

Outstanding Achievements - People Committee: 19 October 2017

Ardnamurchan High School

Ardnamurchan High School has won the 'Highland Enterprising Maths' trophy for the second year running.

Previous winners Alistair Tait and Ben Gregg were joined by two new pupils, Dugald Macintyre and Bethan White, to overcome strong competition from 13 other Highland schools at Millburn Academy. They will now take part in the prestigious national final of the Maths competition held at Glasgow Science Centre.

Avonlea

Avonlea Children's House in Wick has received high grades in its inspection: Excellent (grade 6) for Quality of care and support, and Very Good (grade 5) for Quality of staffing.

Lynda Banks



Despite being injured 6 weeks before the competition, Smithton Headteacher Lynda Banks won 4 Gold Medals representing Scotland in South Africa at the Commonwealth Powerlifting Championships. She retained her Commonwealth Champion title for the second time.

Caol Primary

Caol Primary School has been recognised in the Digital Schools Awards, joining Lundavra and Kinlochleven Primaries. This national awards programme promotes and encourage a whole school approach to the use of digital technology in schools. The schools that successfully complete the programme receive the nationally recognised award, accredited by Education Scotland.

Colin Marr – Eden Court

Colin Marr, former Chief Executive at Eden Court, has taken up a new role at the Edinburgh Playhouse. Prior to leaving though, he won the Business Leader of the Year award at the recent Highland Business Awards.

To honour Colin's time at Eden Court, the theatre has created The Marr Fund, which is intended to ensure that Eden Court CREATIVE will continue to thrive. All the money raised will go towards ensuring that Creative Arts are accessible to people across the Highlands.

Dingwall Primary and Academy

Deárrsadh - a group of 11 and 12 year olds from Dingwall, have won top prize in the Folk Group Competition for Under 13 year olds at the Royal National Mòd in Lochaber.

The young singers attend Dingwall Primary and Dingwall Academy, and were one of 8 folk groups from across Scotland in the competition. Each group performed two songs of their own choice, with accompaniment of musical instruments. In second place, was a group from Lochaber called Na-h-Abraich.

The Highland Council supported this competition for the ninth year running.

Jamie Edmondson



Jamie, an S5 pupil at Grantown Grammar School, won the Scottish Downhill Mountain Bike Championship at Fort William. He is already regarded by many in the sport as the brightest star of Scottish downhill racing.

Fèis Rois

Fèis Rois Ceilidh Trail won the Best Traditional Event at this year's Scottish Event Awards. The Ceilidh Trail is the annual flagship participatory event for Fèis Rois, involving a series of concerts by young people across the country, including Eden Court and the Belladrum Festival. The model has been adopted by a number of other communities across the country. The awards are sponsored and organised by the Scottish events industry.

Catriona Gray



Drakies Primary School teacher Catriona Gray won Teacher of the Year at the recent MFR Community Awards.