

ARD SGOIL A'PHLUIC/PLOCKTON HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER—Week ending 15th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2023-2024 session. It has been a busy start to the term for everyone including our new S1 pupils and new Music School pupils who have been setting in and getting started on their studies. We welcomed all pupils with year group assemblies in the first week of term and in this newsletter you will see some of the other activities our pupils have been involved in since the start of term.

We began the new term with congratulations to our senior pupils for their hard work and a fine set of SQA exam results. The start of the new year is a time for senior pupils to reflect on results and make sure they have a purposeful course of studies which will support them to achieve. Our Pupil Support teachers here in school work closely with our Careers Advisor to provide advice and support to pupils around future plans and possible pathways. Colleges, universities and all sectors of the job market also have a lot of information online which we encourage pupils to explore.

We appointed our new team of Prefects and our Senior Prefect Team for the year. The School Management and Pupil Support teams were very impressed with the thoughtful approach of our senior pupils towards the prefect interview process. Pupils in all year groups have also been nominating their class Captains and Vice-Captains as representatives for the Pupil Council which meets regularly to ensure pupils have opportunities to contribute their thoughts about the school. We congratulate them all on their appointments and very much look forward to working with them on taking forward our plans for the school.

This term we are all engaging in reflection as we re-visit and refresh our Vision, Values and Aims as a 3-18 school. For the past two weeks in their PSE classes, pupils have been thinking about the values which are important to us as a school and exploring ideas about our vision and aims as a 3-18 school community. On Thursday September the 28th from 4.30 – 6pm, there will be a Vision, Values and Aims consultation event in the Assembly Hall at the school. This is an opportunity for you as parents, carers and members of the local community to take part in the review of our Vision, Values and Aims by meeting with pupils; hearing about their ideas and contributing your thoughts. There will be teas and coffees available as a MacMillan Cancer Support fundraiser so we hope you can come along. It is a drop-in event so you can be there at the start or just call in for a few minutes when you can between 4.30 and 6pm.

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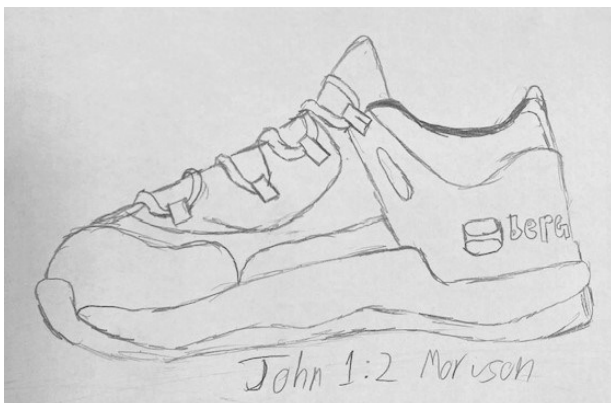
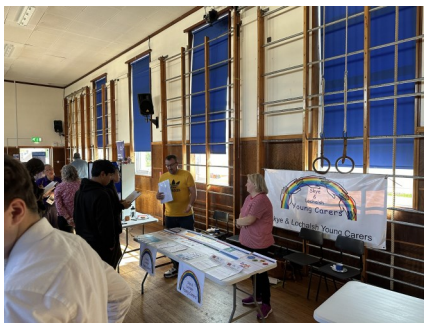
Jo Scott-Moncrieff

Dates

Thursday 28th of September – parents, carers and community consultation on Plockton 3-18 Vision, Values and Aims: 4.30 – 6pm in the School Assembly Hall.



Plockton High School were delighted to welcome a number of local charities to the school last Thursday for a Charities Fair. Pupils from S1 – S3 met with representatives to learn about the work the charities do in the local community and gain a better understanding of the volunteer sector. S3 found out information regarding how the charities started, where they get their funding and what activities they do, all of which will help them select their charity to represent for the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported making this event happen. YPI Scotland DYW West Highland, #COOL Kyleakin Connections Skye & Lochalsh Citizens Advice Bureau Lochalsh & Skye Housing Association Crossroads Care Skye and Lochalsh Crocus Highland Skye and



By John Morison, S1



By Millie Morrison, S1



By Esme Healy, S1



By Kenny Seel, S1

August 100 CLUB PRIZE DRAW

1st Prize: Jill Dryburgh

2nd Prize: Louise Loudon

3rd Prize: Susan MacVicar

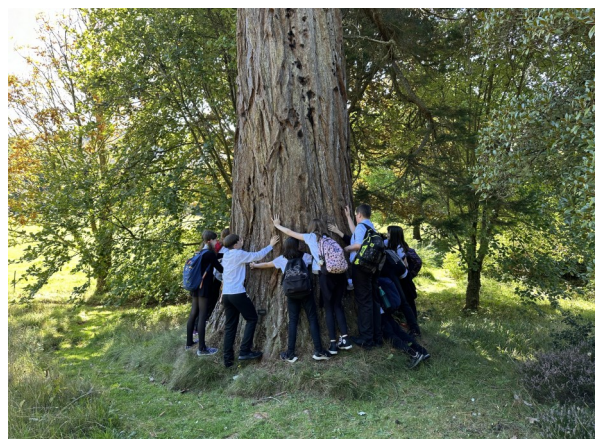
Plockton High Schools S1 year group last week went to Attadale Gardens as part of their Wider Achievement Class.

The year group were visiting to learn about land management, growing seasons and sustainable foraging of produce by the gardeners at Attadale. The pupils looked at the different types of fruit, vegetables and flowers that are grown for use on site and off.

The day also involved seeing how the gardens are maintained and cultivated as well as how modern art is incorporated with the grounds.

This visit works with what the pupils are doing currently with Mrs Gess and Mr McGrath in Wider Achievement and hopefully will encourage the pupils to give it a shot and grow their own produce!

Thank you to [Attadale Gardens](#) (Joanna, Pam and Francis) and Mrs Gess, Mrs Jones and Mr McGrath for taking the groups to the gardens.





Photographs

The School Photographer is here on Thursday the 28th of September. If you haven't done so as yet, please return the permission slip forms which were sent out to you along with the Annual Data forms, adverse weather and Christmas Fayre details.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We look for your support to ensure pupils are wearing proper uniform. In particular, leisure wear should be kept for PE classes or other sporting activities. Our uniform is black trousers/skirt, a plain white or black shirt and a black jumper, cardigan or school hoody. School hoodies and ties are available to purchase from the school office.

Free school meals and assistance with clothing

You may be entitled to free school meals and assistance with clothing and you can check this by following the link below:

**[https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/899/
schools_-_grants_and_benefits/10/
free_school_meals_and_assistance_with_clothing](https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/899/schools_-_grants_and_benefits/10/free_school_meals_and_assistance_with_clothing)**

Please note that applying for free school meals is an annual process so you need to apply again at the start of the new school year.