

Outstanding Achievements: Care, Learning and Housing Committee - 5 December 2019

Invergordon Academy

Two siblings, Kayleigh and Kai Greig were selected to represent Scotland for Cross Country at the Army Cadet Force National Championships in October. Kai finished 3rd overall.

<https://www.ross-shirejournal.co.uk/news/cadet-siblings-represent-scotland-in-uk-wide-cross-country-contest-184945/>

Nairn

Below is a link to Rowen Henderson's award-winning short film on Climate Change. Two boys from Nairn share their story of being a driving force behind local climate change.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tPsHOr8i-g>

Millburn Academy

Ellen Steadwood S5 competed in the ICO World Kickboxing Championships in October and won 3 gold medals sparring in the under 55kg category for both light contact and points. She also fought up a weight division at under 60kg and won gold for points sparring.

Megan Keith an S6 pupil at Millburn Academy was awarded Sport Scotland's Young Sportswoman of the Year award at the event in Glasgow earlier this month.

Auldearn Primary

Adam Mitchell a P5 pupil at Auldearn Primary was nominated for a Highland Hero award for the Brave Child of the Year Award. He was nominated by Lyme disease UK and was selected as a finalist. Although he didn't win, he had a lovely time at the awards ceremony at the Kingsmills Hotel with his mum. Adam has suffered with Lyme Disease for over two years and is still having treatment to help him get better.

Alness Academy

Razannah Hussain a S6 pupil at Alness Academy has been voted in TES (an education business supporting teachers, school staff and schools) as "30 under 30" most inspiring young women in Scotland. She is only one of two pupils to make the list.

<https://www.tes.com/news/two-pupils-feature-list-30-inspiring-young-women>

Farr High School

Tom Frost who left Farr High School at the end of last session has been selected as one of the winners of the Poetry Society 2019 Foyle Young Poet of the Year award. He was flown to London for the ceremony. Tom submitted his poem whilst

a pupil at Farr, having been mentored by his previous English teacher, Mr Kevin Redgewell. Please see link below for further information:

<https://poetrysociety.org.uk/news/foyle-young-poets-of-the-year-award-2019-winners-announced/>

Inverness Royal Academy

- Sandy Brown S6 has been chosen to join the National Youth Orchestra of GB.
- Angus Laird S2 is representing Scotland in the Junior Orienteering Championship.
- Arinjay Agrawal S2 has been accepted into the New York Academy of Sciences Junior Academy.

The **Inverness Royal Academy Cycle Hub** was recently awarded Scottish Mountain Bike Community Project of the Year at the recent Developing Mountain Biking in Scotland (DMBinS) national awards. This award is aimed at groups/associations/people/hubs who come together for the benefit of their local Mountain Bike community. In addition, Inverness Royal Academy has also received a cycle friendly school award by Cycling Scotland.

The purpose of the Inverness Royal Academy cycle hub is to grow and promote cycling opportunities within the school and wider community, particularly targeting those who were not engaged in sport and from a deprived area. Key to this was the involvement from PE & Nurture base staff, school pupils, Scottish Cycling, Cycling Scotland, High Life Highland Hub Officer & Active Schools, Youth Development, Velocity Café & Bike Workshop, Sustrans and The Adventure Syndicate.

Muirtown Primary

Ciaran Lennon a P5 pupil at Muirtown Primary, and his brother, Aidan Lennon, who has just started S1 at Charleston, won the Primary Pupil of the year and the Highland Hero Awards last week for kickboxing.

Aviemore Primary

4 pupils from Aviemore Primary came second in the Badenoch and Strathspey Schools Snowsport Association (BSSSA) Scottish School Ski Finals at Braehead in Glasgow and won silver medals.

Drakies Primary

Drakies Primary School has been awarded the 'Cycle Friendly Primary School Award' by 'Cycling Scotland', demonstrating their commitment to encouraging active travel to school and creating an environment which is safe and conducive for children cycling/scooting to school.