

Outstanding Achievements: Care, Learning and Housing Committee - 14 March 2019

Nairn Academy

Former Nairn Academy pupil, Kirsty Ewen was voted Unsung Hero 2018 at the BBC Sports Personality of the Year. Kirsty started her volunteering through the school's Sports Leadership programme and continues her volunteering.

Hannah Rawlinson (S6) is the first recipient of the Certificate for Duke of Edinburgh Leadership, which is an SCQF level 5 qualification, in Highland. She is one of eight across Scotland who have been certificated in the last year. Hannah put her new leadership skills in to practise in a 3-month volunteering placement in Jamaica.

Mallaig High School

Callum Woombs (S6) has won the Chairman's Challenge Award from the Royal Scottish Academy. The Challenge Award is open to all S5 and S6 art and design pupils in Scotland.

Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Phort Rìgh

Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Phort Rìgh P7 and under Shinty Team won the First National Indoor Shinty Final in Fort William on 16 February. Over 100 teams had competed in local qualifiers.

Strathdearn Primary School and Crown Primary School

A team from Strathdearn and Crown Primary Schools competed in the First Lego League National Finals in Bristol, coming in 13th from a total of 800 teams.

Dingwall Academy

Dingwall Academy Mountain Bike Team came in First in the "Strathpuffer" 24 hour endurance event.

Stonewall Education Equality Index

In 2017, Highland Council was delighted to receive the Stonewall's Education Equality Index Award of most improved Local Authority in the UK. The Authority has since improved further to be placed in the top ten in the 2019 Stonewall Education Equality Index, coming 8th in the UK of those Local Authorities submitting evidence.

This work is supported by the LGBTI+ sub-group of the Care and Learning Equalities Improvement Group which has led a number of activities to raise awareness of homophobia and also to support and empower LGBT young people in Highland schools.