118522	Tarradale Primary School	26	25	34	27	28	21	36	197

Nursery	N4 (Jan)	N3 (Jan)	N3 (Apr)	No Sessions
Tarradale Primary Nursery	24	8	6	10
Ben Wyvis Primary Nursery	32	27	3	10
Croileagan Inbhir Pheofharain	11	11	1	8
Dingwall Childrens Nursery	11	10	5	5
Dingwall Ducklings	11	7	0	5
Dingwall Primary Nursery - EM	28	20	3	10
Dingwall Primary Nursery - GM	5	2	0	5
Kilcoy Kindergarten	19	19	5	10
Little Angels Nursery	30	13	4	10
Marybank Primary Nursery	6	3	1	5

Muir of Ord Playgroup	6	12	2	5
Mulbuie Primary Nursery	4	5	2	5
St Clement's School Nursery	1	0	0	10
Strathconon Primary Nursery	0	1	0	4
Strathgarve Primary Nursery	0	2	0	5
Strathpeffer Primary Nursery	25	12	3	10

School Name	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S1-S6
Dingwall Academy	202	189	195	245	170	127	1128