

Agenda item	6
Report no	RC/028/17

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: Ross and Cromarty Committee

Date: 31 October 2017

Report Title: Plockton Associated School Group Overview

Report By: Quality Improvement Manager

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update of key information in relation to the schools within the Plockton Associated School Group (ASG), and provides useful updated links to further information in relation to these schools.

The primary schools in this area serve over 220 pupils, with the secondary school serving 288 young people.

ASG roll projections can be found at:

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/schoolrollforecasts>

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Committee is invited to scrutinise and discuss the progress report and updates in relation to the 4 Priorities; Road Safety, Alcohol and Drugs Abuse/Misuse, Antisocial Behaviour, Dishonesty.

3. School Information

3.1 Secondary – [Link to Plockton High webpage](#)

Plockton High School

Recent Successes

- A number of our pupils play in the Lochalsh Junior Pipe band which won its category at the recent World Championships in Glasgow.
- An S5 pupil has had her book published. It is called Teddy Bears on a Tandem and it describes the epic cycle her family undertook when they took 2 years to cycle over 16000 miles from Arctic Canada to Patagonia.
- A group of last year's S6 students formed the Computers for Africa group lead by a staff member. They travelled to South Africa and Swaziland where they set up computers in 15 schools.
- Over the summer, an S6 pupil, was selected for the Scotland Under 17 Shinty Squad which had a very successful tour in Ireland

After School Activities

- Football club – Boys & Girls
- Archery Club
- Rugby
- Biology
- Music Practice
- Technology Project
- Badminton
- Shinty
- Bible Club

Applecross Primary

Recent Successes

- Peat Cutting Project involving all the children from Nursery years onwards. This resulted in the production of a short film which has been very successfully shared with parents/carers and the local community.
- Overnight camping trip for all pupils from P1- P7
- Planting and creation of a willow tunnel and adjoining den space
- Pupils and staff arranged for a themed French Café in the local community centre.
- Pupils were involved in presenting Gaelic songs they had been learning as part of the Massive Strupag morning. All proceeds went to Children In Need.
- Pupils have also taken part in field trips to Eilean Donan Castle, Armadale, the Otter Hide at Kyle Rhea and Strome Castle.

After School Activities

- Ukulele Club
- Football Club
- Seekers Club
- Science Club
- Gaelic Club
- Shinty
- Swimming

Auchtertyre Primary

Recent Successes

- Pupils are active in using the polytunnel to grow vegetables and flowers, using garden produce for school lunches and have entered the Plockton Horticultural show with a display of garden produce.
- Pupils won various Shinty competitions, Swimming Gala and ASG athletics competitions.
- Pupils competed in local shinty competitions and reached the semi-final of a national Shinty competition with a select team from the Kinlochshiel schools.
- All pupils have attended swimming lessons at Lochalsh Leisure Centre
- Pupils have attended festivals for football, shinty, basketball, badminton in Plockton High School.
- P7 pupils visited Torrin Outdoor Centre where they took part in gorge-walking and kayaking. P6 pupils joined with Loch Duich Primary pupils at a weekend trip to Abernethy Trust taking part in outdoor pursuits.
- Some of our piping and drumming pupils took part in the Lochalsh Junior Pipeband, winning both the World Championship and British novice Grade A competition.
- All pupils took part in a Diabetes Awareness day.
- The pupils performed in a Christmas and Summer concert.
- Youth Music Initiative provided 12 sessions of music tuition for all pupils.

After School Activities

- Shinty club ,
- Football club,
- Gymnastics,
- Art Club
- Drama club for the SCDA competition.

Glenelg Primary

Recent Successes

- In order to develop understanding of work skills, all pupils received an opportunity to attend a 'work experience' out of school. P3/4 worked in the local café and older pupils visited a local croft where they marked lambs for sale and all visited the Mart in Dingwall
- Pupils are active in using the polytunnel and grow vegetables and flowers, using garden produce for school lunches and have entered the Plockton Horticultural show with a display of garden produce.

- Pupils have competed in local shinty and football tournaments, attended swimming lessons at Lochalsh Leisure Centre and attended festivals for football, shinty, basketball, badminton in Plockton High School.
- The whole school visited Urquhart Castle and took part in an educational programme there on the castle.
- P5-7 pupils attended a three day trip, staying at Fort William Youth Hostel where they prepared meals and organised activities. They all took part in many outdoor pursuits and also ice climbing and rock climbing at Kinlochleven's Ice Factor.
- All school pupils, staff and volunteers sailed on the Waverley from Armadale to Inverie, Knoydart. The pupils visited the local school and met with the pupils there.
- The whole school attended Eden Court Pantomime.
- The Young Engineers came first in the 'YESC – Highland' competition to build a crane capable of transporting water bottles onto a platform in a limited time.
- Pupils were video-recorded speaking Gaelic by the Gaelic Development Office for use in Highland language training. .
- P5-7 pupils received 'epipen' training.
- The school performed their own version of 'Cinderella' at Christmas.
- Youth Music Initiative provided 12 sessions of music tuition for all pupils.

After School Activities

- Shinty club
- Cycling club
- Bike Maintenance Club,
- Bike Ability Club
- Engineering Club

Kyle Primary

Recent Successes

- School held a Viking afternoon – pupils sang songs and tasted Viking food
- P5-7 pupils attended Athletics Championships at Plockton High
- A pupil won the Advanced Chanter section at the South West Ross Piping Competition
- Pupils participated in NSPCC & Wild about Scotland workshops
- Pupils participated at the Kyle Triathlon
- Kyle & Kyleakin Parent Councils held a Bingo night which raised the sum of £1483.28. The money will be split between both schools
- Held a concert for pupils, parents, staff and the wider community

After School Activities

- Shinty
- Football
- Dancing
- Swimming
- Cubs

Kyleakin Primary

Recent Successes

- Kyle & Kyleakin Parent Councils held a Bingo night which raised the sum of £1483.28. The money will be split between both schools
- Kyleakin has a new Poly tunnel – pupils have been growing potatoes and eating them. Pupils have picked the apples and they are being used by the school cook.
- P7 pupil passed Curricular exams for numeracy and literacy (age appropriate) in Polish. Visiting Poland early Sept 2017
- A pupil was runner up in designing the mascot for the World Badminton Championships in Glasgow next year.
- A pupil was runner up in an Art Completion run by Staedtler, winning £250 of stationery for the school.

After School Activities

- Shinty
- Enterprise club

Lochcarron Primary

Recent Successes

- County Sports at Dingwall – Group winners
- Ross-Shire Swimming Gala – Group Winners
- Small Schools Tournament, Invergordon – Winners
- Shinty – R. MacRae Cup Winners. Girls – Dewar Cup winners. Runners-Up Strathpeffer 6's
- Qualifiers for the Badminton Scottish Schools National Finals 2017, and the National U11's Badminton Championships
- Plockton Annual Village Show – Highly Commended Schools Vegetable Category
- Young Ross-Shire Writers Competition 2017 – Second prize
- Coffee Morning – Raised a total of £1132 for School funds
- Whole School involvement in the Shielling Project
- Visit and workshop by Victoria Everleigh – Children's author specialising in books about horses and ponies
- Very successful Enterprise Projects – involving selling Lochcarron Primary School tea towels and felting project

After School Activities

- Chanter/Pipes
- Fiddle
- Highland Dancing
- Piano
- Badminton
- Shinty
- Sailing

Loch Duich Primary

Recent Successes

- Pupils are active in using our polytunnel to grow vegetables and flowers, using garden produce for school lunches and have entered the Plockton Horticultural show with a display of garden produce.
- Pupils organise a Grounds Day, involving wider community to tidy their grounds.
- Pupils won various Shinty competitions with a team from Auchtertyre and Loch Duich schools. All pupils have attended swimming lessons and an Inter School Gala, at Lochalsh Leisure Centre
- Pupils have attended festivals for football, shinty, basketball, badminton in Plockton High School.
- P7 pupils visited Torrin Outdoor Centre where they took part in gorge-walking and kayaking. P6 pupils joined with Loch Duich Primary pupils at a weekend trip to Abernethy Trust taking part in outdoor pursuits.
- P4-7 pupils took part in a City Trip to Glasgow which included visits to the Science Centre, Tall Ships, a Trampoline Park and Urquhart Castle
- P1-7 visit to Achnagart Farm; P1-3 river walk with NTS Ranger.
- Younger pupils hosted P3/4 pupils from Glenelg Primary in joined learning experiences in order to extend their social peer groups.
- Some of our piping and drumming pupils took part in the Lochalsh Junior Pipeband, winning both the World Championship and British novice Grade A competition.
- Pupils performed in a Christmas and Summer concert and provided entertainment to Senior Citizens Lunch Club.
- Youth Music Initiative provided 12 sessions of music tuition for all pupils.

After School Activities

Shinty
Football
Gardening Club
Drama Club

Plockton Primary

Recent Successes

- Jeans for Genes –£51.80
- 29 Shoeboxes were filled for Blythswood
- £152.34 was donated to the Plockton Playpark Appeal (pupils voted and this was their choice).
- Pupils have participated in a variety of sporting activities
- Pupils participated at the local Mod
- The school has an active Parent Council, Charity Council and Eco-School Council
- Arranging to perform a whole school Christmas Pantomime

After School Activities

- Football
- Shinty
- Homework Club
- Parents Club

Primary

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/directory/44/schools/search>

School	Link to School Webpage
Applecross Primary School ©	Applecross Primary webpage
Auchtertyre Primary School ©	Auchtertyre Primary webpage
Glenelg Primary School ©	Glenelg Primary webpage
Kyle Primary School ©	Kyle Primary webpage
Kyleakin Primary School ©	Kyleakin Primary webpage
Loch Duich Primary School ©	Loch Duich Primary webpage
Lochcarron Primary School ©	Lochcarron Primary webpage
Plockton Primary School ©	Plockton Primary webpage

© Denotes school part of a “cluster” management arrangement

3.2 School/Nursery Inspections

School	Date of Latest Published Report	Link to Education Scotland Pages
Plockton High School	Feb-15	Plockton High Inspection
Applecross Primary School	Mar-09	Applecross Primary Inspection
Auchtertyre Primary School	Follow-Up Jun-10	Auchtertyre Primary Inspection
Glenelg Primary School	Oct-08	Glenelg Primary Inspection
Kyle Primary School	Jan-14	Kyle Primary Inspection
Kyleakin Primary School	May-16	Kyleakin Primary Inspection
Loch Duich Primary School	Aug-17	Loch Duich Primary Inspection
Lochcarron Primary School	Jan-10	Lochcarron Primary Inspection
Plockton Primary School	Feb-09	Plockton Primary Inspection

Early Year Centre	Inspection Month	Quality of Care & Support	Quality of Environment	Quality of Staffing	Quality of Management & Leadership
Applecross Primary Nursery	Mar-16	good	good	good	good
Auchtertyre Primary Nursery	Nov-14	Very good	good	good	good
Coniston Nursery	Sep-16	Very good	Not assessed	Very good	Not assessed
Glenelg Primary Nursery	May-14	Very good	Very good	good	good
Kyle Primary Nursery	Mar-16	good	good	good	good
Kyleakin Primary Nursery	Mar-13	excellent	Very good	excellent	excellent
Lohcarron Playgroup	Mar-17	Very good	Not assessed	Not assessed	good
Plockton Primary Nursery - GM	Mar-17	good	good	Not assessed	Not assessed

Other School Information

SCHOOL	ECO School	Travel Plan	No of Placing Requests In	No of Placing Requests in Granted	No of Placing Requests Out Granted
Plockton High School	Bronze	Yes	8	8	2
Applecross Primary School	Withdrawn	No	0	0	0
Auchtertyre Primary School	Silver	Yes	3	3	3
Glenelg Primary School	Green Flag	Yes	0	0	0
Kyle Primary School	Silver	No	2	2	1
Kyleakin Primary School	Withdrawn	No	1	1	0
Loch Duich Primary School	Withdrawn	No	0	0	0
Lohcarron Primary School	Silver	Yes	0	0	3
Plockton Primary School	Silver	Yes	2	2	4

ECO School information is reported as at May 2017. Placing requests are those received to start in a school during academic year 2016-17.

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 (Item 9a). Report [ACS-33-12](#).

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

- 1.8 FTE ASN teachers
- 480.5hours PSA time

The identified level of need at start of session was:

24	Pupils at level 2
22	Pupils at level 3
6	Pupils at level 4

Funding

School/ Nursery	Budget Aug 2015	Cost Per Pupil	Carry Fwd 2014-15
Plockton High School	1,873,682	6,330	(31,464)
Auchtertyre P.S.	221,698	3,167	(9,646)
Lochcarron P.S.	192,956	5,078	(7,975)
Glenelg P.S.	135,523	6,776	(7,425)
Kyle P.S.	162,949	3,880	(8,001)
Applecross P.S.	80,569	7,324	(2,883)
Loch Duich P.S.	100,388	7,171	(4,985)
Plockton P.S.	166,679	TBC	(2,579)
Auchtertyre Nursery Unit	32,819	2,525	(287)
Kyle Nursery School	31,189	2,399	(286)
Applecross Nursery	14,409	7,204	(245)
Plockton GM Nursery	21,129	TBC	(710)

Members are asked to note that devolved funding is generally sufficient for school needs. Figures in () are surpluses.

Buildings

School	Suitability	Condition	% Roll Capacity
Plockton High School	Poor	Satisfactory	66%
Applecross Primary School	Poor	Poor	32%
Auchtertyre Primary School	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	88%
Glenelg Primary School	Poor	Satisfactory	30%
Kyle Primary School	Poor	Satisfactory	56%
Kyleakin Primary School	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	42%
Loch Duich Primary School	Poor	Poor	32%
Lochcarron Primary School	Poor	Poor	43%
Plockton Primary School	Satisfactory	Poor	35%

Building suitability, condition and capacity levels are as reported on the 2017 School Estate Core Facts return.

4. Pupil Information

4.1 Pupil Destinations 16+

Leaver destination information is taken from the School Leaver Destination data collected by Skills Development Scotland (SDS) on behalf of the Scottish Government. The most recent return is based on a follow up of young people who left school between 1 August 2015 and 31 July 2016.

	% Positive Destinations		
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Plockton High School	96.4%	92.5%	100.0%
Highland	92.7%	93.7%	94.9%
Scotland	92.3%	92.9%	93.3%

Number of pupils leaving in school year:

Total No. Leavers	Plockton High School	HIGHLAND	SCOTLAND
2013/14	56	2601	51876
2014/15	67	2700	53836
2015/16	58	2516	52249

% of Leavers	Plockto High School			HIGHLAND			SCOTLAND		
	13/14	14/15	15/16	13/14	14/15	15/16	13/14	14/15	15/16
Higher Education	42.9	34.3	50.0	32.3	34.1	37.2	38.6	38.3	40.3
Further Education	21.4	20.9	10.3	23.8	26.3	21.3	26.3	27.8	26.6
Training	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	1.5	1.0	4.1	3.8	2.6
Employment	26.8	35.0	39.7	31.9	29.1	32.7	21.7	21.7	22.3
Voluntary	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.5
Activity Agreements	1.8	1.5	0.0	1.5	1.9	1.8	1.1	0.9	1.0
Unemployed Seeking	1.8	4.0	0.0	4.8	4.2	3.3	6.3	5.4	5.1
Unemployed Not Seeking	1.8	3	0.0	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.3
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.2

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 Activity Agreements involving former pupils of Plockton High.

4.2 Pupil Attendance/Absence/Exclusions 2015/16

Scottish Government collect Attendance, Absence and Exclusions on a bi-annual basis, next reporting year is 2016-17.

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 (2015-16)	94.9%	4.0%	1.1%	8/1000	5/1000
Scotland Primary (2014-15)	94.9%	3.8%	1.3%	9/1000	5/1000
Applecross Primary School	93.0%	6.9%	0.1%	0/1000	0/1000
Auchtertyre Primary School	94.0%	5.5%	0.5%	0/1000	0/1000
Glenelg Primary School	92.1%	5.0%	2.9%	0/1000	0/1000
Kyle Primary School	91.8%	8.2%	0.1%	0/1000	0/1000
Kyleakin Primary School	95.6%	3.3%	1.0%	48/1000	48/1000
Loch Duich Primary School	96.5%	3.4%	0.1%	0/1000	0/1000
Lochcarron Primary School	94.4%	5.5%	0.0%	0/1000	0/1000
Plockton Primary School	95.1%	4.6%	0.3%	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 (2015-16)	91.46%	5.9%	2.6%	39/1000	26/1000
Scotland Secondary (2014-15)	91.9%	5.4%	2.5%	50/1000	29/1000
Plockton High	92.2%	4.5%	3.3%	32/1000	32/1000

Roll, Looked After and EAL pupil numbers have been taken from the Pupil Census carried out in September 2016.

School	Pupil Roll	Looked After	EAL Pupils	Free Meals Registered P4-7	Free Meals Uptake P4-7	Free Meals Uptake P1-3
Highland Primary (2017)				13.5%	76.5%	72.5%
Scotland Primary (2017)				17.5%	86.2%	81.2%
Applecross Primary	8	<5	0	Small school/number		71.4%
Auchtertyre Primary	66	<5	0	Small school/number		81.8%
Glenelg Primary	13	<5	0	Small school/number		Small school/number
Kyle Primary	42	0	<5	31.8%	85.7%	82.4%
Kyleakin Primary	21	0	0	Small school/number		66.7%
Loch Duich Primary	16	0	0	Small school/number		100.0%
Lochcarron Primary	43	0	0	Small school/number		92.9%
Plockton Primary	26	0	0	Small school/number	80.0%	

School	Pupil Roll	Looked After	EAL Pupils	Free Meals Registration	Free Meals Uptake
Highland Secondary (2017)				11.3%	77.4%
Scotland Secondary (2017)				14.7%	73.4%
Plockton High School	283	5	<5	10.1%	100.0%

Free School Meal information extracted from Healthy Living Survey collected February 2017 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. The comment "small school/number" indicates that because of the small numbers of pupils in the school or the small numbers registered for free school meals this information cannot be disclosed.

5. High Life Highland

HLH Facilities and Services within the Portree Associated School Group Area	User Information	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Plockton Library	Visits	2496	3445	2989
Lochcarron Library	Visits	2015	2821	3243
Kyle of Lochalsh Library	Visits	5798	5543	5590
Skye & Lochalsh Mobile Library	Visits	8970	9823	6829
Auchtertyre Learning Centre	Uses	-	536	352
Active Schools Coordinator (academic year, term time only)	Unique Participants	333	323	328
Youth Development Officer	Contacts with young people	1505	1254	1055
Adult Learning	Unique Participants	290	245	*
Adult Learning	Literacy/ESOL Contacts	*	*	96

* Due to commissioned classes being phased out and a refocus of Adult Learning in 2015/16 on literacy/ESOL work in priority communities the measurement has changed. (ESOL - English for Speakers of Other Languages)

Programme Information:-

Plockton Library: <https://www.highlifehighland.com/plockton-library/>

Lochcarron Library: <https://www.highlifehighland.com/lochcarron-library/>

Kyle of Lochalsh Library: <https://www.highlifehighland.com/kyle-of-lochalsh-library/>

Mobile Library: <https://www.highlifehighland.com/skye-and-lochalsh-mobile-library/>

6. Implications

- 6.1 Resource - None
- 6.2 Legal -.None
- 6.3 Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural) - None
- 6.4 Climate Change/Carbon Clever - None
- 6.5 Risk - None

6.6 Gaelic - None

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Background Papers:

SCHOOL ROLLS 2017-18 (August – first week back)

PRIMARY SCHOOL	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Total
Applecross Primary		2	3	2	1			8
Auchtertyre Primary	4	8	10	6	6	12	9	55
Glenelg Primary				2	3	1	2	8
Kyle Primary	7	7	3	10	4	6	7	44
Kyleakin Primary	1	4	1	4	3	3	3	19
Loch Duich Primary		3	2	1	3	1	2	12
Lochcarron Primary	6	6	6	7	8	3	10	46
Plockton Primary	4	4	3	7	6	5	2	31
Grand Total	22	34	28	39	34	31	35	223

SECONDARY SCHOOL	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S1-S6
Plockton High School	47	47	46	42	62	44	288

EARL YEARS – NURSERY	3 yrs	4 or 5 yrs
Applecross Primary Nursery	1	2
Auchtertyre Primary Nursery	0	13
Coniston Nursery	5	10
Glenelg Primary Nursery	3	0
Kyle Primary Nursery	6	5
Kyleakin Primary Nursery	2	5
Lochcarron Playgroup	4	6
Plockton Primary Nursery - GM	2	2

*In partner centres the figures are the enrolments for the year (some may start after August).
In school nurseries the figures are those currently in nursery (August).*