

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Report No</b>	<b>BSAC/02/20</b>

**Committee:** **Badenoch & Strathspey Area Committee**

**Date:** **11 February 2020**

**Report Title:** **Kingussie High School Associated School Group - Area Overview**

**Report By:** **South Area Care & Learning Manager**

## **1. Purpose/Executive Summary**

- 1.1 Schools in the Kingussie High School ASG receive support from the South Area Care and Learning Team. This report provides an update on key information in relation to the schools within the ASG and provides useful updated web links to further information in relation to these schools.
- 1.2 Members are asked to note that, due to intense preparation for an Education Scotland Schools Inspection, updates on Wider Achievement & Notable Successes at 4.2 and School links with other Partners/Agencies at 5.1 below, in relation to the temporary Tri-Cluster of Kingussie, Alvie and Gergask Primary Schools, will be provided at a later date.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Area Committee is asked to scrutinise and note the content of the report.

## **3. Implications**

This report is for information in relation to the Kingussie High School ASG schools. It can be discussed in further detail at Ward Business Meetings with Head Teachers and South Area staff.

- 3.1 Resource – All work will be managed within budget allocations
- 3.2 Legal – Statutory requirements are met as necessary
- 3.3 Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural) – N/A
- 3.4 Climate Change / Carbon Clever – N/A
- 3.5 Risk –N/A
- 3.6 Gaelic – Where GME/GLE is delivered in schools, we continue to support and further develop this.

#### 4. **Schools Attainment and Performance Data.**

- 4.1 For **Secondary Schools**, The Scottish Government uses the analysis tool **Insight** to highlight a summary of performance. More detailed information regarding individual school attainment can be discussed with the Head Teacher (HT) directly; and HT attendance at Ward Business meetings will be scheduled, when the latest **Insight** data is available. If Members wish to have more detailed data via paper copy, this can also be provided by the HT.

For information, the performance measures used are:

- i. **Improving Attainment in Literacy and Numeracy (Local Measures)**  
This gives attainment percentages for a school for Literacy and Numeracy at Levels 4 and 5 over a 5 year period.
- ii. **Improving Attainment for All (Local Measures)**  
This gives a measure of a school's overall attainment based on total tariff scores per pupil. It splits a school's cohort into 3 based on their overall attainment.
- iii. **Tackling Disadvantage by Improving the attainment of lower attainers relative to Higher attainers (Local Measures)**  
This gives a measure of a school's attainment based on total tariff scores per pupil against deprivation based on SIMD.
- iv. **Increasing post-school Participation**  
This gives a measure of the percentage of pupils leaving school achieving a positive and sustained destination.
- v. **Breadth and Depth All candidates**  
This gives an indication of attainment by looking at the number of qualifications gained.

With regards to Gender, Looked After Children (LAC), Ethnicity, English as an Additional Language (EAL), Additional Support Needs (ASN) and the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD), the school itself will analyse these particular issues to see if any of them are significant.

#### **Virtual Comparator - *Why is the virtual comparator the key benchmark?***

Insight allows schools to compare their performance to the performance of a virtual comparator, which is made up of pupils from schools in other Local Authorities with similar characteristics. This is helpful because it allows a comparison based on pupils who are similar in key variables (gender, deprivation, additional support needs and stage of leaving / latest stage) that are linked to educational outcomes rather than comparison with real schools, which may have quite a different pupil profile. The virtual comparator therefore controls, to a large extent, the background characteristics of pupils in this school and offers a fairer comparison.

- 4.2 Data on **Primary School** Achievement of a Level can be found by going directly to the Scottish Government's Primary School Information Dashboard [here](#).

- 4.3 More generally, this [Dashboard's homepage](#) also provides useful links to a range of information about **Secondary and Special Schools**.

It is important to look at and gather a variety of different data sources when looking at how well a school is doing, as statistical data alone does not always give the full picture. The information on this Dashboard should be considered along with information in school handbooks, in the School Improvement Plans and through discussions with staff and parents. More detailed information regarding individual school attainment can be discussed with Head Teachers and meetings will be scheduled for Ward Business meetings.

## 5. **School Information**

- 5.1 ASG Roll projections, including School Rolls as a percentage of the physical capacity of accommodation, can be found at [School Roll Forecasts](#).

## 5.2 **Wider Achievement & Notable Successes**

### **Kingussie High School 2019-20**

#### **September**

- i. Sponsored walk was a great success.
- ii. KHS and parents are proud of Rebecca Dargie (S1) as she has been selected for the national team (British Nordic Development Squad) and broken records. She set herself goals and she worked really hard to achieve them. Great Job Rebecca!
- iii. Monday 23rd September KHS win at the SSSA ski races and will now participate at the final in Glasgow towards the end of October at Braehead arena huge congratulations to Jack Swarbrick, Fergus Mason, Fergus Sherlock, Andrew Dare and Kai Beattie.
- iv. Well done to the seven boys who represented the High School's School of Shinty at the Camanachd Cup final on Saturday 21st September. They played a game against Charleston School of shinty players at half-time in very wet and windy conditions. Well done Rasmus, Fergus, Dermott, Lewis, Archie, Jason and Ollie. Good luck to Newtonmore in the re-arranged final this coming Saturday.
- v. Fiddlers of Strathspey Festival - What a successful morning for 3 of Kingussie's finest young traditional musicians at the Fiddlers of Strathspey Festival. Well done to Iona Craig, Zoe Allen and Maili McLeod for competing in several categories and extra congratulations to Zoe and Maili for your 2nd and 1st place awards.
- vi. KHS Student Xander Johnston (13) was named this year's UK National Parks New Horizons award winner at the annual UK National Parks Conference in Yorkshire.
- vii. The New Horizons award recognises a young person aged 30 or under who has made a significant contribution to any national park.
- viii. His award joins his existing recognition as a Cairngorms Nature Ambassador and the RSPB's Young Nature Champion.
- ix. Xander 'Ant Boy' Johnston first came to the attention of the Cairngorms National Park Authority when he attended a 'Nest Quest' to look for Wood Ants as part of the Cairngorms Nature BIG Weekend.

- x. KHS Students Kai Beattie took 1st place and Kyle Clark 2nd place in the 5.8 Fleet at the National Windsurfing Championships on the 9th September. Well done boys we're all super proud.
- xi. KHS Under 15's Football result KHS 6 - 2 Grantown Grammar / Effort, Attitude and Respect - we will get success with Callum Douglas, Gregor Maka, Dermot McKenna, Cole Macallum, Fergus Masson, Callum, Scott, Scott MacDonald, Bailey Allan, Bobbie Russell, Argyle Allan, Sean Hirst, Fergus Sherlock, David Coyle, Oliver Walker, Nathan Ross - be proud. Work Harder.
- xii. Loch Insh Monsters success - RYA Scotland Youth and Junior Championships held at Dalgety Bay. 6.8 Fleet – 1st place Kai Beattie. 5.8 Fleet – 1st Place Kyle Clark. 5.8 Fleet – 2nd Place Dylan Sangster - Well done.
- xiii. Recognising Wider Learning and Achievement - Mr Ian Adamson along with Hannah & Hamish Henderson of [@KingussieHigh](#) to deliver a seminar on Recognising Wider Learning and Achievement at the Scottisj Learning Festival [#SLF19](#). Links to the seminar presentation and handout can be found at <https://bit.ly/2IRNt6Z>
- xiv. A massive Well done to Brigitte Anderson, Megan Birkby and Dylan Sangster our new Young Ambassadors for Kingussie High School. A brilliant day spent at the Highland Young Ambassador Conference. Inspiring speakers and mentoring workshops were just a few things we got up to. Gaining invaluable knowledge to take back to the school.
- xv. On 29th September the Badenoch and Strathspey under 17 Shinty select team won the Ferguson Transport tournament at Spean Bridge after which based on their performance on Sunday plus commitment and performance throughout the season, the Camanachd Association invited KHS pupils Sorley Thomson, Cameron Leiper and Struan Robertson to join the North of Scotland U17 squad, along with former pupils Struan Ross and Declan Brannan, who will be in action this Sunday in Fort William against their southern counterparts.

## October

- i. At the end of her first season competing for Elgin Athletics Club, KHS Student Emma Jones (S3) is ranked 4th for Triple Jump, 9th for High Jump and 13th for Long Jump for her age group in Scotland. Emma came 4th in Triple Jump and 7th in Long Jump at the Scottish National Age Group Championships and was overall Under 15 athletics winner at Nairn Highland Games. Emma was also 1st Lady at Rogart Highland Games Hill race and 2nd lady at the local Creag Beag Hill Race, running for Highland Hill Runners. Amazing achievements, well done Emma you are an inspiration to us all.
- ii. Following the u14 select, which took place the week before, KHS student Hope Borthwick from the Badenoch team was asked to play for the north team, this game will take place on Sunday before the u17 game in fort William. Congratulations Hope, fantastic achievement.
- iii. Students from KHS travelled to Fort William to take part in the regional under 14's Shinty North Select. Coaches Iain Borthwick, Dallas Young and Sean Latimer selected a Squad from the Badenoch area. On the day they took part in three matches in the League programme were firstly they played Inverness Area where they went down 3-0. The second match was against Sky & Wester Ross Area where they went down 4-1 with two late goals. In the final match they played Lochaber Area where they came from two goals down to draw 2-2. Coaches Borthwick and Young were pleased with the contribution from all players throughout all matches and congratulations goes to Inverness Area on their overall victory.

- iv. Recently some S1 and S2 shinty players took part in a shinty development festival at Charleston Academy in Inverness. The two teams of high school pupils played each other as well as teams from Charleston, Grantown, Oban and Plockton. Well done to Ollie, Jason, Gabi, Orla, Lewis, Jamie and Keiran who made up one of the teams; and to Kirsty, Miko, Anthony, Archie, Iona, Jess and Alfie who were the other team. Thanks to Somhairle Thomson for helping out with the organising and coaching.
- v. S1 Football team take part in their first tournament. The first of the S1 Highland 9 aside football tournaments took place at Charleston Academy. Our KHS team played against two Charleston teams, Grantown and Lochaber. All fourteen boys got lots of time on the pitch. They played four twenty minute games in a row, with no break in-between, so their fitness levels were really tested. Star performers were goalkeeper Jamie, the hard working Archie and the powerful Richard, but all the boys did really well. The next tournament should be in November. A reminder that training with Mr Ash and Mr Mackintosh is on every Monday from 4 - 5 pm.
- vi. The Senior girls were unbeaten at the first hockey festival of the year. The girls were a credit to the school and played some great hockey! It was great to see a fantastic number of girls from 4 different schools having fun and enjoying their hockey!! Well done girls!
- vii. Congratulations to Lily Carswell whose design was chosen for the Sustrans cycle milepost at Kingussie train station- it looks fantastic! Sustrans volunteer's Fay and Liz along with co ordinator Cosmo have been busy this weekend painting the cycle network sign post at Kingussie railway station in the famous red and blue based on designs from Kingussie High School pupils. Great job guys - thank you.
- viii. Well done to all the Army Cadet swimmers. The 1 Highlanders which the Aviemore detachment are part of are the 2019 Scottish Champions. Harvey Richards in S3 Tromie came 1st place in the Junior Backstroke so along with the others who came 1st or 2nd place will be going to the Nationals in Liverpool on the 22-24 November 2019.
- ix. An enjoyable day in the Scottish Parliament with four Higher English students. We got a tour, before participating in three workshops (on Report writing, Speech writing and Bills & Legislation). A really useful and well organised day. Well done to Zoe, Max, Fiona and Charlie for getting up early to travel down to Edinburgh with Mr Mackintosh.
- x. Excellent day of cultural immersion at the Edinburgh Galleries and National Museum with Art, Design and Photography seniors. We have collapsed onto the train after a busy day. Lots of amazing opportunity to practice our visual literacy and analysis skills ready to put into practice back in the classroom.
- xi. Congratulations to Megan Vis who is our first S1 this year to achieve the iDEA bronze award. This is a fantastic achievement and in record time! Since February, we have had a range of students completing Bronze and Silver by displaying their great digital skills. All of S2 have an account from last year and if any student (in any year group) would like more information on how to get involved please see Mr Bailey-Young for more information. <https://idea.org.uk/>
- xii. Congratulations to KHS student Iain Fraser Kingussie Golf Club Junior champion (scratch and handicap). Iain also won the Rutherford Cup, Millennium Trophy, Rotary Precision Cup and May medal. Well done.
- xiii. Well done to North U17 shinty squad who last Sunday won 5-0 (final goal from KHS student Sorley Thomson was Badenoch's contribution to the scoreline). Great achievement Sorley Thomson, Cameron Leiper and Struan Robertson along with former pupils Struan Ross, Xavio Vastano and Declan Brannan. Great inspirations.
- xiv. Kingussie Senior football team win local derby AND secure sponsorship from Wildland Limited for new strips and warm up jackets. A big thank you to the

company and Thomas MacDonell (Director of Conservation & Forestry-pictured centre of team photo) for coming along to present the strips at last night's game vs Grantown. Statement from the company below.

- xv. The senior team won the game 6-2:
- xvi. Scorers were: Ross Peters x2 Owen Donaldson x2 Dafyd Simon x2
- xvii. Men of the match: The defensive back four of- Urdin Salazar Roy, Dylan Smith, Richie Irvine and Sorley Thomson.
- xviii. STATEMENT FROM WILDLAND LIMITED:
- xix. "Wildland Limited is pleased to be able to assist Kingussie High School on this occasion with a donation of £1300 towards the costs of new strips and warm up jumpers for the football team. We hope that the donation helps promote sports both within the community and at school and helps the team to go on and achieve great things."
- xx. \*A final big thank you also to former pupil and footballer Struan Ross for helping secure the sponsorship.
- xxi. Well done to KHS student Hope Borthwick and her teammates in winning the North Under 14. Amazing achievement Hope, an inspiration to us all.
- xxii. Congratulations to Callan Stuart and Brigitte Anderson on completing their Sports Leaders Level 4 Qualification
- xxiii. Xander Johnston (S2)
- xxiv. Xander has just clocked up his 500th hour of volunteering / conservation work. (Sept 2019)
- xxv. Over 200 subscribers on his YouTube channel including people from America. Posted his 34th video on his YouTube channel in September 2019. Contributor to the RSBP state of nature report 2019 along with being quoted in the report itself. (released October 2019). Awards and recognitions: Cairngorms Nature Young Ambassador, Scotland the Big Picture young rewilder
- xxvi. Awarded UK National Parks 'New Horizons' for a person under 30 years of age who has made a significant contribution to a UK national park.- September 2019, Awarded RSPB Scotland Young Nature Champion - November 2018
- xxvii. Regarded as the youngest world wide expert on the Pine Hoverfly and a number of other rare and endangered species found in the Cairngorms.
- xxviii. TV appearances: Autumnwatch - October 2019, Springwatch - appeared twice including a live show appearance - June 2019
- xxix. Countryfile - December 2018. Guest speaker: Speaker at James Hutton biodiversity seminar March 2019, Speaker at Butterfly Conservation Conference - October 2019. Music: Member of Feis Spe junior ceilidh band attending fortnightly practice sessions and performing at various events/venues around Badenoch and Strathspey
- xxx. June 2019 - Grade 3 (Merit) - Scottish Traditional Fiddle, March 2019 - 2nd place and joint 2nd place in solo fiddle categories at the Badenoch and Strathspey Music Festival (Strathfest). Also 3rd Prize in the High School S1-S3 Category of Badenoch Great Place, Great Art Competition 2019
- xxxi. Wildscreen Festival: And the overall [Back from the Brink](#) film and photography competition winners are... YOUNG PERSON: Xander Johnston AKA AntBoy with his film 'How to build an insect hotel' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f9-WzFWiZK4>

## November

- i. Twelve shinty players from the High school travelled through to Ardnamurchan High School yesterday for the Donella Crawford Girls' Shinty 6 aside competition. Our two teams were in different groups, one playing five games and the other six.

- ii. Sixth year pupil Fin Anderson looked after one of the teams and they started really well with a 2-1 victory over Lochaber with Gabi and Rebecca scoring. However, it was Jill and Kelsey who were the stars of this game with their superb defensive work. In their next game the dynamic Leah powered the team to a 6-0 thrashing over one of the three Ardnamurchan teams. The next game was a narrow loss to a strong Plockton team, before a great game against Woodmill High school from Dunfermline. Despite losing 2-1, there were heroics in goal from Rebecca and superb persistent forward play from goal scorer, Amy. The final game was a loss to a very experienced Portree team.
- iii. The other team with the red strips started with a narrow 2-3 loss to Ardnamurchan (Hope and Sara scoring), before an 8-0 demolition of Oban. this featured 2 from Kirsty, 2 from brand new shinty player Katie, and 4 ( the first goal being a real “screamer”)from ace forward Sara. The next game was a 1-0 win over Portree, with the defence of Millie and Ellie being the key players in this game. They also played really well in the next game, a 1-1 draw with Uddingston, where we only lost due to a last minute kicked goal (which unfortunately the referee didn’t spot). Their final game was a superb performance in a 1-0 loss to eventual winners Culloden.
- iv. Congratulations to both Oscar Milbauer and Andrew Nowacki who worked incredibly hard on their iDEA award over the October break. Oscar is now the 2nd student at Kingussie High School to achieve the Silver Award and Andrew is well on his way to achieving it soon after getting the Bronze Award. It really is a fantastic award that highlights a huge range of digital skills used in a range of careers. It can be hard to show potential employers your digital skills but taking along your iDEA Record of Achievement and certificate can give you that extra edge!
- v. KHS S3 Student Charlie Campbell did a great job piping in delegates for the [VisitCairngorms](#) Cairngorms Business Partnership annual conference this morning. Well done Charlie.
- vi. KHS pupil Morven Bayton doing an amazing job talking to the [VisitCairngorms](#) Cairngorms Business Partnership Conference in Aviemore about the Scottish Youth Parliament and Climate Change.
- vii. Well done to Abbie S4, Max S5 and Harvey S3, representing Kingussie High School, at the Highlands and Islands School swimming competition at Inverness on the 6th November. Max won a gold in the 200m freestyle and bronze in the 100m freestyle while Harvey won bronze in the 200m breaststroke. They were all a credit to their school.
- viii. Further congratulations to Max who has qualified for entry into the Scottish Schools Swimming Finals which will be held in Tollcross on Saturday 25th January 2020 in the 100m Freestyle.
- ix. Senior boys football team go top of the group with 4-2 win over Grantown Grammar 🏆🏆🏆🏆 Goal scorers- Owen Donaldson, Ross Peters, , Kepa Salazar Roy, OG. Men of the Match- Dafyd Simon, Sorley Thomson. 6/11/19
- x. This year we had a record number of pupils in S3 gaining their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award - these are just some of those young achievers... [#DofE](#)
- xi. The Science Elective class visited the Highland Wildlife Park today to present their research on animal enclosures. Well done to the group for their hard work and thanks to Jasper Hughes and the HWP staff for hosting the event.
- xii. Along with Grantown G.S, we hosted the latest S1 football festival at the Aviemore astro pitch on Wednesday afternoon. Freezing temperatures and low mist greeted the players from Inverness Royal Academy, Charleston Academy and Lochaber High School. The K.H.S boys turned in a number of really gutsy performances against these large schools and were unfortunate not to pick up any points. Keeper Jamie Y made save after save, while defenders, Archie, Lewis, Oscar and

Carrick, never stopped battling away. Midfielders, Alfie, Ollie, Andrew, Jamie J. and Ricards deserve loads of credit for their willingness to chase and tackle. Charlie and Jason, struggled to see much of the ball in these games, but really shone in the exciting 1-1 draw against local rivals, Grantown. Jason certainly deserved his spectacular goal. Manager of the tournament was Mr Ash for his tactical genius in the last game, while player of the tournament was Carrick for his determination. 17/11/19

- xiii. KHS pupils and future pupils performing at Gymfest with the Kingussie Gymnastics club. Special mention to Jill Brodie, Megan Short and Abbie MacLeod for the excellent choreography. Also thanks to ex-pupil Shannon McWhirter. Amazing effort from all involved.
- xiv. Well done to KHS students, present and past, who are part of the Newtonmore Shinty Club that helped beat Aberdeen University by a five-goal margin to win the North Division One title.
- xv. The Camanachd Association have selected two new Shinty Ambassadors for Kingussie High School, Somhairle Thomson and Joe Donald. Both senior students took part in a detailed training weekend in Inverness. They have now started their roles within the school with Somhairle talking to the Badenoch Shinty Memories Group and their guests, who visited the school yesterday. The boys' targets are to promote the sport of shinty within the whole school community.
- xvi. Well done Harvey Richards for representing Scotland in the Army Cadets swimming championships in Liverpool this weekend and winning a bronze medal in the junior boys backstroke and getting your Scottish colours.
- xvii. Students were 'put to work' this afternoon helping to redecorate the living room at Mains care home in Newtonmore.... although I'm not sure we can call it 'work' when they were all having such fun! A great chance for us to contribute to our local community. The new abstract artworks will be a colourful addition to the newly painted neutral walls.
- xviii. Now on sale in Grassroots Garden shop in Kingussie, lovely little lavender bags collected from Kingussie High School garden and made by senior pupils, Finlay, Ethan and Kyle. Donation £1 with monies going to Learning Support Department Excursions. Many thanks to Iona Malcolm for her support with our project.

## December

- i. December was a busy month at Kingussie High School. It started with a fantastic Christmas concert where the musical talent on show impressed the audience. The variety of talent ranged from singers, pipers, strings, brass and woodwind performances. The crowd finished with some Christmas carols before heading home full of Christmas spirit. Well done to Miss Hodes and Miss Oates for all their hard work. Also thanks to the Parent Council for their help on the night to make the evening a huge success.
- ii. The Christmas dances were a huge success again this year and all pupils and staff that attended danced the night away from the opening dance to the last. Everyone looked so smart and it was lovely to see the fun and enjoyment at both dances.
- iii. We had an after party arranged in the school again this year and it was a huge success. We are aware that the Christmas dance is a big event for seniors and that they want to party on once the dance is finished. To ensure that this is done safely we allowed the pupils to stay on, change the music and provided some food for them. The feel to the party was good and feedback from the pupils was very positive. Attendance at school was good the next day too so thanks to the pupils and parents/carers for making the effort.



## January

- i. A group of around 40 pupils headed off to the Alps for our annual S1-S3 snow sports trip. The conditions were fantastic and all pupils on the trip thoroughly enjoyed their experience. All abilities of skiing and boarding was catered for and the progression in all participants was evident to see. Staff who accompanied the trip were very impressed with the effort, attitude and resilience shown by all pupils even with a delayed beginning to the journey.
- ii. Balfour Beattie also came into KHS to talk to S3 pupils about careers.

## **Aviemore Primary School**

- i. Osprey House Enterprise was to organise a collection for the foodbank. Children in P5 continue to visit the foodbank on a fortnightly basis to help make up packages.
- ii. Capercaillie House Enterprise was the organisation of the Blythswood Shoebox Appeal where 148 boxes were donated.
- iii. Eagles House Enterprise was to organise Children in Need fundraising activities which included dressing in sportswear and taking part in a Dance-athon. We had a competition to design Pudsey a new sports outfit too. We raised £290.
- iv. Christmas Jumper Day raised £188 for MFR Cash for Kids Mission Christmas Appeal.
- v. P6/7 hosted 'Aviemore's Got Talent' to showcase musical, dance, sport and magic skills and raised £150 for the Abernethy Trust.
- vi. Three teams from Aviemore took part in SSSA Skiing Scottish Schools Finals in Glasgow with silver medals for four children.
- vii. A P4 pupil took part in the Britannia Cup ice skating tournament in Nottingham with her team the 'Highland Pups.' Their performance was shown on the BBC and watched by her class at school.
- viii. Intergenerational learning between our nursery children and clients at the local Glen Centre. Children have taken part in various activities such as singing, jigsaws and writing Christmas letters.
- ix. Nursery have developed STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) bags for children to take home and share experiments with their family.
- x. Nursery children continue their outdoor experiences on a weekly basis at Milton Woods. Two staff have received Forest School training and developed this approach with funding and collaboration from Education Scotland.
- xi. Writing workshop held for parents/carers.
- xii. P7 children have worked with Speysound Radio to produce their own radio show. This aired on Christmas Day and included interviews with clients from the Glen Centre about their memories of Christmas as well as interviews and quizzes with school staff.
- xiii. We welcomed authors Nancy Chambers and Barbara Henderson to school to share their latest books and inspire our children to becoming authors of the future. We have launched our lunchtime 'Author's Club' for keen writers.
- xiv. Pupils from the upper school took part in an intergenerational learning experience joining Otago classes and singing carols to participants.
- xv. Representatives from our Pupil Groups visited Abernethy Primary School to share progress of our Rights Respecting School journey to Gold and to support Abernethy with their progress in achieving Silver.
- xvi. Children from P5-7 attended the switching on of the Christmas lights in Aviemore, singing carols to celebrate the occasion. Children in P6 have been invited by a community group to design a Christmas light for next year. The winning design will be produced and feature in the village Christmas light display.

- xvii. Children in P1-4 worked with Lorraine Hemmings from Borealis Arts to produce 'The Snow Queen' which was performed to two full audiences in December. Children in the nursery performed 'Christmas Eve.'
- xviii. In term 2 the class topic was 'Enterprise' which included some classes selling crafts at the Christmas Fayre and others opening a café to serve refreshments at our open event. This term our school topic is 'Scotland.'

## **Newtonmore Primary School**

### **Session 2018-19**

#### August/September

- i. Sally Irvine raised £400 for Marie Curie by holding a table top sale during the summer holiday. She sold smoothies and home-made raspberry jam.
- ii. Scottish Schools Dual Slalom Ski race at Glenmore Lodge – three teams entered and the P1-4 team won their section and now compete in the Scottish finals in Glasgow in October
- iii. P7 pupils invited to speak to Europarc Conference delegates at the Highland Folk Park

#### October

- i. All P4&5 pupils attended a Disability Awareness Event
- ii. Primary Hockey tournament in Inverness (Rosie, Felicity, Millie, Finn, Alexander, Mac, Sara, James, Joe, Sophie) – Finn Benbow goalkeeper of the tournament, and silver medals for P4/5 and P6/7 teams
- iii. Holly and Anna Grace Gordon, Maja Tomaszewska, Sinead MacGowan and Hannah Grover organised a bake sale in aid of SSPCA. They raised £201.40
- iv. Academy9 Gateway event for all P5 pupils
- v. Congratulations to our P1-4 ski team (Annabelle Hill, Sophie Annand, Katie MacRae and Madeleine Ertle). They competed yesterday in the Scottish Schools Ski Dual Slalom Race Finals in Glasgow and finished in 5th place out of 18 teams competing!

#### November

- i. P7 pupils attended a residential at Alltnacriche with P7s from other ASG schools
- ii. School and community worked in partnership to create a poppy display. Poppy Coffee Afternoon for community with entertainment from the pupils
- iii. School raised £163.76 for Children in Need (wear yellow and/or spots)
- iv. Blythswood Show Box Appeal organised by the Charities Committee
- v. Academy9 roadshow for all P6 pupils. This event was recorded to be used at Academy9 conference later in the spring
- vi. P3/4E art exhibition for families

#### December

- i. Piano recital with many of our pupils performing
- ii. Senior classes visited local care homes: Mains House, Glengrove to entertain the residents
- iii. Field of Hope – infants planted bulbs at the front of the school with Sandra Cheyne for our Field of Hope
- iv. Amy Harper won Edward Fountain MSP design a Christmas card competition

- v. Charities Committee organised an appeal for the local food-bank
- vi. Christmas Jumper Day in aid of MFR Cash for Kids £222.10 was raised.

### January/February

- i. Brodie Campbell, Erin MacKenzie, Rohin Whyte and Katie MacRae represented the school at the Highland Gymnastics
- ii. Annaleigh Brannan competed at Scotcheer Festival in Dundee as part of SB Academy of Cheer, Gymnastics and Dance
- iii. All P6 pupils completed Junior Leader training
- iv. P4/5 (James, Joe, Finlay, Logan, Jaiden, Josh, Brodie and Joseph-Luca) and P6/7 (Rosie, Archie, Lewis, Jamie, Brody and Curtis) Shinty teams won at Aviemore
- v. P4/5 team (James, Joe, Finlay, Logan, Jaiden, Josh and Joseph-Luca) won at National First Shinty Finals in Fort William
- vi. Emily
- vii. Rotary Quiz (Alexander, Finn, Mac, Megan and Felicity) fourth place

### March

- i. School raised £220.71 for Red Nose Day
- ii. Academy9 conference – Hamish, Lucy, Millie, Rosie and Sally represented the school at this event
- iii. McRobert Cup – Joe Coyle 1<sup>st</sup> place in P4/5 boys race; P6/7E boys (Archie, Finn Lewis and Mac) 3<sup>rd</sup> in small schools
- iv. P6 and P7 pupils participated in schools ski programme
- v. Tunnocks Poetry competition runners-up Archie, Mia C, Lucy A, Logan, Gemma and Michelle
- vi. Holly and Anna-Grace Gordon sold Easter bunnies in aid of Maggie's Centres. They raised £342.00
- vii. Music Festival successes – Finn – poetry trophy, Millie – poetry trophy,

### April/May

- i. School Awarded Green Flag renewal
- ii. Flo Benbow and Maria MacKellaig in short list for Cairngorms in Nature competition
- iii. Maria MacKellaig won her section in Cairngorms in Nature competition.
- iv. Sophia Cheyne, Lucy and Josh Stewart completed May's Walk.

### June

- i. Winners of Balavil Cup, Gergask Quaich and Williamson Cup – Shinty
- ii. P6/7E class awarded Historic Environment Scotland Silver Award for Cursed Bread project
- iii. Katie Myk-Brown and Finn Benbow won Badenoch Art project

## **Session 2019-20**

### August

- i. Sally Irvine raised £400 for The Archie Foundation by holding a table top sale during the summer holiday. She sold smoothies and home-made raspberry jam.

## September

- i. P4/5 shinty team won their section at Kingussie Sixes and P6/7 lost in final against Inverlochy.
- ii. School shinty team runners up in Tulloch Cup competition.
- iii. Elizabeth, Kino and Nevio ran the Kinraig 5K.
- iv. Two of our ski teams qualified for the SSSA Dual Slalom Ski Races finals in Glasgow.
- v. Archie McKellaig organised and ran a Breakfast Comic Club for P4-7 pupils for 6 weeks
- vi. Scottish Ballet performance with P6 pupils on 30.09.19

## October

- i. Senior pupils (with support from PSAs) run a daily Healthy Tuck Shop
- ii. Madeleine McKellaig runner up in butterfly art competition
- iii. Academy9 workshop piloted with P2/3 pupils
- iv. Academy9 Gateway event for all P5 pupils
- v. Congratulations to our P6/7 ski team (Lucy Annand, Millie Lavin Katie MacRae and Rosie Eittle). Competed in the Scottish Schools Ski Dual Slalom Race Finals in Glasgow and finished in 5th place out of 18 teams competing!
- vi. November
- vii. P7 pupils attended a residential at Alltnacriche with P7s from other ASG schools
- viii. School raised £242.65 for Children in Need (wear yellow and/or spots)
- ix. Blythswood Show Box Appeal organised by the Charities Committee

## December

- i. Senior classes visited local care homes: Mains House, Glengrove to entertain the residents
- ii. Charities Committee organised an appeal for the local food-bank
- iii. Christmas Jumper Day in aid of The Archie Foundation raised £224.69

## January

- i. P6 pupils attended a transition event with ASG primaries in Aviemore
- ii. Anna-Grace, Lucie and Gemma have organised and run an after school craft club for P4-7 pupils

### 5.3 **Education Scotland and Care Inspectorate Inspections.**

Members will be advised of School Inspection reports by the Head Teacher or Area Officers, as they are published. The weblink to Education Scotland Inspection reports can be found [here](#) and the weblink to Care Inspectorate website can be found [here](#).

## 6. **Community Links**

### 6.1 **School links with other Partners/Agencies**

#### **Kingussie High School**

- i. UHI- Multiple course offering at KHS.
- ii. PI – Multiple local charities.
- iii. Badenoch & Strathspey Sports Hub.

- iv. Badenoch & Strathspey Community Partnership.
- v. Kincaig Wildlife Park.
- vi. Mains House (Care home)
- vii. Newtonmore Folk Park
- viii. Cairngorm Business Partnership.
- ix. Balfour Beattie.
- x. A9 Academy.
- xi. CAMHS.
- xii. Growing2gether.
- xiii. Rural Skills- RSPB, Alvie Estate, Creag Meagaidh Estate, Highland Horse Riding,
- xiv. Health
- xv. Social Work
- xvi. Police Scotland
- xvii. Shinty Memories Group
- xviii. Camanachd Association – School of Shinty
- xix. Farmer Jones Academy
- xx. Highland Rugby club – School of Rugby

### **Aviemore Primary School**

- i. Highlife Highland supports school through sharing of gym space, weekly visits to the library for all classes and organisation of author visits. Active Schools Co-ordinators are planning to support 'Leadership' training for P6 pupils.
- ii. Glen Centre works in partnership with school and nursery to support inter-generational learning.
- iii. MacDonald Resort facilitated house treat for the winning house of the term providing access to the Activity Centre.
- iv. Borealis Arts worked with P1-4 pupils to create Christmas production of 'The Snow Queen.'
- v. Scottish Ballet delivered a workshop 'Safe to be me' celebrating equality and diversity.
- vi. Scottish Opera plan to work with P5-7 pupils this term on a production called 'Warriors!'
- vii. Abernethy Trust supported P6/7 Enterprise project.
- viii. Feis Spe work with pupils in P6 delivering tin whistle lessons.
- ix. Speysound Radio have worked with P7 to help us create our own radio show.
- x. Academy 9 have provided workshops for P5 and P6 pupils to support their understanding of the construction of the A9 and the job roles involved in this process.
- xi. Roots and Shoots delivered 'Outsider Decider' sessions with P7 pupils at Milton Woods to support wellbeing and understanding of emotions.
- xii. UHI has supported our STEM developments.
- xiii. RSPB support Outdoor Learning Experiences.

### **Newtonmore Primary School**

- i. Newtonmore Camanachd Club
- ii. Highlife Highland
- iii. SSSCA
- iv. Highland Wildlife Park
- v. Highland Folk Park
- vi. Scottish Ballet
- vii. Academy9
- viii. Alltnacriche

- ix. Blythswood
- x. Children in Need
- xi. Archie Foundation
- xii. Mains House Care Home
- xiii. Glengrove Care Home
- xiv. RSPB Countryside Rangers
- xv. Therapet
- xvi. Badenoch & Strathspey Foodbank
- xvii. Tree of Knowledge
- xviii. Badenoch Heritage Festival
- xix. Strathfest
- xx. Kingussie High School
- xxi. UHI.

**Designation: Area Care & Learning Manager (South)**

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