

KINLOCHBERVIE HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

October 2022

Staffing

Mrs Price-Davies has joined us permanently as Teacher of learning Support. Mr Price-Davies will over see the ASN department as part of his management role.

Mrs Poole will be taking over as Teacher of Art while Ms Richards is on maternity leave.

We would like to thank Mrs Strachan for her term as Art Teacher with us, it was lovely to have her back in school. We have appointed Jo Watson to the vacancy for PSA which covers Kerry's maternity leave and she will start with us as soon as the necessary paperwork has cleared.

Adverse Weather

Please note, the following procedures for adverse weather:

- If the school is closing early for any reason including adverse weather, we will endeavour to make contact with all parents via telephone. We will also post on our Facebook and Twitter pages.
- At all other times i.e. before school opens, Parents should check the Highland Council Schools Messaging Service, the Highland Council Website - school closures and / or our Facebook or Twitter pages which we will update as soon as we possibly can. Staff will not be contacting Parents from their homes.
- The schools messaging service number and pin is as follows for all NWS Schools: 0800 564 2272 / Pin Number 04 1130 (Pinned to the top of our FB page for easy access).

RASASH Workshops

On 21-23 November we will have Hollie MacLean from Rasash coming in to give short workshops to all high school pupils on a variety of topics from consent, gender, social media and how to keep themselves safe in a variety of situations they may face now and in the future.

Youth in Philanthropy Initiative

S5/6 are taking part in YPI (Youth & Philanthropy Initiative) this year and are busy working on their research and presentations to support 2 charities who help with the social issues of Young Carers & Mental Health in NW Sutherland. They will be presenting to an audience and panel of judges on Thursday 15th December at 2.15pm and one of the groups will win £3000 for their charity. All community members are invited to come along and watch the presentations and support the pupils. There will also be refreshments and some musical entertainment during the interval while the judges deliberate.

Christmas Craft Fayre

This will take place on Saturday 3rd December in the High School Games Hall. We hope to have around 10 or more exhibitors as well as a raffle and teas. We have already sent out an email asking parents to donate baking and / or help on the day. This is our first fund raising event for school funds since 2019 and any help would be very gratefully received. School fund subsidises so many of our school activities and amazing trips so it's important we keep up the hard work putting back into it.

S1-3 Edinburgh & Stirling Trip

A great time was had by all who went on the trip. The group enjoyed the sights of both cities, a fringe festival show and dropping by the book festival.

Football Trips

Mrs Paterson has resumed our Youth Membership with the SFA which allows us access to tickets to Scotland home matches for our school. Along with Mrs MacDonald and Mr Price-Davies, Mrs Paterson took two groups to matches last month. Both involved long journeys and late returns home. Both aspects should be considered if your child wishes to take part in future football trips.

Visitors to School

Last term we welcomed Dynamic Earth to the village hall and to school. All that went to the interactive show thoroughly enjoyed it. We hope it's the first of more visits from them.

The Duke of Westminster joined us on the Monday of the last week of term to officially open the new Youth Facility 'The Big Blue Box' situated at the back of the

school. He was given a guided tour of the school by our Head Pupil Olivia McCaul and Pupil Council member, Harvey MacDonald, before he joined the representatives from HLH to cut the ribbon. We hope to see it up and running soon, HLH will shortly be advertising for a Youth Support Worker to work from the Big Blue Box and to provide support and services for our young people.

McBeath Anniversary

On Monday we remembered Robert McBeath VC at a short service at the cairn to commemorate the 100th anniversary of his death on 9th October. It's hoped that we will arrange another trip to Vancouver in 2024 using our links with the VPD and friends in Vancouver.

Proposed trip to London

We are planning to offer a trip to London in June for our S4,5 and 6 pupils. This will include a visit to parliament and a show with other activities to be planned by the pupils. It is likely that the cost for a 5 day trip will be around £450 but further details will follow shortly.

Lunch Time Opportunities this Term

Mon: Coding Club with Ms Pintado

Tues: Variety Club with Mr Sisdeli

Weds: Musicals Club with Mrs Thackeray & Ms Teague; Chess Club with Mr Keitany

Thurs: Sports & Games with Scott McRae ASC

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

28 Oct	S3 JMT Camping Trip
8 Nov	S4-6 Parents Evening
9 Nov	Theatre Trip
17 Nov	Children in Need
3 Dec	Christmas Craft Fayre
8 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
15 Dec	YPI Final
22 Dec	Pantomime Trip (S1-3); Holidays from 3.50pm

As always should you have any queries or concerns please contact me at the school.

Graeme Smart

Head Teacher