

Education Committee

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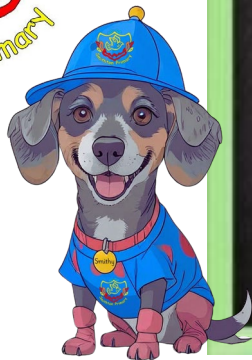


Outstanding Achievements

Highland Schools



Smithton Primary School – Sporting Success



Maxi MacSween

P7

Maxi won a competition to design the logo for the Home Nations Transplant Cup which was played between the national teams of all 4 home nations in the UK.



Ria Mackenzie

P7

Ria won **Athlete of the Day** at the Inter-School Sports event for both her own fantastic determination, as well as the way she encouraged and motivated her fellow teammates and peers throughout the day.

Smithton Primary School



Jess Davidson

P7

Jess and her fellow teammates from CCD Allstars took part in the European Summit Championships in Lisbon in June. The team won Silver in the Under 12 Hip-Hop category!



Nairn Academy

Nairn Academy pupils Charlie Holder and Fraser Cordiner have triumphed in the 2026 final of the Donald Dewar Memorial Debate Tournament, defending the title they won last year. The final of the annual event sponsored by the Law Society of Scotland took place on 17 June, with the original 64 schools who entered whittled down to 4 teams.



Zach Paton has been selected to be part of the Scotland squad to compete at the World Junior Squash Championships which takes place in Canada next month. He is one of 5 selected to compete for Scotland. We wish him every success.



RESPECT ME SCOTLAND – ANTI-BULLYING AWARD

Children created a child-led anti-bullying policy that supported a whole-school approach. This was further enhanced with work towards promoting anti-racism and saw the school achieve the Respect Me Scotland Anti-bullying Award.



Sport Scotland Silver Award

Many of our children have received Sport Leaders through their work leading various physical activities. This included 2 children being the first children in Highland to receive Young Sport Leader Awards for shinty.



**Avoch
Primary
achieved
Gold RRS
Award**



Inshes Primary Celebrates their Gold Rights Respecting Award with a Global Rights Gallery for the community

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

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Some of the children involved.



Isla-Lynn Bhaale, Sunny Lena Jasinska and Holy Bhaale.
INSET: Hunter Richardson.



Elly Arnott.



Mighty and Purty Ighayloye.
Pictures: Cathryn Mackay

Children's rights celebrated

AN Inverness primary school has celebrated its commitment to children's rights with a vibrant exhibition showcasing artwork inspired by cultures and traditions from around the world.

Families and local residents were invited to Inshes Primary School's Global Rights Gallery, where artwork created by every child from nursery to P7 was displayed as part of a school-wide project exploring global cultures, artistic traditions and children's rights.

The exhibition marked the school's achievement of UNICEF UK's Gold Rights Respecting Schools Award, the highest level of recognition for schools that embed children's rights throughout school life and place children's voices at the heart of decision-making.

Through the project, pupils learned about different countries, cultures and artistic traditions before creating their own pieces for the gallery, which was opened to families and the wider community.

Headteacher Meg Snedden said the school was proud to celebrate the accreditation and the children's work.

"We are so proud to be a Gold Rights Respecting School and to be able to celebrate and showcase our learning about children's rights around the world by holding a wonderful gallery event for the community," she said.

"From nursery to P7 our children have worked creatively and collaboratively towards this event. Their artwork is a fantastic celebration of our children's voices with their own interpretation and individual style."

Rights respecting co-ordinator Laura Carson said the project had encouraged children to develop empathy and respect for others.

"Through our school-wide project, we have learnt that children across the world have the right to express themselves, to use their own language, and to enjoy their culture and traditions just like we do," she said. "By learning about global cultures and their art traditions, the children have learnt about how art is used to share ideas, beliefs and identity. Our artwork has helped develop empathy and respect for the voices and traditions of others."



Inshes Primary create artwork learning about other countries and cultures.

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Newton Park
Primary is a
GOLD Rights
Respecting
School!

We were awarded Gold after our accreditation visit in January 2026. We celebrated with a whole school assembly and Gold themed day.





Kilchuimen Academy 12-Hour Sponsored Sport-a-Thon

Kilchuimen Academy recently held its first 12-Hour Sponsored Sport-a-Thon, bringing together pupils, staff and community partners to celebrate physical activity, teamwork and resilience. Throughout the day, pupils took part in a wide range of sports, including volleyball, basketball, cricket, rugby, golf, gymnastics, football, shinty, weightlifting, table tennis, netball, rounders and pickleball. Primary and secondary pupils also participated together, helping to strengthen links across the school community.

Supported by local organisations including Fort William Football Club, Lochaber Rugby Club, Sparrow Fitness, Great Glen Active Schools, Loch Ness Fort Augustus Cricket Club and Fort Augustus Golf Club, the event provided pupils with opportunities to try new activities and develop their skills. The Sport-a-Thon showcased pupils' commitment and teamwork while raising more than £1,200 to support future opportunities for learners. The success of the event highlights the value of community partnerships and active learning, with hopes of making it an annual fixture.



Dunvegan Primary School / Sgoil Dhun Bheagain's FilmG club consisting of EME and GME pupils, won the People's Choice and the Comedy Award at the FilmG Festival with their production of Mairi Mhòr nan Òran - Bana-ghaisgeach Ghàidhealach in Glasgow last week.

You can watch our film [HERE](#)

Kingussie High School BIKEATHON 2026!



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Kingussie High School's annual Bikeathon once again showcased the strength of the school and wider community, with 259 cyclists of all ages taking part in rides through Glenfeshie on 21 June 2026.

Thanks also go to local businesses and the school's Hospitality class for providing food and refreshments throughout the day. The Bikeathon continues to be a highlight of the school calendar, bringing people together to enjoy the local environment and celebrate cycling. We look forward to doing it all again next year.

As always this is a huge team event and could not be run without KHS staff and parent council, SPINProject, [Cycle Friendly Kingussie](#), KCDC, [Able2Adventure](#) and the Men's Shed for making the medals. Same again next year!!



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Sgoil Stafainn & Kilmuir Primary School celebrated 40 years of Gaelic Medium Education with a ceilidh. The children participated in lessons during the term with Anne Martin and Angus MacKenzie. Children had learnt a 40 minute repertoire of Gaelic songs and whistle tunes and were joined by the community to celebrate. This was supported by Bord na Gaidhlig and The Highland Council Gaelic Team.

