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Report No	SRC/027/15

Gairloch 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 Gairloch 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 142 young people.

ASG roll projections can be found at:

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

Gairloch and Poolewe Primary Schools are served by a Cluster Head Teacher, with a Head Teacher post at Bualnaluib, Kinlochewe and Shieldaig Primary Schools. Schools are in receipt of support through the Quality Improvement Manager, Additional Support Needs Manager and the Children's Services Manager.

1.1 Attainment and Achievement

1.1.1 Gairloch 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 (Summer 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 and Notable Successes

Secondary – Gairloch High School

Successes

- The school continues to develop efforts to win the Rolls-Royce Science Prize 2015 as the only Scottish representative of 9 UK finalists. The competition ends in May with submissions from the school and a film crew from Rolls-Royce is visiting the school on 29 April.

- **Eclipse / Rolls-Royce Science Day** – Gairloch pupils held a science day on Friday 20th March and recorded the 2015 eclipse through a partnership with Rolls Royce, the University of Reading and the BBC.
- **Comenius Project** – Ends in April with representatives of seven partner schools from Latvia, Poland, Finland, Spain, Portugal, Greece and Turkey visiting Gairloch. Strong international links with a school in Malawi continue to develop with 2 teachers and 4 pupils being sponsored to visit Gairloch in August. Pupils and staff from Gairloch have already visited each of the partner countries over the last two years
- **S1 Bring and Buy Sale** – In March the school held an S1 Bring and Buy Sale to raise money for a trip to the Cairngorms to enable all to attend. The sale was very successful and we raised £2,170 in total.
- **GOLD Duke of Edinburgh Award** – An S6 pupil completed her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.
- **Field trips to Dundee and Edinburgh** – Travel and Tourism and Geography Course work students have engaged on field trips to add context to the work they do in Gairloch.
- **BBC Alba interview** - The Gairloch Museum Gaelic short film entry in which three pupils were involved recently made the FilmG competition's shortlist.
- **Higher Geography involved in Local Planning** - As part of their consultation process for the West Highlands and Islands Local Development plan, Lynn Clarke and Carrie Pratt from the Highland Council's Development and Infrastructure Service visited Higher Geography pupils to hear their vision for Gairloch and the surrounding area.
- **Game inspires national competition success-** A Gairloch High School Young Ambassador, was recently crowned runner-up in a National Obesity Awareness Week (NOAW) competition, winning £1,000 funding to go towards school sports equipment.
- **Helping local Mountain Rescue Team** - As in previous years the school was delighted to provide all of the catering (sourced, prepared and provided by the pupils in the Professional Cookery class) for the recent Torridon MRT training weekend in Lochaber.
- **Scottish Indoor Rowing Championships** –Three (S2) pupils and two (S3) pupils have been training after school on Tuesday with their trainer for several weeks in preparation for the Scottish Indoor Rowing Competition in Glasgow.
- In the individual races on Friday 5th December a pupil gained silver and a bronze medal, with all five girls achieving personal bests in their races. In the team event for their age category, the girls beat seven other schools to become S3 Scottish Schools Indoor Rowing Champions.
- On Saturday 6 December the girls raced against the established rowing clubs. Yet again they won their race, this time against a combined team from five rowing clubs from all over Scotland to become Junior 14 Scottish Indoor Rowing Champions. A pupil also won a silver medal in the J14, 4-minute individual race adding to the two medals already won. A great success for the girls achieving 3 medals, 5 personal bests and 2 trophies.

Extra Curricular

Football – 14%
Indoor Rowing and Core fitness – 11%
Badminton – 6%
Boys Interhouse Football – 7%
Girls Interhouse Football – 7%
Basketball – 11%
Fit for Girls – 14%

Primary by School

Bualnaluib Primary

Successes

- Achieved notable success in Cross Country and Athletics. Cross Country – ASG held in Gairloch in May 2014. Pupils won 5 medals out of a possible 20 for the whole race. A notable achievement for a school of 21 pupils.
- Pupils also did well in Athletics at the ASG sports held in Gairloch in June 2014.
- School is recognised for drama and was put on a play in June 2014 entitled “Gift of the Nile”, which was written by the pupils and based on a study topic on the Egyptians.
- Pupils also achieved success at the local Mod held in Poolewe in September 2014 – there were firsts for Poetry, second for Action song and second for boys singing solo by from a P5 pupil.

Extra Curricular

- Basketball, Football, Curling, Badminton and Shinty
- Badminton is offered to P4-7 once weekly and has a 70% attendance.
- Variety sports club is once fortnightly and is offered to P1-7 and has 90% attendance.

Gairloch Primary

Successes

- Local and National success in the Mod.
- Gaelic Medium children involved in a drama/animation supported by Eden Court, which was filmed.
- Gaelic Medium children took part in Dè-a-nis.
- Pupil Council successfully raised funds for the Red Cross Ebola Appeal and MacMillan cancer.
- In the ASG cross country 5 children took top 10 places.
- The whole school took part in events organised through the Festival of Museums which focussed on weddings.
- National Obesity Awareness Week held a competition to invent a game. The game entered by an ex-pupil in this competition and which won was invented by Primary 4/5.
- P6-7 English class won the ‘Magic Moment’ Trophy for their ‘ladies in waiting,’ scene, and the Highland Award: David Nelson Trophy for the highest marks in Junior Section for their performance of Macbeth at the South West Ross Youth Drama Festival in Plockton on Tuesday 3 March.

- Staff raised about £1300 for RNLI, MCAI, School funds and Local swimming pool.
- The boys P5-7 team came 3rd place, within their section, in the Ross-shire Cross Country Championships in Alness on Friday 6 March. Eoin Cumming, Gairloch Primary 7, came 4th in the boys competition overall.
- Various children from the school supported Gairloch Golf Club, and were nominated for RBS Golf Coaching Award. The children were on television and media in support of this award.
- Gairloch Primary won the ASG Loch Ewe Football Shield against various other schools in the area.

Extra Curricular

- Athletics – 77% of P1-3 pupils attend.
- Table Tennis – 23% pupils attend.
- Animation club – 37% of children attend.

Kinlochewe Primary

Successes

- Nursery children have shared experiences with another setting to broaden their social skills and enable them to play with a bigger group of children, this included visiting a Day Care Centre for elderly people and a chance to interact with a different age group of people.
- A P1 child won 1st prize in a “Frozen” art competition within the ASG.
- A P6 child won 1st Prize in a “Paint your Mum for Mother’s Day” art competition (age 10-12 category) run by the Eastgate Shopping Centre, Inverness. There were 750 entries and all children had their work displayed in the centre.
- A P6 child came in as 1st Senior girl in a local ASG Cross Country Race.
- Two P6 girls achieved personal bests in the Ross-shire Primary Schools Cross Country Race held in Alness.
- School cleaner achieved a Gold Loo Award for keeping the toilets spotless – one of only 2 awarded to primary schools.
- Run a lunchtime vegetable challenge award scheme with more children than ever before participating and eating their daily vegetables.
- School has participated in all Walk to Schools Weeks and The Big Pedal. The children have been enthusiastic and determined to do well and achieve a good ranking.
- All children participated last summer in a 2 night residential trip to Abernethy in the Cairngorms – parental fund-raising supporting the school trip.
- Participated in fund-raising events such as Children in Need and Comic Relief. Also raised money for the Highland Hospice.
- Continued engagement with sustainable education and taken part in the Big Schools Bird Watch, organised a Village Clean-up, participated in a Salmon in the Classroom Project and continued involvement with the RSPB and sea-eagles.
- Participated in the BLAS Festival and invited an outreach worker in drama into school.
- Joined local community each term and supported the Lunch Club.

- Continued links with a school in Malawi. The children really enjoy receiving letters and writing to their pen pals. They like to hear how the orchard they sponsored is progressing. Regular updates through Gairloch High School.
- Arranged re-enactment days, visits to museums etc. to support our learning and continued to use local outdoor environment to help learning.

Extra-Curricular

No After School activities at present.

Poolewe Primary

Successes

- Success in the local Mod, the P5-7 choir came 1st and P1-4 were 1st in the action song. Individuals did very well taking 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the 3D art, doing well in duet, piping and fiddle
- In November 2014 celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the school opening in the present building. Parents and the community were invited to: photographic displays, playground games from the 60s and 70s, bulb planting, crafts, coin collection for Children 1st, refreshments was served and songs through the decades performed to the audience and the unveiling of a bench.
- Pedometer Challenge supported the children to improve fitness and work on sportsmanship.
- Continued support and participation in the Malawi Project run by the High School. Children write to children in Malawi.
- In the Seashore Competition run by Highland Council Biodiversity Officer received a 2nd and a 3rd place plus a number of children were highly commended.
- Participation in the ASG Football tournament, coming second overall
- Attendance on trips out of school including a visit for the P5-7 to the Scottish Ballet and for P1-4 to the panto.
- Evening of plays 'Mr Skellybones' and 'The Emerald Crown' for parents and the community. Donation taken for The Cool Earth Rainforest Charity.
- Pupil Council have raised funds to buy their own goals, build a friendship sign and support charity– the most recent being £140.20 for Comic Relief.

Extra -Curricular

- Walking Club – March – October 16% of children attended.
- Gardening Club – 6 children at a time on a rotation basis – 50% of children took part.
- Jog Scotland Club – March – October 70% of children took part.

Shieldaig Primary

Successes

- The pupils enjoyed their recent school trip to Eilean Donan Castle as part of their social studies topic, Knights and Castles.
- The pupils have all enjoyed the ASG sporting activities which have been organised.

- Earlier in the term, the school supported the British Heart Foundation, by wearing red.
- For World Book Day, everyone dressed up as their favourite character and the money raised was sent to Book Aid International.
- Annual pantomime in the village hall was well attended by the whole community. Donations from this and our community Christmas card delivery service, raised £99 for CHAS.

(Area) – ASG		
School	Date of Latest Published Report	Link
Gairloch High School	Jan-08	Gairloch High Inspection
Bualnaluib Primary School	Dec 2007 (follow up)	Bualnaluib Primary Inspection
Gairloch Primary School ©	Aug-11	Gairloch Primary Inspection
Kinlochewe Primary School	May-08	Kinlochewe Primary Inspection
Poolewe Primary School ©	Aug-11	Poolewe Primary Inspection
Shieldaig Primary School	Apr 2009 (follow up)	Shieldaig Primary Inspection

© Denotes school part of a “cluster” management arrangement

Early Years Centre	Date of Latest Published Report	Link
Bualnaluib Primary Nursery	Sep-12	Bualnaluib Primary Nursery Inspection
Gairloch Primary Nursery - EM	Jan-14	Gairloch Primary Nursery EM Inspection
Gairloch Primary Nursery - GM	Feb-13	Gairloch Primary Nursery GM Inspection
Kinlochewe Primary Nursery	Jan-12	Kinlochewe Primary Nursery Inspection
Poolewe Primary Nursery	Jan-14	Poolewe Primary Nursery Inspection
Shieldaig Primary Nursery	Oct-12	Shieldaig Primary Nursery Inspection
Childminders no of: 3		

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
Gairloch High School	88.9%	93.1%	93.1%
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	Gairloch High School	HIGHLAND	SCOTLAND
2011/12	27	2495	50892
2012/13	29	2579	52792
2013/14	29	2601	51876

Destinations of Pupils (%)

DESTINATION	Gairloch High School			HIGHLAND			SCOTLAND		
	11/12	12/13	13/14	11/12	12/13	13/14	11/12	12/13	13/14
Higher Education	25.9%	44.8%	55.2%	34.6%	33.7%	32.3%	37.3%	36.5%	38.6%
Further Education	25.9%	10.3%	10.3%	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	25.9%	34.5%	27.6%	29.7%	31.2%	31.9%	19.8%	20.4%	21.7%
Voluntary	7.4%	3.4%	0.0%	0.9%	0.7%	0.8%	0.4%	0.5%	0.4%
Activity Agreements	3.7%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	1.9%	1.5%	0.9%	1.3%	1.1%
Unemployed Seeking	7.4%	3.4%	3.4%	5.9%	5.6%	4.8%	8.4%	7.1%	6.3%
Unemployed Not Seeking	3.7%	3.4%	0.0%	1.9%	0.8%	1.3%	1.3%	1.2%	1.1%
Unknown	0.0%	0.0%	3.4%	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 Gairloch High School.

1.2 Pupils

Roll taken from the Pupil Census extracted in September 2014 and Highland Pre-School Survey collected January 2015.

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%
Bualnaluib Primary School	16	0	<5	small school/number	small school/number
Gairloch Primary School	85	0	<5	8.6%	80.0%
Kinlochewe Primary School	10	0	0	41.7%	100.0%
Poolewe Primary School	23	0	0	27.6%	100.0%
Shieldaig Primary School	12	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Highland Secondary				10.9%	84.7%
Scotland Secondary				15.5%	76.6%
Gairloch High School	142	0	<5	9.0%	100.0%
Nursery Name	Pupil Roll	Looked After	EAL Pupils	Free Meals Eligibility	Free Meals Uptake
Bualnaluib Primary Nursery	4				
Gairloch Nursery - EM	13				
Gairloch Nursery - GM	3				
Kinlochewe Primary Nursery	3				
Poolewe Primary Nursery	5				
Shieldaig Primary Nursery	3				

Looked After and English as an Additional Language pupil numbers extracted from school management system in December 2014. 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 and 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
Bualnaluib Primary School	94.9%	4.5%	0.6%	0/1000	0/1000
Gairloch Primary School	95.3%	3.4%	1.3%	0/1000	0/1000
Kinlochewe Primary School	92.1%	7.9%	0.0%	0/1000	0/1000
Poolewe Primary School	95.7%	2.8%	1.5%	0/1000	0/1000
Shieldaig Primary School	95.6%	4.4%	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 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
Gairloch High School	92.0%	6.4%	1.6%	0/1000	0/1000

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
Gairloch High School	silver	Yes	Adequate (2008)	0	0	0
Bualnaluib Primary School	bronze	Yes	Unsatisfactory (2005)	0	0	3
Gairloch Primary School	withdrawn	Yes	Good (2011)	0	0	0
Kinlochewe Primary School	green flag	Yes	Good (2008)	0	0	0
Poolewe Primary School	silver	Yes	Good (2011)	2	2	0
Shieldaig Primary School	bronze	Yes	Adequate (2006)	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)
Gairloch High	22.40	6.90
Bualnaluib Primary	1.80	1.19
Gairloch Primary	5.50	1.75
Kinlochewe Primary	1.30	0.48
Poolewe Primary	2.73	1.50
Shieldaig Primary	1.44	0.54
Nursery	Teaching Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	Non-Teaching (FTE)
Bualnaluib Primary Nursery		1.31
Gairloch Primary Nursery - EM		1.31
Gairloch Primary Nursery - GM		0.66
Kinlochewe Primary Nursery		0.66
Poolewe Primary Nursery		1.31
Shieldaig Primary Nursery		0.66

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 have been calculated on 35 hours 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 August 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, 26th September 2012. Report [ACS.33.12](#)

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

- 220.5 hrs – PSA staff

The identified level of need at start of session was:

43	Pupils at level 2
11	Pupils at level 3
1	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
Gairloch High	1,281,681	8,432	38,584	1,063,733	7,491	37,051
Bualnaluib P	129,717	5,896	-7,655	107,235	6,308	-6,598
Gairloch P	319,606	4,205	-16,756	275,055	3,274	-16,292
Kinlochewe P	81,212	6,768	-4,186	75,378	6,282	-4,337
Poolewe P	151,888	5,238	-4,353	123,215	4,739	-7,626
Shieldaig P	106,550	9,686	-5,133	79,482	6,624	-4,208

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)
Gairloch High School	B	B	50%	£255000 including library/leisure centre works and climbing wall
Bualnaluib Primary School	C	B	92%	£50000 including window replacements and removal of classroom unit
Gairloch Primary School	B	B	63%	£125000 including nursery conversion and re-surfacing of playground
Kinlochewe Primary School	C	C	46%	£10000 including replacement windows
Poolewe Primary School	C	B	50%	£110000 including refurbishment of toilets and re-build of boundary wall
Shieldaig Primary School	C	B	89%	

2.0 HIGH LIFE HIGHLAND IN ASG

HLH Facilities and Services within the Gairloch Associated School Group Area	User Information	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Gairloch Leisure Centre	users	15,050	14,415	10,842
Gairloch Library	issues	38,525	45,738	46,071
Active Schools Coordinator (figures for academic years, term time only)	Unique Participants	260	283	327
Youth Development Officer	Contacts with Young People	601	396	407
Adult Learning	Unique Participants	163	298	Figure available from June 15

Programme information

Gairloch Leisure Centre:

<https://www.highlifehighland.com/gairloch-leisure-centre/>

Gairloch Library:

<https://www.highlifehighland.com/gairloch-community-library/>

Mobile Library:

<https://www.highlifehighland.com/west-ross-mobile-library/>

Torridon Campsite:

http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/1457/tourism_and_visitor_attractions/44/our_camping_sites/2

3.0 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

School Name	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	TOTAL
Bualnaluib Primary School	0	1	3	3	5	3	1	16
Gairloch Primary School – English Medium	8	6	5	10	8	8	14	59
Gairloch Primary School – Gaelic Medium	4	3	2	9	2	3	3	26
Kinlochewe Primary School	2	1	1	1	1	3	1	10
Poolewe Primary School	1	5	1	2	6	3	5	23
Shieldaig Primary School	2	0	2	3	2	1	2	12

Nursery	N3 (Jan)	N4 (Jan)	N3 (Apr)	No Sessions
Bualnaluib Primary Nursery	1	4	0	5
Gairloch Primary Nursery - EM	3	15	1	5
Gairloch Primary Nursery - GM	2	3	0	5
Kinlochewe Primary Nursery	1	3	0	5
Poolewe Primary Nursery	1	5	0	5
Shieldaig Primary Nursery	0	3	0	5

School Name	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S1-S6
Gairloch High School	22	19	28	23	29	21	142