

KINLOCHBERVIE HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

May 2017

Congratulations

The junior girls' football team were runners-up in the Highland Small Schools Football Tournament; they were representing the North area. The same girls bolstered by some of the older players took on Farr High School and took a comfortable victory in a friendly match at the astro-turf last term. Thanks go to Kerry Eastcroft for all her hard work with the team.

Rachael Horler won Gold in the 60 metres and Silver in the long jump at the Highland Disability Sports Junior Athletic Championship in Inverness, well done Rachael.

Caitlin Corbett and Chelsea Eastcroft won bronze at the S1-3 Ross-shire badminton championships in the girls doubles and Demi Eastcroft finished fourth out of nineteen in the singles. Well done to all.

The S1-3 Shinty team travelled to Alness last Friday and secured a 5-2 victory. Well done to them.

Sports for Champions Visit

Mrs Paterson organised a visit through Sport for Champions from Stephanie Inglis, the Commonwealth Judo Silver Medalist. She did a sports challenge with all the pupils first and then made a really inspirational presentation on her life story to the pupils and staff. A great time was had and funds were raised for all the ASG schools and nurseries through the sponsored sports challenge.

Staffing

Mr Joshua Keitany arrived in February from Kenya to take up his post teaching physics, maths & science. Our three probationer Teachers, Miss Sarah Lockhart, Ms Heidi Majanen and Miss Rowan Watkins were all successful at interview for Teacher of Music, Teacher of History, Modern Studies and Health & Food Technology and Teacher of Geography and Environmental Studies respectively. Congratulations to all.

We are still short of accommodation for teaching staff so if you know of anything available to rent locally please get in touch with the school office

Management of Schools

On the last day of last term I was appointed as the permanent Head Teacher of our ASG, incorporating Durness, KLB and Scourie Primary Schools. On Wednesday this week Ms Lee and Mrs MacDonald were appointed to job share the Depute Head Teacher post after an interview with parent council members, Barry Northedge and Councillor Linda Munro.

Interviews will be held shortly for the new Principal Teacher posts and PSA posts will be advertised before the summer.

Four and a half day week

Just a reminder to all that exam leave ends and we start on next year's timetable and 4.5 day week on Monday 29th May. Pupils will be given their new timetables in the week beginning 22nd May.

Biomass Boiler

The boiler is now up and running although we will still have some contractors in at some times to make sure all is running smoothly.

Fundraising

The pupils organised a talent show for Red Nose Day, as well as wearing red and holding a morning interval bake sale. Lots of talent was on show including a surprise performance by some of the staff. A total of £206.40 was raised for Comic Relief.

The Parent Council are at the helm of the Pasta Night last Thursday for the Cape Wrath Challenge week. Thank you to all who donated food and time to this event. In excess of £700 was raised.

We are holding a summer fayre on Saturday 24th June to raise funds for our new minibus and also for the Vancouver Trip. Letters for help / donations will be sent out to parents nearer the time.

Vancouver Trip

We have now received almost all copies of passports and ETA confirmations. If you haven't sent these in yet, please do so as soon as is possible. Payments can be made at

any time; all parents should have paid at least £100 by now, please send a payment if you haven't yet done so.

Coast to Coast Walk

On 2nd June I along with four of our senior pupils and pupils from Golspie High School and Dornoch Academy will set out to walk across Sutherland from Dunrobin Castle to Laxford Bridge. The walk will take us five days and on arrival at Laxford Bridge we will be picked up by the Lochinver Lifeboat which will take us to the harbour in Kinlochbervie.

We aim to raise as much money as possible for the RNLI, the Sutherland Veterans Association and for the three schools. Sponsor forms are available at the reception desk in school and in the church and the post office. Please give generously and check our facebook page www.facebook.com/coast2coastsutherland for more details.

Forthcoming Events

North of Scotland Athletics Championships, Inverness on 31st May

Scotland vs England Football, Hampden, 10th June

S1 -3 Indoor Rowing Festival, Inverness, 13th June

Ross- Sutherland Athletics Championships, Inverness, 22nd June

Far North Shinty Sixes

This annual event will take place on Saturday 3rd June at the pitch in Scourie from 11.00am. All parents with pupils involved should have had a letter home and a consent form. This is the 10th anniversary of Kinlochbervie Camanachd and we hope it will be as a successful day as in previous years. Our shinty coach Duncan is taking a step back and hanging up his Shinty stick after the sixes. We would like to thank him for 10 years of volunteering which included weekly training in all weathers, taking the pupils away for matches and trips and refereeing all day at all our annual sixes days and many more, too numerous to mention.

End of Term Arrangements

Sports Day will be on Wednesday 14th June with the 15th being the reserve day in case of bad weather.

Our prize giving ceremony will be on Thursday 29th June at 2pm. The Leavers Dinner and Dance will take place in the evening in Scourie. More details will follow.

Evening opportunities this term

Monday	Med Ball Workout 5.15 - 6.15pm (also open to adults)
Tuesday	Girls Football Training 4-5pm
Wednesday	Shinty 4.30 - 5.30pm (until end of May)

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

Graeme Smart

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