



CANISBAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER no. 8

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Dear Families,

I hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday.

Reminder – Term Dates, Holidays and Inservice Days

https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/32/school_term_dates

NHS Campaign about the rise in measles - Please see this link <https://www.nhsinform.scot/MMRagainstMeasles>

P7 Residential Trip – Great news for the families who have children attending the residential trip in September. Full funding was received for the remainder of the costs. A letter will be issued straight after the holidays.

End of Term Assembly and Together Time

Thank you to the families who joined us at the church today. I have included an overview of our full year and the 22/23 achievements which were awarded today so that everyone can see it.

It was lovely to be back in the church after 4 years. We started with an assembly by Reverend Easton-Berry and Sang 'One More Step'. The church have made a request for anyone who has unwanted cushions to be donated to the church.

We have 4 P7 children moving on, along with 2 staff members, Miss Miller and Mrs Davidson

We will be welcoming our new children – 6 new P1s and 3 new ELC children

Thank you to parent helpers

- Mrs L Davidson for doing our Cycle Training (and Mrs K Steven helped with this as well)
- Thank you to the Parent Council for their ongoing help and commitment and giving up time to attend meetings and arranging events for the pupils
- Family helpers for outings and families doing the fun day yesterday

Visitors to school

P5-7 have had:

- Tina Gibson, Active Schools to do Highland Games competition across rural schools
- Feis Music session for P5-7

P1-4 have had:

- Kodaly music sessions for P1-4
- Wick Museum visitor to P1-4
- STEM sessions

ELC have had:

- 3 sessions from Safe, Strong and Free for ELC
- Childsmile in ELC

Outings

Whole school: Cinema Trip

P5-7: 10 Swimming sessions

- Newton Room in UHI for STEM workshop in Robotics and Maths
- Quoybrae Farming event by the Royal Highland Educational Trust
- Rural Sports for the netball, football and hockey teams. Congratulations to the netball team for winning their competition and also for all children for becoming joint winners for the full competition
- P7 half day rural transition day and 2 full days in High School

P1-4: Trip to Dunnet Beach and session with Countryside Ranger Service

- Riding lessons for one of our pupils
- Unfortunately, snow ruined our trip to Lyth Arts Centre planned with ELC

ELC: Castle of Mey animal centre

Charity fundraising and gifting

- Dress down day for KLICS
- Poppy Collection
- Handmade gifts of kindness to the community from P5-7

What else has happened

- P6 buddies
- Bikeability Cycle training
- Together Time every 2 – 3 weeks to share our achievements and awards
- Christmas Jumper December
- Christmas Concert
- MFR School of the Week for 5 of our pupils
- Science Festival sessions for ELC Woodland Habitats, P1-4 Glitter Shakers and P5-7 DNA Extractions and Chromatography. Both classes also had Geology Rocks and Glorious Gems
- Open afternoon for our families and evening appointments
- Pupil Council back up and running after a few years
- Coronation Fun Day
- Online sessions for British Sign Language

Thank you to the staff for their ongoing hard work and commitment. I continue to be very grateful.

Thank you to the pupils for working hard to achieve well in their learning and to continue to meet targets.

Our vision – Learning together to be the best we can be.

ELC awards handed out for those moving on to Primary 1.

Citizenship Cup – George Ham

George always tries his best in school. He uses his initiative and regularly offers to help staff and pupils. He has been chairperson of the Pupil Council and shown that he was committed to the role. When asked if he liked being part of the Pupil Council he said that he liked the feeling of achievement and responsibility and seeing changes that he made, so he is very deserving of the Good Citizenship Cup.

Bikeability - The following children achieved level 1 or both level 1 and 2 – Kole, Lewie, George, Hayden, Connor, Morven, Gil, Duncan, Phoebe,

House Cup

The Seals won Sport's Day – this was by only 1 point. Seals also won the Heptathlon by 36 points so all of these points have also been added to the totals. The last time we awarded the House Cup was in 18/19. The winners were Seals and they had also won it for the 3 years before that.

This year the winners are **Dolphins** (they last won it in 13/14)

Well done to George, Kole, Phoebe, Morven, Iowa, Kyle R, Jack M, Hollie, Ruan, Iris, Hannah and Alexander

Sporting achievements

To work out points for the Heptathlon and Sport's Cups I have a fair system that takes into account how many children are competing in each stage so just because you have very few in your primary, it doesn't mean you are at an advantage of being able to get more points. The Sport's cups are awarded for results from Sport's Day and the heptathlon.

P1-3 Heptathlon results - 1st place Ruby 21 pts, 2nd place Nazar 15 pts, 3rd place Jack Bremner 14 pts

P4-7 heptathlon results - 1st place Duncan 22pts, joint 2nd place Hayden, Rhys and Logan 14 pts

Canisbay Record Breakers for 2023

Shot Put – P6 Boys – Duncan McGee

Shot Put – P4 Girls – Hollie Mackay

Long Jump – P6 Girls – Morven Begg

Long Jump – P2 Girls – Ruby Nicholson

Standing High Jump – P7 Boys – George Ham

Standing High Jump – P2 Girls – Ruby Nicholson

Long Run – P4 Boys – Logan Bremner

Long Run – P1 Boys – Nazar Tabunchenko

Long Run – P1 Girls – Casey Burt

Junior Sport's Cup was awarded to Ruby Nicholson. A very clear winner!

Senior Sport's Cup was awarded to Duncan McGee. Also a very clear winner!

Garry Macleod Memorial Shield – Kole Hutchinson

Throughout the year Kole has shown that he is always happy to be flexible in team events and plays fairly. He also played very well in the Rural Sports competition and was very encouraging to others even when there were disappointments during games. Every team needs a member like Kole to keep morale up!

Thank you,

R Moodie, Headteacher, Canisbay School

Community Events

Active Schools Activities <https://booking.highlifehighland.com/>

Lyth Arts Centre Events - <https://lytharts.org.uk/events/>