

# **ARD SGOIL A'PHLUIC/PLOCKTON HIGH SCHOOL**

## **NEWSLETTER—Week ending 3rd July 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wishing you all a lovely summer as we come to the end of the 2025-26 school session. I hope you enjoy the enclosed reading about the activities and highlights over recent weeks here in school.

SQA results are issued on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of August and we look forward to welcoming pupils back in to school on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of August.

Le dùrachdan

Jo Scott-Moncrieff

## **An Ode to Joy**

(The most appropriately named teacher)

Clever, calm, cool, collected

Welcoming, nurturing,

Enthusiasm injected.

Organised, considered,

Resourced and ready.

Number busting, practiced,

Resilient, steady.

Stats, Pythagoras, synthetic division,

3D vectors, integrals, matrix elimination.

Volume, fractions, financial execution,

Algebra, area, graphical representation.

Work time, learn time, lifetime commitment.

30 years, 6000days,

40000 hours, 2 million seconds.

One thousand kids,

All to 1 sig figs.

Sugar resisting, water drinking,

Soup loving, biscuit giving.

Our colleague

Our friend

Our Joy

As this session comes to an end we are saying goodbye to some colleagues who are retiring or leaving. Our best wishes go with them and grateful thanks for their dedication to supporting young people with their learning at Plockton High School.

Mrs Joy Matheson has thirty years of Maths teaching at Plockton High School to look back on as she enjoys her retirement and we wish her well with her post-school plans.

Ms Veronica Treanor has supported pupils and colleagues at Plockton High School for many years, most recently as the Principal Teacher of Support for Learning leading a team of colleagues looking after pupils' wellbeing and making sure they are supported to achieve. We wish her well in her retirement.

Mr Greg Dobson is also leaving at the end of this session having worked in the school in different capacities for some years now. Most recently, he has been enhancing opportunities for creativity and supporting pupils to overcome challenges and make the most of their time in school.

Ms Michelle Aitken has been supporting our staff and our young people in the Support for Learning department and throughout the school for many years. We thank her for her calm and purposeful commitment to pupils and colleagues and wish her all the best in her career path.



Here is our Dux (Connor Fraser) and Proxime Accessit (Rosie Winkleman) showing with their awards with retiring maths teacher, Mrs Joy Matheson.





## ARTWORK



By David Charles-Edwards, , S3



By Maisie Rendall, S3



By Lexi Cox, S3



By Nell MacDonald, S3



By Adam  
Cameron, S3

## ARTWORK



By Finlay Clarke, S1



By Josh Bruce, S1



By Emily MacLeod, S1



By Niamh Hill, S1



By Riley MacLennan, S1



By Maura MacKenzie, S1



## CROFTING





## HIGHLAND GAMES





## SHINTY

On 4 June, a group of 20 pupils completed their Level 3 shinty refereeing course. The course enabled them all to develop leadership and decision-making skills, and will help them build camaraderie with younger players when they have further opportunities to oversee games.

On 23 June a group of players also joined up with Portree High School to compete against Àrd-sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu. This was a well fought match where all players showed some excellent skills in a friendly yet competitive match. Plockton/Portree claimed the win, scoring 8 goals to Àrd-sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu's 3 goals.





Recently some of our S5/6 pupils were invited to help with the sorting of ballots for the local election count in Wards 6 and 10.

The pupils had a great day, as did Mrs Coghill and Mr McGrath, learning about the democratic process first hand!

Everyone involved noted how professional and engaged the pupils were.

Thank you to [The Highland Council](#) for the invite!





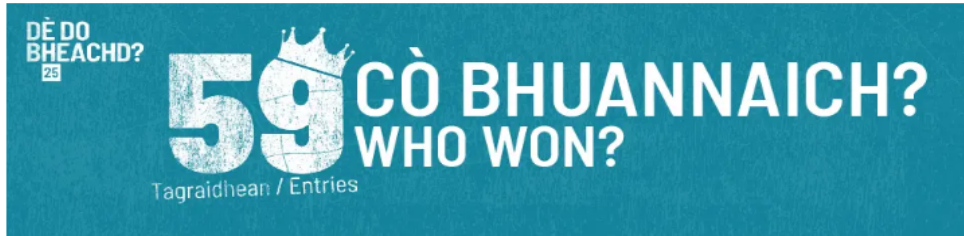
Room 16 pupils planting various plants from Duncraig Nursery.  
The flowers and the alpine perennials were donated to the school by Duncraig Nursery.



# Sabhal Mòr Ostaig Podcast Winners 2025

## 1st and 2nd place Gaelic prizes for Plockton High School pupils in the Sabhal Mòr Ostaig Podcast Competition - “Dè do bheachd?”

### DÈ DO BHEACHD? FARPAIS POD-CHRAOLADHEAN 2025



#### Cò bhuannaich?

Chaidh 59 pod-chraolaidhean Gàidhlig bho àrd-sgoiltean air feadh Alba a chur a-steach don cho-fharpais am-bliadhna! Taing do gach sgoilear a ghabh pàirt agus a chuir a-steach pod-chraoladh.

Gu h-ìosal tha liosta de bhuannaichean na bliadhna seo agus na pod-chraolaidhean aca airson èisteachd riutha.

#### Toraidhean Dè do Bheachd? 2025

##### FILEANTAICH

###### A' CHIAD ÀITE

Cathal, Liam, Maisie agus Owen bho Sgoil Lionacleit



###### AN DÀRNA ÀITE

Johnathan bho Àrd-sgoil Phort Rìgh



###### AN TREAS ÀITE

Elizabeth bho Acadamaidh Pheairt

##### LUCHD-IONNSACHAIDH

###### A' CHIAD ÀITE

Freddie, Tarese, Fin, James, Ellie-may, Olivia, Justin & Kayla bho Àrd-sgoil a' Phluic



###### AN DÀRNA ÀITE

Leila, Holly, Esme, Edie & Celeste Àrd-sgoil a' Phluic



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