

**Education
Committee
25th February
2026**

Outstanding Achievements

Highland Schools



Newtonmore Primary



Two pupils from Newtonmore Primary school have worked on a project to get Duck Signs installed in their village, to raise awareness.

Following on from this they have been instrumental in getting the Cairngorm National Park Authority in to do talks and outdoor learning.



Congratulations to James Sutherland for being recognised by Dyslexia Scotland as a Young Changemaker.

James and his editorial team have now produced 5 editions of Crown Courier. Link in the Courier header opposite if you'd like to read it.



Crown School Courier

January 2026 Issue #5

Kids Newspaper



Tain Royal Academy



Saltire Volunteering Award

HANNAH COWPER

Certificates Achieved: 10, 25, 50, 100 & 500 hrs.

Volunteering hours achieved as at the end of 2025: 780 (and counting).

Hannah started riding lessons at Achavandra Stables before being offered volunteering hours at the end of 2022. Horses were Hannah's passion – something that continues to this day. Hannah's volunteering started with general yard management such as cleaning the stables and this progressed to tacking up the horses. Hannah is now trusted to take rides out herself, normally 2 riders and horses. Hannah works really well with young children and helps them to come out of their shells. Achavandra Stables are so proud of how Hannah has progressed over the years and firmly believe that working with the horses has been the making of Hannah. In their words "Hannah is a godsend – we are hoping to hire her once she leaves school".



Carboost Primary School successfully achieved a Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award.

Our accreditors complimented the strategic approach to embedding rights into our policy and practice. They also commended teachers for the way they plan for teaching and learning about rights across the whole curriculum.

As we work toward Gold accreditation, our staff and pupils continue to work hard to embed an ethos of equity and tolerance in our school and seek to help others within our local and global community access their rights.



Scottish
Golf Under
18 National
Team

Millburn Academy pupil Fraser Brown has been selected to play for the Scottish Golf Under 18 National Team. Fraser is one of six boys to achieve this honour.

Joy Dunlop came to Spean Bridge Primary to make a film about our Gaelic language developments.

The film will be shown during World Gaelic Week.



Glenelg Primary
and
Loch Duich Primary
cluster attained
Gold award in Rights
Respecting Schools
Award



Strathpeffer Primary



Every child in the school and nursery received a Gold Heritage Hero Award, the first school in Highland to receive GOLD, for all their learning and activities we completed around the Victorians to celebrate our 25th Birthday over the last two terms.

Dr Andrew Newton presented us with the certificates at a recent assembly.