

Outstanding Achievements - People Committee: 6 December 2017

Applecross Primary

Applecross Primary has won the CRNS (Community Resources Network Scotland) national 'Reuse versus Recycle' schools challenge for 2017. The school won the award for their fantastic and humorous silent commercial (set in vintage black and white comedy style), which displayed great examples of items that can be reused and recycled. Their commercial is at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SiLO7RwwsIY&feature=youtu.be>

Martyn Crawshaw

Martyn Crawshaw, Principal Teacher of Science at Millburn Academy, has been awarded the Institute of Physics 'Teacher of Physics Award' 2017 for his outstanding contributions to the teaching of physics.



Culloden Academy

After a day at an Armed Forces pupils' event, staff and pupils at the school embarked on a huge project with the community, to honour those who have lost their lives at war.

Rebecca Gilchrist

Rebecca Gilchrist from Grantown Grammar School has won the Special Achievement Award at the Sports Moray awards, given to an individual who has attained an outstanding personal achievement through overcoming adversity. Rebecca has fibromyalgia and is the Female Scottish Paraclimb Champion. She is currently competing in preliminary rounds and hopes to be selected as the youngest member of the Team GB Paraclimbing squad.

Hair & Beauty Festival

Highland pupils won the top spots at the North East Scotland Hair & Beauty Festival, held at the Aberdeen Beach Ballroom. First place went to Bethany Colligan from the Inverness Royal Academy. Navarana MacLeod from the school was second, and Megan Wilson from Kingussie came third.

Highland Council Quality Awards

Staff from Care & Learning and Community Servicers were successful at the Quality Awards:

- The partnership between Criminal Justice Social Work and APEX through the Peddiston Poly Tunnels Project, won the 'Achieving a fairer Highland' award.
- ASPIRE (Autism Strategies for Parents to Improve Relationships and Experiences) won the 'Outstanding Partnership' Award
- Liz Robertson, Early Years Practitioner at Kirkhill Primary won a Community Award
- Trainee of the Year went to mechanic Kyle Dempster, from the workshop in Fort William
- Alana Brown, Administrative Assistant with the Multi-Agency Public Protection Team, is the Highland Council Employee of the Year!!



Marcus Long

After studying post-school at Inverness College UHI, care experienced Marcus Long has gone on to start a degree course in Mathematics at Herriot Watt University.

Lasadh

An online Gaelic Education resource site for Primary School Teachers “Lasadh” has received the award for Innovation in Education at the Scottish Gaelic Awards. It a literacy resource website for Gaelic Medium practitioners (<https://www.lasadh.co.uk/>) and was created by Mairi MacDonald and Gwen Culbertson, who teach at Bun-sgoil Shlèite.

Lybster Primary School

Lybster Primary School reached the Quarter Finals in the BBC CBBC quiz show, Top Class.

Clare Frances MacNeil

Clare Frances MacNeil from Lochaber High School was presented with the best debater award at the final of the 2017 National Gaelic Schools Debate, which took place at the Scottish Parliament in November. Along with Iain Gillies, the High School team came second overall in the competition.

Residential Respite Services

Thor House in Thurso has received ‘very good’ grades from Care Inspectorate in its recent inspection, for the Quality of Care & Support, and Environment.

The Orchard in Inverness was inspected against all four categories, with ‘very good’ grades for the Quality of Care & Support, Environment, Staffing, and Management & Leadership.

Scottish Qualification Authority Star Awards

- Glenurquhart High School pupil Manon Robinson was Highly Commended in the School Candidate of the Year category, after she achieved seven Highers in the past year.
- Highland Council’s Learning and Development Assessment Centre was Highly Commended for helping make education accessible to council staff and other local employers across the region.

Sport Scotland Gold Awards

Portree Primary School has received a second Gold School Sport Award. It was also the first school in the Highlands and Islands to receive this award from Sport Scotland, in 2015.

Millburn Academy has been given a gold award for innovation and achievement in delivering physical education and extra-curricular sport.