

ARD SGOIL A'PHLUIC/PLOCKTON HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER—Week ending 30th May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoy hearing about and seeing Plockton High School pupils' achievements and activities both in and out of school over the past few weeks. We had a great run of weather this month which has allowed for some day-to-day learning experiences to move out of doors to make the most of the fine and dry conditions. It has also meant that excursions from school have been taking place in some lovely weather. On the one day when Plockton was in the mist, the sun was shining on Sleat as the S1 pupils enjoyed a visit to Armadale Castle and Estate. The wetter weather more recently has been welcomed by gardeners, including a group of our S2 pupils who visited Duncraig Nursery last week to stock up on plants for planting out.

At this time of year, S3 pupils become our 'senior pupils' in school when pupils in S4 – S6 are sitting exams. They have risen really well to the challenge of being role models for younger pupils and have been doing some impressive work. In early May, the whole year group took part in a week-long experience entitled 'Sea2Me' focusing on the salmon industry locally which was co-ordinated by Developing the Young Workforce and included visits to workplaces and activities in school. These included the creation, cooking and marketing of a dish including salmon where pupils worked in teams to present and describe their new creations. The judging panel, including some lucky teachers, got to taste the delicious dishes they created! This is the first time DYW have co-ordinated this particular event and the representatives from Salmon Scotland and the industry were very impressed with how well our pupils engaged throughout all the activities.

Earlier this month, VE Day was commemorated in school by our S3 History pupils who spent time preparing materials to teach primary pupils about different aspects of WWII and help them understand the significance of the day.

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We are really looking forward to having our senior pupils back in school tomorrow – Wednesday the 28th of May. I congratulate them on their purposeful and hard-working approach to their exams. It has been great to see them coming in so focused and well-prepared. This week will include some important elements which will support them to make the most of their senior years in school. These will include preparing them to take on a supportive Buddy role for the P7 pupils who visit the high school next month. It is important that pupils know who can help them in their decision-making around making subject choices in school and next steps as they think about their post-school plans so there will also be input from Skills Development Scotland (Careers Advisors) for all pupils and an opportunity to find out more about college options. S5 and S6 timetables include an element of choice between some timetabled elective options so pupils will be making these choices and will also have opportunities to take part in creative and team-building activities as they are welcomed back to school.

We will be saying farewell to our leavers at the End of Session Ceremony in the afternoon on Thursday the 26th of June. Before that please mark the date in your diary for the concert which celebrates twenty-five years of the National Centre of Excellence in Traditional Music at Plockton High School. This concert on the 19th of June is at Eden Court and later that month, on Saturday the 28th of June, Music School students will be playing to the home audience in the Assembly Hall here at Plockton High School.

Le dùrachdan

Jo Scott-Moncrieff

ACHIEVEMENTS



My Sports Day

I went to Inverness for sports day. I was with my mum. I met another boy called Lachlan. I ran in a race and I came second. I threw the shot putt. I jumped in the long jump. I won a bronze medal. I was placed 3rd for the whole contest.

My mum was very proud. So are all my teachers.

By Lachlan Matheson

Highland Disability Sports Meeting
Inverness 14/5/2025

Maura MacKenzie S1 – won a medal in Kilmallie on Sunday 18th May for being the Best Scottish Under 14 Girls Shinty Player.

Well done to Olivia Maclean (S1), Edie Munro (S2) and Rachel Taylor (S3) who came third place in the Highland heat of the Scottish Association of Geography Teachers annual quiz which was hosted at Gairloch High School! Thanks to Miss Stewart for championing the team and taking them safely to the event!



VE DAY

S3 History students met with Plockton Primary pupils to commemorate VE Day through an engaging, collaborative learning experience.

Each S3 group researched and prepared a mini, interactive lesson on a key aspect of WWII—ranging from the Home Front to the significance of VE Day itself.

They delivered their lessons to small groups of primary pupils, helping to share historical knowledge in a fun and accessible way while building their own confidence, communication, and leadership skills.



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S5 ARTWORK



By Eilidh-Ann
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By Kaitlyn MacBeath



By Paula Woodward

S5 ARTWORK



By April McLay



By Ava Ferreria



By Lucy Matheson



By Elisabeth Jones

SHINTY—ROBERTSON CUP



Shinty – Robertson Cup

On Wednesday 21 May, the S1-3 Robertson Cup took place at Blairbeg park, Drumnadrochit and thanks to Kinlochshiel Shinty Club, who provided a minibus and driver, Plockton High School was able to take two teams.

Both teams had difficult draws in each league with the 1st team facing Charleston, Kingussie A, Glenurquhart B & C and Lochaber B; the 2nd team league included Alness, Kingussie B, Glenurquhart A and Lochaber A.

All players put in full effort and work rate throughout the tournament and played some excellent shinty with both teams narrowly missing out on semi-final qualification. Well done to: Abi MacRae, Lewis Fraser, Kyle McBride, Charlotte Boswell, John Pearce, Cain Courtney, Maura Mackenzie, Josh Bruce, Freddie Morrison, Donald Finlayson (top goal scorer for Plockton High School), Riley MacIennan, Finn McDermid, Peigi MacKay and Daniel Campbell. A HUGE thank you to Ewen Campbell for driving us there and back!

LOCHALSH JUNIOR PIPE BAND



Great night was had down at Kyle pier welcoming the Waverley back after its afternoon cruise.

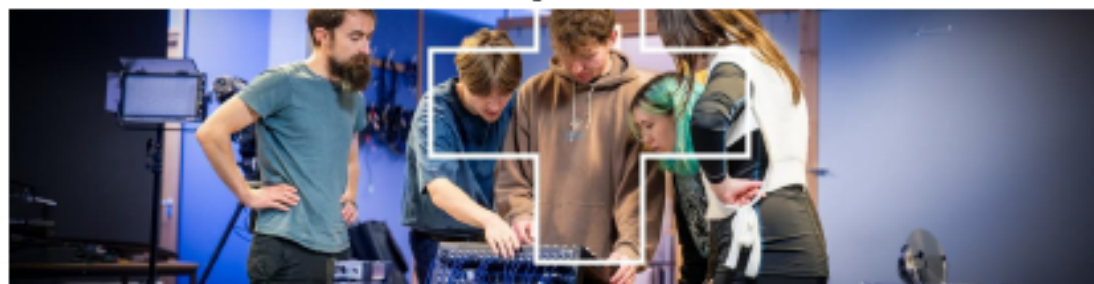
Thankyou to all the folk who were down watching the band and the magnificent PS Waverley sailing back into Kyle once again.

The weather and midges were kind to everyone. There were three new drummer playing for the first time with the band. Well done Monica, Jess & John.

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As well as offering courses that you can study at school during [Senior Phase](#), you may not know we also offer a wide range of courses from Nat 5s and Highers, Foundation and Modern Apprenticeships, HNCs and HNDs, including our Broadford based [Outdoor Adventure NQ](#). Some of our courses provide a pathway through to degree level study. We have local centres at Auchtertyre, Broadford and Portree.

A full list of our courses is available here:



Some of the benefits of studying locally can include:

- smaller class groups
- relevant, flexible and supportive learning – you can often study around work
- more affordable options, negating the need to move away from home.

If you have any questions, please contact our Auchtertyre centre on **01397 874510** or by email: auchtertyre.nwh@uhi.ac.uk. You are very welcome to come into our Centres for a look around and to meet the staff. Our doors are always open. Just email or phone to arrange a suitable time.

We have some scheduled **drop-in days** coming up:

Auchtertyre – Tuesday 1st July at 10am-12noon, Monday 18th August at 2pm-4pm

Broadford – Monday 7th July at 12noon – 2pm, Tuesday 12th August at 12noon – 2pm

You can catch up with our local centres on Facebook:

[UHI NWH Auchtertyre](#) and [UHI NWH Broadford](#).