



CAMPUS NEWS

DECEMBER
EDITION

CAMPUS ACHIEVEMENTS AND UPDATES

STAFFING UPDATES

Primary: Miss Craggs joined us in October to teach P3/4. Ms Horn and Mrs Dowson are continuing to cover P1/2 at the moment.

High School: We welcomed Mr Marsco to the English department in November. Mrs McLintock officially retired in November. We have appointed a new science teacher, Ms Duncan, who will start with us as soon as possible after the holidays. Mrs Edwards has left the maths department. Our thanks to Mrs Edwards for her contribution to the school and additional thanks to Miss Toal and Miss Hall who are helping to prepare senior maths classes for their prelims and course assessments. We have advertised for a new maths teacher. Ms McAtear will be re-joining English from January for a short time to support with attainment in literacy.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



We wish all in our community a wonderful festive season and a prosperous 2025!

NEXT TERM

HOLIDAY: MON 17 & TUES 18 FEBRUARY
INSERVICE: WED 19 FEBRUARY

PRIMARY PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT: WB. 10 & 17
MARCH

SENIOR PHASE ASSESSMENTS: WB. 13 & 20
JANUARY

S3 ASSESSMENTS: WB. 27 JANUARY

S3 PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT: TUES 21 JANUARY

S5/6 PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT: TUES 4
FEBRUARY

S4 PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT: TUES 11 FEBRUARY

S3 REPORTS: WB. 3 MARCH

S2 PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT: TUES 11 MARCH

Seesaw

Please remember to download:
Seesaw for primary and nursery
updates.

School App for Parents for high
school information.

School
App for
Parents

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CHRISTMAS EVENTS



HIGH SCHOOL LAST DAY

Organised by senior pupils and featuring a house quiz, Christmas film and games. Thanks to all pupils and teachers who took part in setting up and running events!



LUNCHTIME CHRISTMAS CONCERT



P3/4 MAKING CHRISTMAS CARDS

Thank you to the parent council for their support with parties/dances.



CHRISTMAS LUNCHES

Thank you to Eileen, Holly and Janka for a fabulous lunch!



HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DANCE

Thanks to S6 pupils for setting up, David Ogg for DJing and teacher and parent helpers.



PRIMARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND PRIMARY & NURSERY CHRISTMAS PARTIES





PUPIL VOICE - HIGH SCHOOL

We held our first pupil council meeting in December. Year group reps, house captains and school captains attended to share pupil views and ideas. Year group reps spoke to PSE classes using a meeting agenda which had been formulated by the senior pupil leadership team.

One of the key actions from the meeting was to agree a consultation on the structure of the house system. This is because senior pupils feel the house numbers are unbalanced, which impacts the competitive nature of house events.

Staff and parents will be asked to contribute their views in January, when pupils have formulated their ideas for ensuring the house numbers are balanced.



YEAR GROUP REPS - HIGH SCHOOL

In October, the senior pupil leadership team reviewed applications and interviewed junior pupils who expressed an interest in becoming a year group rep. The following pupils were successful at interview:

S1: Hector Doherty and Lexi Macmillan

S2: Erin Boyle and Annabelle Brient

S3: Conner Brient and Ellie Henderson

S4: Iain Boyle and Rebecca Paterson

Year group reps consult their year group on issues and attend pupil council with the senior pupil leadership team.

LIVE N LEARN WORKSHOPS

On 11 December, Renee Le Blanc from Live n Learn delivered study skills workshops to S4-6 and an aspirational workshop to S3.

S4-6 were shown how to create a study timetable, and a 4 step revision/study process was shared. Pupils have a code to log in to the Live n Learn website to access materials.

The 4 step process to revise information is:
UNDERSTAND, CONDENSE, MEMORISE, REVIEW.

A help sheet has been shared on School App for Parents.

S3 AND SENIOR PRELIMS

exam focus

January is a time where our senior pupils experience prelim exams for courses in National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher. The S4,5,6 schedule will begin on the 13th January and will run for two school weeks. All pupils have access to their prelim timetable on their Guidance google classroom and the schedule is printed out in the school foyer. During times where your child is not participating in an exam they should attend their usual timetable classes. On the week beginning 27th January for one week, our S3 pupils will be sitting assessments for their subjects in the main hall. This will provide our pupils and teachers with an opportunity to identify main strengths in their subjects area and areas for learning and development. It also gives our pupils a chance to experience exam conditions to help prepare them for SQA assessments next year. All the best during productive study time and during the exam.



STUDY SUPPORT

All Highland schools have access to the following online resources that are designed to help our seniors pupils with their learning and preparation for exams. Each of our pupils can use Heriot Watt university's service Scholar <https://scholar.hw.ac.uk/> which provides course materials, quizzes and assessments for most senior courses. We also have access to E-Sgoil where pupils can access with their Glow accounts at <https://sts.platform.rmunity.com/account/signin/glow>. E-Sgoil provide after school online lessons for National 5 and Higher/Advanced Higher courses. Please ask your child to speak to Mr Smith if they need any technical assistance to access these fantastic services.





DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARDS SCHEME



WE WILL BE RE-STARTING THE DOFE PROGRAMME IN THE NEW YEAR. PLEASE CONTACT MR MARSCO FOR MORE INFORMATION

RUGBY SUCCESS

Well done to Emily Baskerville, S4, who was part of the Lochaber girls rugby team who won the U16 Challenger series cup in November. Emily scored a try and a conversion to help the team secure victory in Elgin.



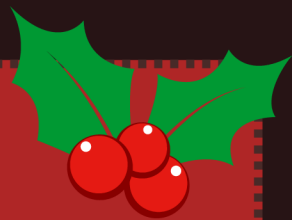
SMALL SCHOOLS' FOOTBALL

On Thursday 7th November our S1 boys football team travelled to Drumnadrochit to represent our school in the final event of the annual Small Schools Football Association tournament. It's hard to believe but the boys played under clear blue skies and 18 degrees of sunshine. Unfortunately they did not come back with any silverware but they all really tried their best and they were great ambassadors to our school throughout the day. Well done to Kaiden, Noel, Fergus, Cody, Hector, Aiden, Thomas and Lucas. Also thanks to David Wilson for training these talented individuals into a well organised team!



SOCIAL DANCING

Junior pupils have been taking part in social dancing in PE this month. Here are some of our most enthusiastic participants!



The Word Warriors is a group of volunteer pupils who have elected to come together to promote the joy of reading for pleasure (and relaxation!) as well as improving literacy. The Warriors have been promoting reading, encouraging staff and pupils alike, to share the texts they have been reading. Exploration of genre and personal preference (fact or fiction) have been surveyed and the crew are currently working on relaying the pupils' preferences to our Library staff. This means our Warriors will be responsible for promoting the availability of an increased range of texts in the library. Our Warriors are also talking to our library staff with the aim of participating in the current Library Programme of reading challenges and competitions and encouraging their peers to do the same. Within school, our junior pupils will be working on a Personal Reading Challenge in S1, able to achieve Gold, Silver or Bronze status, depending on how many books they read and enjoy, at least one per term.

S2 are focusing on developing their appreciation of different genres and recording their personal reading accordingly. As a result they are opening up opportunities across their learning to improve their literacy skills and lead the school towards a Reading Accreditation Award.

On behalf of the Word Warriors, can we invite you to check in with your young people regarding their reading over the festive period? Encourage them to share with you the texts they are reading and how they are progressing with their challenges and competitions?

P3/4 GO BACK IN TIME

This term, we have been learning about the Vikings.

Fun Facts - by Sophie Doogan P4

1. Their houses were long!
2. They made special oat cakes with fruit!
3. Did you know that they used an upside down boat shape for the roofs of their houses?
4. They also used silver for money. Rich vikings might use gold for money!

VICIOUS VIKINGS!

Ben Holtrust P4

The vikings ate purple carrots. They did not have horns on their helmets. The roofs of their houses were the bottoms of their ships.



FUN FACTS!

1. They melted coins for jewellery!
2. The women were also warriors!
3. The rich vikings had swords!

THINGS WE'VE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT IN P5/6/7 BY CASEY, EMILIA AND POPPY



Topic- in Topic we've been learning about Democracy. We've learned all about who makes up parliament: The House of Commons, The House of Lords and The monarch. We have also learned all about how it works. We got to explore online what the rooms in Westminster. In the House Commons we saw where the government and the opposition would sit and debate bills. In the new year we will be having a visitor from parliament.

Art- We had a visitor from the Glencoe Folk Museum, called Parris and she told us the folk stories about Corrag the witch. Our class have been challenged to create a portrait of Corrag and the winner will receive a prize for the Highland Bookshop. The winner's art will be on display in the museum, the name of the winner will also be in the credits.

Christmas Performance- In our christmas performance we have been practising four songs. Those songs are: Feliz Navidad (with our maracas which we made in class), We wish you a Merry Christmas in makaton, Merry Xmas everybody and as the whole school we have learnt Calypso Carol.

Writing - In writing we have made a story map on a story called 'Elf road' and we made actions as a whole class. We also have been writing imaginative stories around magical worlds and have used Pobble for story starters which has been quite helpful to get us started using our imaginations and how to start our own stories.

We have had a fun term and are looking forward to next year at school!

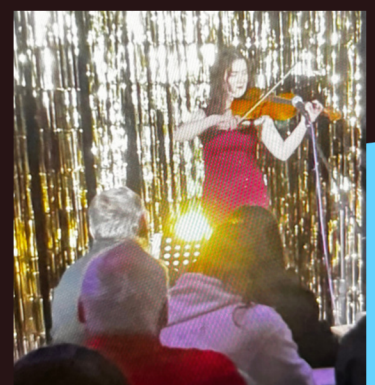
EXPRESSIVE ARTS

KHS WINTER ARTS CELEBRATION

Students from Music, Art, Music Theatre and Drama put together a show to celebrate their achievements at the end of term. The artwork was curated by Lucy MacMillan, S6, as part of her Creative Industries course. The event was well-attended by family and friends of those involved, and all performed brilliantly – well done!

LUNCHTIME CONCERT SERIES

George Loudon, S6, has been working towards a Creative Industries award, and has been co-ordinating a lunchtime concert series to help pupils get ready for exams and performances. These have been attended by music students and staff, and have been a great way for pupils to try out their exam pieces in front of an audience.



DYW

WEST HIGHLAND

Developing the
Young Workforce



ROYAL NAVY HELPS PUPILS TO DEVELOP ESSENTIAL SKILLS

During November Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) – West Highland, welcomed the Royal Navy to Kinlochleven High School. The Navy engaged S4 pupils in a series of challenging group activities.

The sessions were designed to demonstrate the importance of teamwork and developing essential meta-skills. These skills are increasingly important to recruiters when selecting candidates for roles or educational courses.

The visit ended with an exciting and enjoyable Dragons' Den-style competition. The creativity, confidence and imagination displayed by pupils during this competition were truly impressive, with pupils delivering innovative pitches.



Nursery pupils have been taking part in Wild Wood Wednesdays. We are all looking forward to more adventures in 2025!