

The Highland Council

Lochaber Area Committee
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Ardnamurchan 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 Ardnamurchan 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 140 pupils, with the secondary school serving 102 young people.

ASG roll projections can be found at:

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

A cluster Head Teacher is responsible for Ardgour & Acharacle 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 ARDNAMURCHAN HIGH SCHOOL

Attainment – Performance Summary

As a consequence of the STACs 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 the 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 & Notable Successes

Ardnamurchan High School

Successes

St Andrew's Day - Kilts for Kids Fundraiser

The Pupil Council organised this day and it was a great success with a lot of tartan on display! Thanks to all the pupils and staff who joined in and raised £122.80 for the charity

Well done to the girl's shinty team who played the first round in League A of the Scottish Girl's Championship in December

Fantastic result in December from the Senior Boys' Team who won every match in Mallaig against Kilchuimen, Mallaig and Glenurquhart. Great feedback from the Mallaig staff who were fulsome in their praise of the Ardnamurchan Boys for their behavior, sportsmanship and politeness

The pupils and staff shared a Christmas Lunch in the school canteen with games and a sing song from everyone involved.

Staff and Pupil contributed, a total of £85.30 for Mary's Meals.

Great news and congratulations to a S4 pupil who took one of two places in the Springboard Scotland West of Scotland Area Final held in Fort William. She received a recipe book, certificate and other prizes from Springboard Scotland.

Well done to the Duke of Edinburgh fundraisers who provided the hospitality at the Inuit talk in the Sunart and raised £70.

A friendly 'round robin' volleyball competition took place with teams from Ardnamurchan High, Benbecula and Oban.

Ardnamurchan A Team won the day with the team

After School Activities

Shinty – 25%

Film G – 4%

Gaelic Singing - 10%

Gaelic Study Club – 10%

Pantomime – 20%

Youth Activities – 45%

Eco-Schools – 12%

Room 13 – 20%

Skiing – 15%

Duke of Edinburgh – 27%

Acharacle Primary

Successes

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon - £156.68
Poppy Scotland collections - £115.35
Children in Need - £135.65
Highland Hospice - £51

Pupil successes

A P7 pupil – awarded female player of the tournament – Iain MacMillan Cup (shinty)
A P7 pupil – Player of the match George Cup (Shinty)
A P2 & P3 pupil won cups at Produce Show
A P2 & P3 pupil won cups for looking after their sheep
Several pupils won cups in Community Raft Race
A P7 pupil – chosen to swim for Lochaber Swim Team
A P6 & P7 pupil selected to play for High School Football team
A P5 pupil performed in Dance Platform and at Eden Court
A P3 pupil won the National prize for the Camping and Caravan Club design competition, he won an iPad.

After School Activities

Shinty – 54%
Fiddle – 20%
Guitar – 41%
Keyboard – 18%
Chanter – 16%
Zumba – 44%
Sradagan – 61%
Accordion – 3%
Christmas Movie Nights – 95%
Weekly after school dance workshops led by High School Pupils – 10%

Ardgour Primary

Successes

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon - £225.00
Poppy Scotland collections - £57.22
Children in Need - £105.00

Eco School Committee won shield for their veg in Produce Show (adult category)
A P7 pupil performed in Dance Platform and at Eden Court

After School Activities

Shinty – 52%
Fiddle – 11%
Guitar – 37%
Clarsach – 21%

Accordion – 32%
Keyboard – 37%
Wednesday After School Club – 85%

Kilchoan Primary

Successes

7 children entered individual competitions in the National Mod
One child came 3rd in his competition
The others were placed between 4th and 6th in their respective competitions

Poppy tea raised £150. This was shared

- £50 to Help for Heroes
- £50 to Erskine
- £50 to Poppy Scotland

Christmas Show raised £275. This was shared among

- Highland Hospice
- Water Aid
- Red Cross Ebola outbreak appeal

The school has no extracurricular activities

Lochaline Primary

Successes

Mull Provincial MOD –

- P1-P3 Action song came 2nd
- P4-P7 Choir came 2nd

National MOD –

- P7 pupil came 1st
- P6 pupil came 2nd

After school 'Nature Club' attendance -23%

After School 'Bikeability Scotland' Cycling proficiency - 41%

After School MOD club - 18%

Strontian Primary

Successes

Music - Children's participation in local music festivals and Mods e.g. joint first in the Music Making Class at the Ardnamurchan Mod; prizes for fiddle, tin whistle and solo singing. P7 pupil won a Bronze Medal at the National Mod for solo singing. Each Christmas the school presents a pantomime or show and this Christmas the village hall was packed to capacity for the musical Mr Humbug Sees the Light.

The P4 – P7 pupils organised a Burns' Ceilidh to which everyone in the Community who helps the school was invited. Nearly 100 people attended and the pupils led the event with the Address to the Haggis, Toast to the Lassies etc.

Sport -Children represent the school at local sporting events e.g. Primary Triathlon, Cross Country and Swimming. In the last two years pupils have won medals for competitive swimming at the Primary Inter-Schools Gala.

The pupils, led by the Pupil Council, enter into charity and fund raising events and in the past 12 months have raised in the region of £450.

The pupils and parents have taken over the former Community Compost site. During the Farm to Fork after school club, children planted vegetables and harvested them. The school has two gardening Saturdays to which the community are invited with the compost renovated and turned into a garden for all.

After school String Group – 30%

Gardening and cookery after school club called Farm to Fork – 100%

1.1.2 Inspection

Ardnamurchan High ASG		
School	Date of Latest Published Report	Link
Acharacle Primary School ©	May-08	Acharacle Primary Inspection
Ardgour Primary School ©	Oct-06	Ardgour Primary Inspection
Ardnamurchan High School	Mar-14 (Follow Up)	Ardnamurchan High Inspection
Kilchoan Primary School	Jun-13	Kilchoan Primary Inspection
Lochaline Primary School	Dec 2008 (Follow Up)	Lochaline Primary Inspection
Strontian Primary School	Sep-07	Strontian Primary Inspection

© Denotes school part of a "cluster" management arrangement

Early Years Centre	Date of Latest Published Report	Link
Acharacle Primary Nursery EM	Nov-12	Acharacle Primary Nursery Inspection
Acharacle Primary Nursery GM	Nov-12	Acharacle Primary Nursery Inspection
Ardgour Primary Nursery	Oct-14	Ardgour Primary Nursery Inspection
Kilchoan Primary Nursery	Sep-14	Kilchoan Primary Nursery Inspection
Lochaline Under Fives	Mar-13	Lochaline Under Fives Inspection
Strontian Primary Nursery	Oct-14	Strontian Primary Nursery Inspection
Child-minders no of: 2		

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
Ardnamurchan High School	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Highland	90.7%	93.1%	92.7%
Scotland	89.9%	91.4%	92.3%

Leaver Destinations for High School

Number of pupils leaving in school year:

Total No. Leavers	Ardnamurchan High School	HIGHLAND	SCOTLAND
2011/12	24	2495	50892
2012/13	11	2579	52792
2013/14	22	2601	51876

Destinations of Pupils (%)

DESTINATION	Ardnamurchan High School			HIGHLAND			SCOTLAND		
	11/12	12/13	13/14	11/12	12/13	13/14	11/12	12/13	13/14
Higher Education	45.8%	45.5%	31.8%	34.6%	33.7%	32.3%	37.3%	36.5%	38.6%
Further Education	20.8%	27.3%	36.4%	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	29.2%	27.3%	31.8%	29.7%	31.2%	31.9%	19.8%	20.4%	21.7%
Voluntary	4.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.7%	0.8%	0.4%	0.5%	0.4%
Activity Agreements	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	1.9%	1.5%	0.9%	1.3%	1.1%
Unemployed Seeking	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.9%	5.6%	4.8%	8.4%	7.1%	6.3%
Unemployed Not Seeking	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	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 are currently no open Activity Agreements involving Former Pupils of Ardnamurchan 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%
Acharacle Primary School	61	0	<5	13.3%	100.0%
Ardgour Primary School	19	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Kilchoan Primary School	11	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Lochaline Primary School	22	0	0	small school/number	small school/number
Strontian Primary School	34	0	<5	small school/number	small school/number
School	Pupil Roll	Looked After	EAL Pupils	Free Meals Eligibility	Free Meals Uptake
Highland Secondary				10.9%	84.7%
Scotland Secondary				15.5%	76.6%
Ardnamurchan High School	102	0	<5	7.0%	100.0%
Nursery Name	Pupil Roll	Looked After	EAL Pupils	Free Meals Eligibility	Free Meals Uptake
Acharacle Primary Nursery EM	7				
Acharacle Primary Nursery GM	6				
Ardgour Primary Nursery	5				
Kilchoan Primary Nursery	3				
Lochaline Under Fives	2				
Strontian Primary Nursery	4				

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
Acharacle Primary School	95.2%	4.3%	0.6%	0/1000	0/1000
Ardgour Primary School	97.0%	2.9%	0.2%	0/1000	0/1000
Kilchoan Primary School	97.2%	2.8%	0.0%	0/1000	0/1000
Lochaline Primary School	93.2%	6.8%	0.0%	0/1000	0/1000
Strontian Primary School	95.3%	4.7%	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 (Attendance 2012-13 & 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
Ardnamurchan High School	94.2%	3.3%	2.5%	9/1000	9/1000

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
Acharacle Primary School	silver	Yes	Adequate (2008)	0	0	0
Ardgour Primary School	silver	Yes	Good (2006)	0	0	1
Kilchoan Primary School	silver	In progress	Satisfactory (2013)	0	0	0
Lochaline Primary School	bronze	Early stages	Weak (2006)	0	0	0
Strontian Primary School	bronze	In progress	Weak (2007)	0	0	0
Ardnamurchan High School	silver	In progress	Weak (2013)	0	0	0

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)
Acharacle Primary School	4.30	1.60
Ardgour Primary School	2.50	1.1
Kilchoan Primary School	1.30	0.31
Lochaline Primary School	2.00	0.99
Strontian Primary School	2.00	1.10
Ardnamurchan High School	18.93	3.60
Nursery	Teaching Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	Non-Teaching (FTE)
Acharacle Primary Nursery EM		2.00
Acharacle Primary Nursery GM		2.00
Ardgour Primary Nursery		2.00
Kilchoan Primary Nursery		1.00
Lochaline Under Fives		1.00
Strontian Primary Nursery		2.00

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 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:

- 1 1 FTE ASN teachers
- 2 129 hrs FTE PSA staff (assuming FTE = 27.5 hrs) or 1 fulltime

The identified level of need at start of session was:

17	Pupils at level 2
8	Pupils at level 3
0	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
Ardnamurchan High	847,958	7,851	25,319	744,780	7,231	3,757
Acharacle Primary	295,091	4,918	-2,872	264,316	4,333	-8,380
Ardgour Primary	115,254	6,066	-5,996	106,207	5,590	-3,613
Kilchoan Primary	84,236	9,360	368	77,149	7,014	-3,604
Lochaline Primary	152,071	6,612	-6,690	139,451	6,641	-7,860
Strontian Primary	123,816	3,346	-3,640	114,188	3,358	-4,181

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)
Ardnamurchan High School	A	A	32%	
Acharacle Primary School	A	A	41%	
Ardgour Primary School	B	B	86%	
Kilchoan Primary School	C	C	52%	
Lochaline Primary School	A	A	0%	
Strontian Primary School	C	C	72%	

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. (No data available for Lochaline Primary School)

3.0 HIGH LIFE HIGHLAND IN ASG

HLH Facilities and Services within the Ardnamurchan Associated School Group Area	User Information	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Sunart Centre	Users	8623	6736	10265
Ardnamurchan Community Library	Issues	11,160	11,318	8,191*
Mobile Library	Issues	32,552	23,606	18,365*
Sports Pitches	Available for let by sports clubs			
Active Schools Coordinator (figures for academic years, term time only)	Distinct Participants	92%	96%	84% (Term 1) only
	Participant sessions	7772	18295	5309 (Term 1 only)
Youth Development Officer	Contacts with Young People	2537	1723	On target
	Young Scot Card percentage uptake (National average – 72%)	95	100	In process
Adult Learning	Unique Participants	363	648	Not known at present

* 2014-15 issue figures for Ardnamurchan and Fort William Mobile are for April 2014 to January 2015 inclusive.

Programme Information-:

Sunart Centre: <http://highlifehighland.com/community-centres/the-sunart-centre>

Ardnamurchan Community Library:

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

Mobile Library:

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

HLH Youth Services –

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

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

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SCHOOL AND NURSERY ROLLS

Session 2014-15

SEED Code	School Name	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	TOTAL
5130123	Acharacle Primary School (English Medium)	1	5	6	5	2	6	4	29
5130123	Acharacle Primary School (Gaelic Medium)	8	4	6	1	6	3	4	32
5130921	Kilchoan Primary School	2	0	0	5	3	1	0	11
5131227	Lochaline Primary School	4	3	4	4	1	5	1	22
5131324	Strontian Primary School	1	5	5	4	10	2	7	34

Nursery	N3 (Sep)	N4 (Sep)	N3 (Jan/Apr)	No Sessions
Acharacle Primary Nursery EM	1	6		5
Acharacle Primary Nursery GM	4	2		5
Ardgour Primary Nursery	1	4		5
Kilchoan Primary Nursery	0	3		5
Lochaline Under Fives	0	2		5
Strontian Primary Nursery	2	2		5

School Name	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S1-S6
Ardnamurchan High School	17	15	13	20	17	20	102