

Outstanding Achievements: Care, Learning and Housing Committee - 10 October 2019

Culloden Academy

Shona Murdison (S4) has been involved in the most amazing experience this summer as a culmination of a woman in STEM project that has been 1 year in the making and took in 1000 girls from all over the world. The selected girls were then all linked with female STEM mentors and took part in online seminars and projects. They were then given the opportunity to attend a global conference in New York, which included meeting Nobel Prize winners, workshops, a gala dinner and guest speakers. Shona has written a report of her time in New York <https://livestream.com/newyorkacademyofsciences>

Grantown Grammar

Congratulations to Rebecca Gilchrist, S3 pupil at Grantown Grammar. Rebecca came first in the Scottish Paraclimbing Championships held at the beginning of September and is now Scottish Champion in the PG2 Female category.

Tarradale Primary School

Tarradale Primary alongside MOO Food presented at the Scottish Learning Festival last week in Glasgow. Our seminar was one of only 6 filmed. Our presentation was 'Growing our Future through nurturing our community'. It was well received and photographs can be seen on our school facebook page.

Dingwall Academy

Andrew Georgeson, S3 pupil at Dingwall Academy won the Scottish Juvenile Mountain Bike competition - held over a gruelling course in Glen Coe. Andrew is an active member of the school mountain bike club, and has already enjoyed considerable success at both Scottish and British level. Andrew trains extremely hard and this recent Scottish title is very well deserved.

Nairn Academy

1. Golfing success
 - i. Nairn Academy Pupil Summer Elliott competed for Scotland in golf last weekend in the U14/U16's friendly match against Wales. Summer won both of her singles matches and scored 2 points for Scotland. The overall result was a tie 7 1/2 vs 7 1/2. It was a great opportunity given to Summer by Scottish Golf to represent Scotland for the first time.
 - ii. Nairn Academy pupil Calum Scott golf achievements - tied 7th in English Boys U18 Open Amateur Stroke and 4th Scottish boys
 - a. Older brother and former Nairn Academy pupil Sandy Scott, 21, represented GB&I in Walker Cup.
2. Melanie Nicol won gold in two athletics events recently
 - i. The SDS Seniors U17 100m and 200m
 - ii. The Perth Open Championship 100m and 200m
3. All S2 pupils at Nairn Academy worked with local community groups recently to combat pollution by doing a beach clean in Nairn.

Auldearn Primary School

1. P5 pupil Adam Mitchell is a finalist in the Inverness Courier Highland Heroes Awards. Liam has been nominated as the 'bravest child' because he has had Lyme Disease for two years and has recently been under-going more treatment. He has also spoken to the whole school at an assembly to raise awareness of Lyme Disease.
2. Ralph Mason a P4 pupil won first prize in the Nairn Book and Arts drawing competition.

Elgol Primary School

Elgol Primary School on the Isle of Skye has been awarded the Gold School Sports Award from **sportscotland** in recognition of the work that the school and community have undertaken to develop PE and school sport.

The **sportscotland** School Sport Award is a national, Lottery funded initiative designed to encourage schools to continuously improve physical education (PE) and school sport opportunities.

The Bridge School

Christian Alexis Stewart and her sister Bella have gained national recognition with some of the work they have done on representing the travelling community both in the creation of an information leaflet and also poems they have written.

Kilmallie Road environmental project

The residents of Kilmallie Road, Caol have been commended in the Lochaber Life publication for their recent environmental project.

Local residents identified environmental improvements to their estate as a priority and worked with the Community Warden and Tenant Participation Officer along with the Community Payback Team, to plan and carry out a number of improvements including fence replacement, painting and the creation of plant beds.

Highland Housing Extravaganza

18 September 2019 was "Scottish Housing Day "

The Council hosted a drop in session in Inverness. This featured representatives from all the main housing providers in Highland and was an opportunity to promote a range of housing options and related housing services

Over 100 people attended the event, with good representation from targeted groups such as young people, veterans, people with disabilities or long-term illnesses, older people and ethnic minority groups.