



ARD SGOIL A'PHLUIC/PLOCKTON HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER— 21st June

Dear Parents/Carers,

After an incredibly busy week last week with our school closure on Wednesday afternoon and all of our preparations for the End of Session Ceremony, followed by the Ceremony itself on Thursday I just didn't quite manage to get the weekly Newsletter to you on Friday! We had an incredibly enjoyable afternoon of awards, speeches, readings, musical items, delicious canapes and a friendly, convivial atmosphere in the school when we were finally able to bring our school community together again. It was lovely to be able to do this again for the whole school and, on a personal level, I really appreciated being able to share my thanks and appreciation for all that happens in our school for the last time. We're not finished yet, however, and there is still a great deal going on in classes and in the school as a whole right up until 1.25pm on the very last day!

Le d'urachdan, Susan Galloway



DUX AWARD

This year we have three recipients of the Dux Award, our Principal academic award, based on cumulative SQA results from S4 and S5.

This year's recipients are (from left to right): Erin Winkelmann, Beth Murphy and Calum Reeves-Womble and they were all presented with a certificate, a book of their choice and an engraved quaiach at our End of Session Ceremony.



A few images from
The End of Session
Ceremony 2022



DYW ACTIVITY IN HOME EC

We were delighted to welcome Hazel Boswell of the Midge Bite Café into school on Monday to work with groups of pupils. The first session was with Cake Craft and she showed the class how to make modelling paste from fondant icing and then went on to make bows which will be assembled next lesson. They then made bears out of icing and learnt how to use some of the icing tools.

The second session was with the S3's who did a "Ready Steady Cook" challenge in teams where they had to select from the available ingredients and design a two course meal, prepare, cook and present in 1 ½ hours. The standard of presentation was very high and everyone contributed to the team effort. There was a chilli chicken with egg fried rice, curry, Italian pasta and the desserts were lemon cheesecake, chocolate brownie and spiced apple crumble.



A big thank you to Hazel for taking the time to come into school and for being so inspirational with our pupils who got a great sense of what it is like to work under pressure just as they would if they, too, were running a café!





NATIONAL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN TRADITIONAL MUSIC

The summer concert was a fabulous event—very well done to all of the young musicians whose performances were a credit to their own talent and commitment, the guidance and inspiration of their tutors and the directorship of Dougie Pincock.

END OF TERM INTER-HOUSE QUIZ

We break up for the summer at 1.25pm on Thursday 30th June following our last morning in which we will be running the Inter-House Quiz. As with other events, it's been a while since we've been able to do this and I hope we'll have a strong turnout of pupils to participate in this event which will bring the school year to a close.



STEM SUCCESS

Last week, a group of pupils from Kyleakin Primary who had worked with Greg Dobson were at the Highland Celebration of Engineering at the School of Forestry in Balloch.

It was an amazing event for Primary and Secondary pupils and Kyleakin were awarded the Highland Primary STEM club award which was fantastic and a total surprise to the children.