

The Highland Council

Ross, Cromarty and Skye Area Committee
4 February 2015

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Plockton High School Associated School Group Overview

Report by Director of Care and Learning

Summary

This report provides an update of key information in relation to the schools within the Plockton High School 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 250 pupils, with the secondary school serving 297 young people.

ASG roll projections can be found at:

http://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/download/858/school_roll_forecasts_2014-15

Head Teachers are in place at Glenelg and Applecross Primary Schools. Cluster Head Teachers are in post at Kyleakin/Kyle and Auchtertyre/Loch Duich, with a temporary cluster at Lochcarron/Plockton Primary Schools. Head Teachers receive support from the Area Education Manager, Education Officer, Quality Improvement Officer, ASN Officers and Area office staff.

1.1 Attainment and Achievement

1.1.1 Plockton High School

Attainment – Performance Summary

As a consequence of the STAC's data no longer being produced, no performance data can be provided at this stage.

A separate report using the new "**Insight**" data will be provided to Members when it is available, during February 2015. This report will cover all West Area ASGs, in a single report, and will enable Members to assess performance across schools and also with the comparator schools.

1.1.2 Wider Achievement and Notable Successes

Secondary – Plockton High School - [Plockton High School Website](#)

Successes

MacMillan Coffee Morning – organised by Home Economics staff and pupils raised £343.23 for this very worthwhile charity.

Rugby success – Under 18 Boys' Rugby team won the Regional Final of the Brewin Dolphin Plate and are now in the Quarter-final of the National Round when they will play Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, on 20 January.

Paris Trip – very successful trip to Paris in October with a focus on using the language in real-life situations, 20 pupils went on this trip the highlight of which was a night-time scavenger hunt in The Louvre.

Social networking - Facebook Group and Twitter account created to extend communication with parents.

Higher Biology Trip to Glasgow to take part in a lab day at The Science Centre organised by Glasgow University Virology Department.

Advanced Higher Physics Trip to Heriot Watt University to allow the students to gain some experience of university lab work and facilities.

Christmas Fayre – annual major fund-raiser for the school and a well-established community event which raised almost £4000 this year.

Music School Christmas Concert – a very well-attended event which gave a preview of some of the high-quality music which will feature in this year's CD.

End of term activities: 2 dances, Inter-House Debate, Inter-House Swimming Gala, the usual great Christmas lunch and Christmas Service led by the Rev Roddie Rankin and Dave Mockett, the Churches' Youth Worker.

Extra-Curricular

Chess – 6%

Rock Band – 1%

Baking Club – 5%

Future Chef (annual competition) – 7%

Art – 3%

Young Enterprise – 3%

Computers for Africa – 1.5%

Junior Choir – 4%

Drama – 3%

Dave's Club (Scripture Union) – 5%

Rugby S1 to S6 boys and girls– the school have 104 registered with the SRU as players

Under 15 girls rugby– 6%

S1/2 boys rugby – 8%

Under 15 boys rugby – 5%

Junior football – 8%

Senior football – 8%

Junior Shinty – 8%

Girls Shinty – 5%

Basketball – 3%

Applecross Primary

Successes

The Christmas Pantomime was enjoyed by all the pupils and audience, with all funds raised from donations and sale of baking going to Mary's Meals, the charity which the children have supported for a number of years. Sleeping Beauty's Dream was chosen as this year's pantomime by the children and adapted by the teacher and some of the children to fit in with a local theme. Support for the pantomime has grown over the years and this year's performance had the largest audience yet. With only 4 and 1/2 weeks to learn all parts and songs and make props, the children did exceptionally well and £312 was raised for Mary's Meals.

Extra-Curricular

Seeker's Club - learning about bible stories through crafts – 70%
Guitar club - 40% currently attend. Another 20% will begin at Easter (p2)
Cross Country Running Club (in winter this becomes ceilidh dancing club) – 70%
Gaelic craft and song club – 70%

Auchtertyre Primary

Successes

Primary 6/7 won the SCDA Youth Drama Festival.

A selection of vegetables and flowers were entered into the Plockton Horticultural Show. Successful growing of veg in school poly tunnel it was used by P6/7 class to make chutney which they sold at the school Autumn Fair. The class also picked brambles and made jam to sell.

Primary 6/7 pupils ran a Mini Enterprise “Best Beanie Business” making and selling fleece beanie hats. They made a profit of over £200 which will be used to help towards the cost of the residential trips in the summer term.

Primary 5/6 pupils took part in Les Rencontres Théâtrales at Whitehill Academy, Glasgow, which is a competition to encourage primary and secondary school students to perform in French on a stage.

Extra-Curricular

After school clubs taking place at Auchtertyre but include pupils from Loch Duich Primary.
Football P1-3 – 8 Auchtertyre Pupils / 4 Loch Duich Pupils
Shinty P1-3 – 8 Auchtertyre Pupils / 4 Loch Duich Pupils
Shinty P4-7 10 Auchtertyre pupils 1 Loch Duich Pupil
Drama Club P6-7 – 25 Auchtertyre pupils (4 Loch Duich pupils decided they did not want to take part)

Glenelg Primary

Successes

Fairtrade Fashion Show - involved the whole school, parents and wider community, raised £270 for school and sold £600 of Fairtrade clothes.

Games Day - organised by pupils where they played games they had researched from other Commonwealth countries. The school received a ‘Game On’ plaque for this.

Duck Race - raised £470 including a Soup and Sandwich lunch.

‘Grounds Day’ - parental participation which involved transforming the playground: painting activities on tarmac, making a new bench, repairing play-house, making a new pond in Wildlife garden, weeding tarmac all round school and improving our composting system.

Shinty and Football tournaments - Pupils have competed well in local competitions.

Pupils have attended swimming lessons at Lochalsh Leisure Centre.

P1-5 visited local fire, police, mountain rescue and train station after their swimming lessons learning about people who help us. They travelled from Kyle to Plockton on the train.

Spanish is taught in the school each week by a parent who is a native speaker and French to P7 from a community member who is a professional tour-guide.

P5-7 class walked to a local bothy and ‘wild’ place to study a peat bank when learning about non-renewable energy, as part of their John Muir ‘exploring’ Award. Eco committee

are ready to apply for their 2nd green flag. Pupil Council are active with entertainment responsibilities and also evaluating their school experience and JRSO's create competitions for all pupils and speak to both classes about road safety.

For technology, P5-7 had the opportunity to use a pole lathe to make wooden toys for their Christmas Fayre. They have also been learning about bike maintenance having successfully passed their 'Bike Ability' test.

P1-4 entertained the community at our Christmas Fayre by putting on a puppet show with their own hand-made puppets and accompanying live music.

Our Christmas Fayre raised £470 and involved the whole school in making crafts. The P5-7 class were split into teams where they had to buy their own equipment and make profit in an 'Apprentice' style competition.

Under the umbrella of our Parent Council our bike club secured £2900 funding from Cycle Scotland. This funding supports Cycle-Leader training and bike maintenance classes as well as purchasing tools used for repairing bikes. The nucleus of this project is our school Bike Club but it extends to adults in the community too.

Extra-Curricular

Shinty/Football club – 70% attendance P1-3, 80% attendance P4-7

Cycling club and Bike Maintenance Club – 100% of P5-7

Puppetry Club 85% of P5-7; (P1-4 do this during school day)

Music Club – 85% attendance P5-7, also school cook and teachers.

Kyle Primary

Successes

P5 – 7 completed Heart Start First Aid and CPR training with Alasdair Alexander in October and were awarded certificates.

The school took part in Children in Need and raised £466.50 with a sponsored silence and non-uniform day. A pupil also raised £272 for Children in Need by running from Erbusaig to Kyle.

P5 – 7 pupils made felt poppies to sell and raised £68 for The Poppy Appeal.

At the Colonel Jock competition a P6 pupil won the under 14 Piobaireachd and came 3rd in the under 14 Strathspey and Reel piping competition.

Extra-Curricular

Football – 25%

Shinty – 45%

Brownies – 36%

Feis music lessons – 1%.

Kyleakin Primary

Successes

Kyleakin Primary raised £100.68 for Children in need.

Extra-Curricular

Shinty training – 30%
Craft club – 40%
Drama club – 50%
Brownies – 12%

Lochcarron Primary

Successes

The school held a pantomime which raised £804.50 for School funds.
The badminton team were 2nd in the Ross-shire Quaich.
Bank of Scotland Art Competition pupils came 2nd and 3rd receiving a £20 & £10 Voucher retrospectively.
In South Highland Cross Country a pupil came 13th.
Two pupils also achieved grade 3 fiddle and Grade 1 piano.

Extra-Curricular

Highland Dancing – 49%
Shinty – 89%
Badminton – 38%
Fiddle – 4%
Chanter – 13%

Loch Duich Primary

Successes

Primary 5-7 went on a 3 day City Trip to Edinburgh in October 2014.
Pupils have been successfully growing veg in the poly tunnel which is used in the school kitchen.

Extra-Curricular

Pupils attend Auchtertyre Primary after school clubs.
Loch Duich Gardening Club which welcomes parent helpers, 5 pupils attend and it runs from after Easter to the Summer holidays.

Plockton Primary

Successes

Plockton Primary has moved back into the main building after extensive renovation.
Pupils performed a pantomime at Christmas which was well received.

Extra-Curricular

Football – 54%
Shinty – 25%
Badminton – 16%
Chanter – 4%

Plockton High ASG		
School	Date of Latest Published Report	Link
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Applecross Primary School	June 2010 (Follow Up)	Applecross Primary Inspection
Auchtertyre Primary School ©	Oct-06	Auchtertyre Primary Inspection
Glenelg Primary School	Oct-08	Glenelg Primary Inspection
Kyle Primary School ©	Jan-14	Kyle Primary Inspection
Kyleakin Primary School ©	Aug 2008 (Follow Up)	Kyleakin Primary Inspection
Loch Duich Primary School ©	Oct-06	Loch Duich Inspection
Lochcarron Primary School ©	Jan-10	Lochcarron Primary Inspection
Plockton High School	Dec-2007 (Follow Up)	Plockton High Inspection
Plockton Primary School ©	Feb-09	Plockton Primary Inspection

© Denotes school part of a "cluster" management arrangement

Early Years Centre	Date of Latest Published Report	Link
Applecross Primary Nursery	Jan-13	Applecross Primary Nursery Inspection
Auchtertyre Primary Nursery	Jan-12	Auchtertyre Primary Nursery Inspection
Coniston Nursery	Jun-14	Coniston Nursery Inspection
Glenelg Primary Nursery	May-14	Glenelg Primary Nursery Inspection
Kyle Primary Nursery	Mar-13	Kyle Primary Nursery Inspection
Lochcarron Playgroup	Jan-13	Lochcarron Playgroup Inspection
Plockton Primary Nursery - GM	Jan-14	Plockton Primary Nursery GM Inspection
Kyleakin Primary Nursery	Mar-13	Kyleakin Primary Nursery Inspection
Child-minders no of: 4		

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 return is based on a follow up of young people who left school between 1 August 2013 and 31 July 2014. This exercise was carried out during the month of September 2014.

	% Positive Destinations		
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Plockton High School	94.6%	90.7%	96.4%
Highland	90.7%	93.1%	92.7%
Scotland	89.9%	91.4%	92.3%

Leaver Destinations for Plockton High School

Number of pupils leaving in school year:

Total No. Leavers	Plockton High School	HIGHLAND	SCOTLAND
2011/12	56	2495	50892
2012/13	43	2579	52792
2013/14	56	2601	51876

Destinations of Pupils (%)

DESTINATION	Plockton High School			HIGHLAND			SCOTLAND		
	11/12	12/13	13/14	11/12	12/13	13/14	11/12	12/13	13/14
Higher Education	42.9%	44.2%	42.9%	34.6%	33.7%	32.3%	37.3%	36.5%	38.6%
Further Education	19.6%	18.6%	21.4%	21.2%	23.7%	23.8%	26.8%	27.8%	26.3%
Training	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	1.9%	2.3%	4.6%	5.0%	4.1%
Employment	30.4%	27.9%	26.8%	29.7%	31.2%	31.9%	19.8%	20.4%	21.7%
Voluntary	0.0%	0.0%	3.6%	0.9%	0.7%	0.8%	0.4%	0.5%	0.4%
Activity Agreements	1.8%	0.0%	1.8%	1.8%	1.9%	1.5%	0.9%	1.3%	1.1%
Unemployed Seeking	3.6%	9.3%	1.8%	5.9%	5.6%	4.8%	8.4%	7.1%	6.3%
Unemployed Not Seeking	1.8%	0.0%	1.8%	1.9%	0.8%	1.3%	1.3%	1.2%	1.1%
Unknown	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%	0.5%	1.2%	0.4%	0.3%	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 is currently one open Activity Agreement involving a former pupil of Plockton High School.

1.2 Pupils

Roll taken from the Pupil Census extracted in September 2014 and Highland Pre-School Survey collected September 2014. Looked After and English as and Additional Language pupil numbers extracted from school management system in December 2014.

SCHOOL	Pupil Roll	Looked After	EAL Pupils	Free Meals Eligibility	Free Meals Uptake
Highland Primary				15.1%	91.6%
Scotland Primary				20.6%	88.7%
Applecross Primary School	10	0	0	small school/number	small school/number
Auchtertyre Primary School	71	0	<5	17.1%	100.0%
Gleneig Primary School	23	<5	0	23.1%	83.3%
Kyle Primary School	45	0	0	32.7%	93.8%
Loch Duich Primary School	15	0	<5	small school/number	small school/number
Lochcarron Primary School	45	0	0	small school/number	small school/number
Plockton Primary School	24	<5	0	small school/number	small school/number
Kyleakin Primary School	22	0	0	30.0%	100.0%
Highland Secondary				10.9%	84.7%
Scotland Secondary				15.5%	76.6%
Plockton High School	297	6	<5	9.0%	100.0%

NURSERY	Pupil Roll	Looked After	EAL Pupils	Free Meals Eligibility	Free Meals Uptake
Applecross Primary Nursery	6				
Auchtertyre Primary Nursery	12				
Coniston Nursery	11				
Glenelg Primary Nursery	0				
Kyle Primary Nursery	7				
Lohcarron Playgroup	11				
Plockton Primary Nursery - GM	5				
Kyleakin Primary Nursery	2				

Free School Meal information extracted from Healthy Living Survey collected February 2014 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.

1.2.1 Attendance/Absence/Exclusion Profile 2012/13

Scottish Government collect Attendance, Absence and Exclusions on a bi-annual basis, comparative national information will be next available for academic year 2014-15.

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 (Attendance 2012-13 & Exclusions 2013-14)	94.8%	4.3%	0.9%	9/1000	6/1000
Scotland Primary (2012-13)	94.9%	3.8%	1.3%	10/1000	6/1000
Applecross Primary School	90.6%	7.0%	2.4%	0/1000	0/1000
Auchtertyre Primary School	93.3%	5.7%	1.0%	0/1000	0/1000
Glenelg Primary School	96.0%	2.8%	1.2%	0/1000	0/1000
Kyle Primary School	92.4%	5.5%	2.0%	23/1000	23/1000
Loch Duich Primary School	95.2%	4.3%	0.5%	0/1000	0/1000
Lohcarron Primary School	96.9%	2.9%	0.2%	0/1000	0/1000
Plockton Primary School	94.5%	5.5%	0.0%	0/1000	0/1000
Kyleakin Primary School	92.5%	6.3%	1.2%	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 (Attendance 2012-13 and Exclusions 2013-14)	90.9%	6.4%	2.6%	33/1000	24/1000
Scotland Secondary (2012-13)	91.9%	5.4%	2.5%	58/1000	33/1000
Plockton High School	92.0%	6.3%	1.7%	17/1000	17/1000

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
Applecross Primary School	green flag	In progress	Weak (2008)	0	0	0
Auchtertyre Primary School	silver	Yes	Adequate (2006)	6	6	0
Glenelg Primary School	green flag	Yes	Weak (2008)	0	0	0
Kyle Primary School	silver	Early Stages	Weak (2014)	1	1	0
Loch Duich Primary School	green flag	Early Stages	Adequate (2006)	0	0	3
Lochcarron Primary School	silver	Yes	Good (2010)	0	0	0
Plockton Primary School	silver	Yes	Unsatisfactory (2009)	2	0	3
Kyleakin Primary School	green flag	Early Stages	Good (2005)	0	0	1
Plockton High School	bronze	Yes	Good (2004)	0	0	0

1.4 ECS Staffing

SCHOOL	Teaching Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	Non-Teaching (FTE)
Applecross Primary School	1.33	0.50
Auchtertyre Primary School	4.67	4.30
Glenelg Primary School	2.00	0.62
Kyle Primary School	3.20	1.90
Loch Duich Primary School	1.51	0.90
Lochcarron Primary School	3.57	1.70
Plockton Primary School	2.50	0.89
Kyleakin Primary School	2.57	1.04
Plockton High School	28.9	7.10
NURSERY	Teaching Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	Non-Teaching (FTE)
Applecross Primary Nursery		1.00
Auchtertyre Primary Nursery		2.00
Coniston Nursery		2.30
Glenelg Primary Nursery		0.00
Kyle Primary Nursery		2.00
Lochcarron Playgroup		2.00
Plockton Primary Nursery - GM		2.00
Kyleakin Primary Nursery		1.00

School staff information from Staff Census collected Sept 2014. 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 from Pre-School Census collected Sept 2014. For school nursery staff full time equivalent hours are 23 per week.

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.

- Primary Teacher [Staffing](#) arrangements
- [Primary School Rolls as at September 2014 – Appendix 1](#)

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, 26 September 2012. Report [ACS.33.12](#)

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

- 4.43 FTE ASN teachers
- 384.80 HOURS PSA staff

The identified level of need at present, according to SEEMIS, is:

23	Pupils at level 2
25	Pupils at level 3
3	Pupils at level 4

1.5 Funding

SCHOOL / NURSERY	Devolved Budget 2013/14	Cost per pupil	Carry Forward from 2012/13	Devolved Budget 2014/15	Cost per pupil	Carry Forward from 2013/14
Plockton High School	1,848,524	6,121	-72,839	1,543,351	5,196	-49,780
Applecross Primary School	76,469	9,559	-2,892	74,016	6,729	-3,900
Auchtertyre Primary School	267,188	3,563	-12,782	206,873	2,914	-13,483
Glenelg Primary School	144,054	6,002	-3,931	138,574	5,774	-7,498
Kyle Primary School	214,635	4,878	-11,526	150,938	3,510	-10,842
Loch Duich Primary School	111,989	8,615	-6,794	87,283	6,714	-5,841
Lochcarron Primary School	207,483	4,716	-9,264	161,121	3,662	-10,505
Plockton Primary School	160,150	6,963	-2,706	128,871	5,858	-6,152

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)
Applecross Primary School	B	C	32%	
Auchtertyre Primary School	B	B	84%	£50000 including ASN alterations
Glenelg Primary School	B	B	71%	
Kyle Primary School	B	B	58%	£35000 including replacement windows
Loch Duich Primary School	C	C	34%	£70000 including Ground Source Heat Pump
Lochcarron Primary School	C	C	24%	
Applecross Primary School	B	C	32%	£200000 including replacement windows, heating pipe upgrade and biomass boiler installation
Plockton High School	C	B	66%	£3420000 including extension, alterations, replacement windows and re-roofing
Plockton Primary School	C	C	22%	£40000 including accommodation review, replacement windows

Building suitability and condition levels are as reported on the 2014 School Estate Core Facts return. Occupancy levels are based on the school roll for academic year 2012-13.

2.0 HIGH LIFE HIGHLAND IN PLOCKTON ASG

HLH Facilities and Services within the Plockton Associated School Group	User Information	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Plockton Library	Issues	2,199	1,922	-
Lochcarron Library	Issues	5,185	4,483	-
Kyle of Lochalsh Library	Issues	11,726	10,282	-
Mobile Library (Skye & Lochalsh Mobile)	Issues	15,839	14,725	-
Auchtertyre Learning Centre	Users	-	-	-
Sports Pitches	Available for let by sports clubs	-	-	-
Active Schools Coordinator	Unique Participants	201 boys and 130 girls which is 60% of the total ASG roll	219 boys and 119 girls which is 63% of the total ASG roll	-
Youth Development Officer	Contacts with Young People Young Scot Card percentage uptake (National average – 72%)	1932	-	-
Adult Learning	Unique Participants	431	-	-

2.1 Programme Information

PLOCKTON LIBRARY: <http://highlifehighland.com/libraries/plockton-library>

LOCKCARRON LIBRARY: <http://highlifehighland.com/libraries/lochcarron-library>

KYLIE OF LOCHALSH LIBRARY: <http://highlifehighland.com/libraries/kyle-of-lochalsh-library>

MOBILE LIBRARY: <http://highlifehighland.com/libraries/skye-and-lochalsh-mobile-library>

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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SCHOOL ROLLS

Session 2014-15

SCHOOL	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	TOTAL
Applecross Primary School	3	2	0	1	1	2	1	10
Auchtertyre Primary School	6	6	10	6	17	11	15	71
Glenelg Primary School	4	3	2	3	4	2	5	23
Kyle Primary School	6	4	5	8	5	10	7	45
Kyleakin Primary School	3	3	4	2	5	4	1	22
Loch Duich Primary School	1	2	1	2	5	2	2	15
Lochcarron Primary School (EM)	4	6	4	6	7	8	5	40
Lochcarron Primary School (GM)	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	5
Plockton Primary School (EM)	1	3	0	2	0	2	1	9
Plockton Primary School (GM)	5	3	4	0	2	1	0	15

SCHOOL	N3 (Sep)	N4 (Sep)	N3 (Jan/Apr)	No Sessions
Applecross Primary Nursery	3	3		5
Auchtertyre Primary Nursery	4	8		5
Coniston Nursery	3	8		10
Glenelg Primary Nursery	0	0		0
Kyle Primary Nursery	4	3		5
Kyleakin Primary Nursery	1	1		5
Lochcarron Playgroup	7	4		5
Plockton Primary Nursery - GM	3	2		5

SCHOOL	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	Total S1-S6
Plockton High School	42	58	44	44	61	48	297