

The Highland Council



## **Education, Culture & Sport Committee**

### **Comataidh Foghlaim, Cultair is Spors**

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## **Inverness Royal Academy Teacher Astronaut Training**

Graeme MacDonald, was one of 14 British teachers selected from 1000 teachers worldwide to receive a scholarship to attend a programme at the US Space and Rocket Centre in Huntsville, Alabama during June. The programme is one element of the company's science and maths initiative.

## Funding Awards to Highland Organisations

- 5 Highland voluntary and community organisations received over £75,000 from Lloyds TSB in June.
- Also in June BIG Lottery Fund announced that 10 Highland Groups, including 5 schools were to receive £88,000 from Breathing Places towards a variety of projects. This is a BBC led campaign which aims to get communities closer to nature.



## **Eco-Schools Green Flag Award**

Alness and Dornoch Academies were awarded Green Flag status in June, the first two secondaries in Highland to achieve this.

## National e-Twinning Awards

Once again Cauldeen Primary School has achieved two 1<sup>st</sup> Class places in the UK National Awards for e-Twinning. The projects were “1, 2 Buckle my Shoe”, an early stages maths based project involving children from Cauldeen, Poland, Spain and Malta and the second project was “Famous Legends” based on the cultural exchange of traditional oral legends from the Highlands, Germany, Greece and Africa.

## Fortrose Academy Young Enterprise Success

- Dimension, the Young Enterprise Team from Fortrose Academy now go on to an international competition in Sweden after becoming Scottish Champions in June and UK Champions in July with their Fridge Magnet and Activity Book promoting healthy eating to young children. Team members Patrick Boyer, Andrew MacKenzie, Alana MacPherson, Angela McCallum, Augusto Fernandez, Erin MacLeod and Gareth Williams have been outstanding representatives for Fortrose Academy. They were helped by Business Advisers Roddy Dyce and Angus Morrison and Business Studies Teacher Margaret Rhynas who has an excellent record as a Young Enterprise Link Teacher.

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## Young Enterprise Scotland Teacher Success

- Jessica Lee from Nairn Academy won a new YES Award at the Scottish Finals in June for Best Link Teacher.

## Musical Success

- Cellist Robin Nelson, Fortrose Academy recently won the Highland Young Musician of the Year award, Stephen Laidlaw also from Fortrose was runner up.

## Mathematics Success

- Fortrose Academy S2 pupil Zoe Wainwright won a Gold Award in the Scottish-wide 2007/08 Mathematical Challenge.

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