

Outstanding Achievements: Education Committee - 30 September 2020

Àrd-Sgoil Àird nam Murchan

- Tha Helen Jones air Còcaire Òg Rotaraidh na Bliadhna a bhuannachadh ann am farpais dheireannach na h-Alba. Tha i a-nis a' dol air adhart chun na Farpais Nàiseanta ann an Stratford-Upon-Avon.
- Bhuannaich Lisa Ford a' chiad duais ann am farpais sgrìobhaidh Gàidhlig CLAS airson 2020. Sgrìobh i pìos cruthachail air a' chuspair 'Glaiste' agus choisinn seo eàrlas £50 dhi.

Ardnamurchan High

- Helen Jones has won the Rotary Young Chef of the Year Scottish final. She will now move on to the National Final in Stratford-Upon-Avon.
- Lisa Ford won first prize in the annual CLAS Gaidhlig writing competition for 2020. Her creative piece of writing on the theme 'Glaiste' (locked up) has earned her a £50 gift voucher.

Bun-Sgoil Ghàidhlig Phort Rìgh

- Tha Bun-Sgoil Ghaidhlig Phort Rìgh air Duais a Ceithir SDG bho Fòram Iomairt Shòisealta na Cruinne a bhuannachadh airson Foghlam Àrd-Inbhe. Ghabh an sgoil air fad com-pàirt anns a' phròiseact 'Fògarraich' agus am measg na rinn iad chruinnich iad aodach do dh'Fhògarraich le Highland Support Refugees, chùm iad fèill bhèicearachd is fèill leabhraichean, agus reic iad còmhdach-bìdh a rinn iad fhèin le cèir. Chuir an Sgoil-Àraich air dòigh àite san sgoil far am faodadh daoine stuth fhàgail airson Tagradh Bogsaichean-bhròg Blythswood airson ceann a tuath an Eilein Sgitheanaich. Tha a' chuir dhuaisean a-nis air-loidhne agus faodar a faicinn tron cheangal <https://bit.ly/3kz0wCE>. Tha duais BSGPR air sleamhnag 28 far an cluinn sibh òraid thaingeachd anns a' Ghàidhlig.

Bun-sgoil Ghaidhlig Phort Rìgh

- Bun-sgoil Ghaidhlig Phort Rìgh have just won the Social Enterprise World Forum SDG Four Award for Quality Education. The project on the Fogarraich was a whole school project involving the clothes collection for Refugees with Highland Support Refugees, a bake sale, a book sale, the making of and selling of food wax wraps and having Sgoil-Araich organising a drop-off centre at the school for the Blythswood Shoebox Appeal in the North of Skye. The award ceremony is now online and can be accessed using the link <https://bit.ly/3kz0wCE>. BSGPR award is on slide 28 where you'll hear the acceptance speech in Gaelic.

Avoch Primary

- P4/5 class at Avoch Primary have recently been awarded their Level 2 Young STEM Leader certificates. The class had opportunities to inspire, lead and mentor through the creation and delivery of STEM activities. The class also made a film of their O-winged glider experiment which has been shown to other schools in Highland. The film shows classes how

to make the gliders and gives ideas for investigations. Following lockdown individual children continued making films which were submitted to the SSERC TV channel as part of the Great Science Share in June 2020.

Charleston Academy

- Former pupil 16 year old Lewis Pacey has been accepted into the Yorkshire Cricket College, based at the international level Headingley Stadium in Leeds. It is a two-year course for 16-18 year olds with an academic and sporting side, with attendees on the course getting the opportunity to train alongside the county's first team squad.
- 13 year old Oliver Stewart is one to watch on the British Kart Racing circuit and has pledged to raise awareness of The ARCHIE Foundation and the important work they do to help local sick children and their families. Last year Oliver's cousin was treated for cancer and his parents spent 73 nights in ARCHIE's Family Centre in Aberdeen. Oliver wanted to do something to help the charity that gave so much support to his family and jumped at the invitation to become an ambassador for the charity. He now sports ARCHIE's branding on his kart and racing kit. On 3/4 August Oliver competed in his first British Kartmasters Grand Prix and despite being one of the youngest in the contest he finished 5th out of 36 top junior drivers in the UK. Preparation for the British Championships continued in Cumbria on 8/9 August where Oliver scooped top place in the final.
- Well done to Emilia Allison (S3) who recently competed in the British Show Jumping National Championships for Charleston Academy and the Scottish Junior Team. For Charleston Academy, Emilia finished 5th out of 32 in the National Schools Category and Emilia and the Scottish Junior Team were placed 10th in the finals.

Dornoch 2-18 Campus

- Learning for Sustainability is a crucial and fundamental aspect of Scottish education. Dr Tina Stones, the seconded head teacher of Dornoch 2-18 Campus, embarked on a two year journey working with her whole campus, wider community, Learning for Sustainability Scotland and the University of Edinburgh to develop a whole campus approach to Learning for Sustainability. The teachers, children and young people worked together to raise awareness about various topics and the importance of change. The school managers worked with Dornoch Golf Club to explore and understand how local businesses were responding to challenges. Children at Dornoch and Bonar Primary schools, explored 'The Lost Words', mindfulness, and poetry. Further work was carried out during lockdown with families and children from Bonar Bridge Primary School, working on Sustainable Development Goals. A celebration of the children's work was cited in the September edition of the GTCS magazine.

Nairn Academy

- Sandy Scott, 21 and former pupil of Nairn Academy is taking part in the US Open Golf championships in New York. Sandy will be one of 144 of the best golf players in the world competing in the tournament. After finishing school, Sandy went to America to study at Texas Tech University and continued his golf in the amateur golf circuit. He has previously competed for GB and Ireland in the Walker Cup.

Highland Deaf Education Service

- National Deaf Children's Society (NDCF) have confirmed a briefing will be going out to all local authorities recommending they adopt the Highland 1+2 BSL pack as part of their 1+2 programme. In 2015, Highland agreed BSL could be one of the 1+2 languages initiative, as one of the third languages being offered in Primary schools. 29 schools expressed an interest. When these schools looked for suitable resources, there was nothing available and Highland Deaf Education Service was tasked with producing a pack. A digital pack for delivering BSL in the classroom was developed by a small working group, piloted and finalised in April 2018. A recent audit from 1 + 2 languages showed that Highland has more pupils learning BSL than any other area in Scotland.

The Highland 1 + 2 BSL pack has also been very well received across Scotland. It has been purchased by 14 other authorities (although it has never been advertised) and training has been delivered to most of these authorities.

Highland has one secondary school with a resource base for D/deaf pupils - Dingwall Academy. This school offers every S1 pupil a 6 week course in BSL. From S2, BSL is a subject option for all year groups and can be studied up to National Group Award SCQF level 5.

Aileen MacKay

- Aileen MacKay, Head Teacher at Smithton Primary won a national award from a leading Scottish Learning organisation, for going above and beyond during the COVID-19 lockdown. Over the summer holidays pupils, parents and teachers from across Scotland nominated their Lockdown Legends, in a nationwide search to recognise their efforts. The Tree of Knowledge is the organisation behind the Lockdown Legends awards and its esteemed panel was made up of Gayle Gorman (CEO of Education Scotland), Louise Macdonald (CEO of Young Scot), Graham Hutton (President of School Leaders Scotland), Gayle Shepherd (Director of People and Technology at SEC) and Stuart Brown (Head of Branch and Business Banking at Barclays).