

**Education
Committee
19th November
2025**

Outstanding Achievements

Highland Schools



Noss Primary



Noss Primary School in Wick has achieved the highest accolade from **sportscotland** for their commitment to ensuring that all pupils are fully participating in sport and physical activity.

The far north school with 300 pupils has been awarded a **sportscotland** Gold School Sport Award for 2025-2027, recognising the school's efforts at putting sport at the heart of their planning, practice and ethos.

The Gold Award highlights that the school has shown excellent practice across the core areas of the Award and demonstrated an on-going commitment to increase young people's opportunities and engagement in physical education, school sport and leadership and provide clear pathways to life-long participation in sport.

Steve Hughes, Active Schools Coordinator for the Wick cluster said: "We are absolutely delighted to see Noss Primary School receive their Gold Award, their attitude to sports and being physically active is so positive so this is very well deserved."

Finn McDonnell won
INDIVIDUAL GOLD at
the Irish International
Open Karate
Championships in
Dublin.

Arianna Fraser won
TEAM GOLD at the
Irish International Open
Championships in
Dublin along with her
teammates.

Harry MacLaughlin and
Finn McDonnell along
with their teammate
won **TEAM SILVER**.

Crown Primary School



Kinlochbervie High School

Kinlochbervie Pupils Honour Local Hero in Vancouver.

A group of pupils from North West Sutherland Schools will soon embark on an incredible cultural trip to Vancouver, Canada, where they will play a key role in marking the anniversary memorial of Robert MacBeath — a former villager of Kinlochbervie who tragically lost his life while serving with the Vancouver Police Department in October 1922.

During the visit, pupils will take part in commemorative events alongside members of the Vancouver Police, local dignitaries, and Scottish community representatives. The trip will also give them the opportunity to explore cultural links between Scotland and Canada, celebrate shared heritage, and reflect on the values of courage, service, and community that Robert embodied. This once-in-a-lifetime journey connects our young people to their Highland roots and to a story of bravery that continues to inspire across generations and continents.



St Clement's
School - Dingwall

Silver Rights
Respecting Schools
Award

We were delighted to achieve our Silver Rights Respecting Schools award in October

2025 – 2028



**Rights
Respecting
Schools**

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**Silver
Rights Aware**

Pupils and staff have worked hard to raise the profile of children's rights across the school and the wider community. The importance of rights, especially to children with Additional Support Needs, is now an integral part of everything we do at St Clement's.

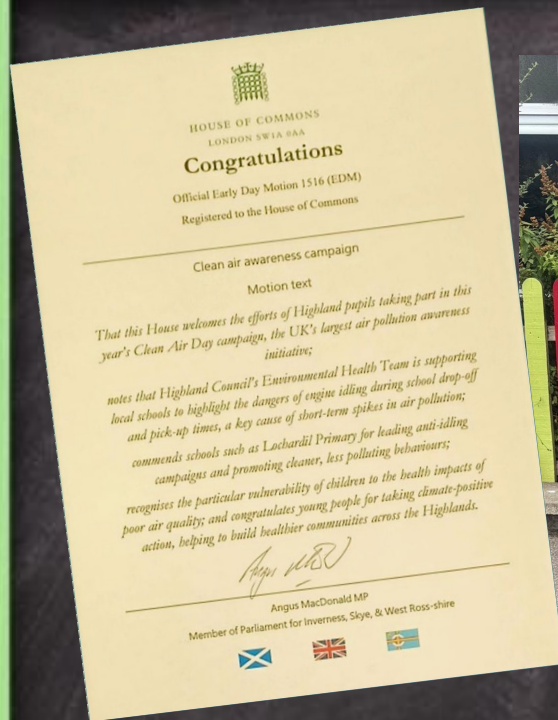
Golspie High School

Senior boys' Small
schools 7-a-side
football team. Reached
finals without losing or
conceding a goal.



Lochardil Primary School

Motion raised in Parliament



Lochardil Primary was recognised in an Early Day Motion raised in the House of Commons Westminster Parliament during the summer holidays in recognition of their contribution and participation in this year's Clean Air Day campaign, working in partnership with Highland Council's Environmental Health Team.

Dingwall Primary go for Gold!

We are delighted to have
achieved the following in
Term 1 this session!

- Gold Sports Scotland
Accreditation



- Gold Rights Respecting
Schools Award

- 'Very Good' Gradings in
all areas of ELC Care
Inspectorate Inspection

**As part of the Gold Sports
Award work, 10 of our pupils
also attended the Scottish
Road Running Championships
in Dunfermline on 1st October.
We were delighted that a
Highland Primary Team
attended!**



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SCHOOL

Teams

*** 4 to count ***

Pos	Team Name	Team Result	No Members
1	George Watson's	48	7
2	Kinross	70	4
3	Bruntsfield	133	6
4	Newton	145	9
5	St Kenneth's EK	145	5
6	Glasgow Academy	146	4
7	Albyn	178	6
8	Edinburgh Academy	180	6
9	Jordanhill	245	4
10	Commercial	254	8
11	Buckstone	265	4
12	George Heriots	267	4
13	Lenzie Meadow	277	5
14	Dingwall	287	4
15	Lawhead	297	4
16	Hutchesons' Grammar	304	5
17	Priorsford	305	4
18	Robert Owen Memorial	404	4

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Helmsdale Primary & Nursery School



In recognition of the school's excellence
in integrating digital technology into
learning and teaching

2025

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Effective partnerships a key strength at HPS-
highlighted in our DSA [validation report](#), our
climate change podcast collaboration with
[Timespan](#) was a particular success



Alness Academy



Caroline Moreno who is Principal Teacher for Additional Support Needs in Alness Academy has recently updated the schools procedures around assessment arrangements for young people who require extra support in examinations.

Her work has been recognised by the SQA as being of a high standard. She is currently delivering webinars alongside SQA colleagues to share this good practice with teachers from across Scotland

Thurso High School



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School

Emma Byrne, Principal Teacher of Maths in Thurso High School has recently presented at the ResearchEd conference at George Heriot's School in Edinburgh. The conference aimed to bridge the gap between educational research and classroom practice.

Emma presented on using **Direct Instruction** in maths, which she has been doing for the past few years to pupils who struggled with maths. She has been able to evidence a measurable impact on attainment using this approach.