

Inverness High School News

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Reminders:

A full list of holidays and in-service closures is listed in pupil planners/diaries.

Highland Council school holiday dates are available online at www.highland.gov.uk

We do rely on parents to inform us about any allergies and medical conditions pupils have. Please inform the school if we don't already know of any condition.

We would also appreciate parents keeping us up to date with address changes, telephone number changes and changes to emergency contacts.

Dates for your diary:

Parent council event launching our newly refurbished classrooms – 7pm on Wednesday, 12th November.

S2 parents' evening - 6pm to 8.30pm on Thursday, 27th November.

School concert – Tuesday 16th December. Time to be arranged.

School finishes for Christmas – Friday 19th December.

HEADTEACHER'S PIECE

Dear Parent/Carer

As those of you who have been into the school recently may know, we have four very nicely refurbished classrooms. These are part of a pilot project which we are hoping will be rolled out across the school over the next few years. Feedback from both teachers and pupils say these are a great improvement and are really helping with learning and teaching. For those of you who haven't yet seen them the Parent Council are holding an official launch at 7pm on Wednesday, November 12th (further details over the page).

Refreshments will be provided and it would be great to see as many of you there as can make it.

There have been some good events in the school recently - the P7 Highlights day last week, for instance, was a big hit with the primary pupils although numbers of parents coming in for the evening event were not as high as I would have liked. It is always good to welcome parents and I am very keen for you all to see yourselves as members of our school community. With that in mind please let me have any ideas about how we can make the school a more welcoming place. Feel free to give me a call or drop me an email with comments on this, or anything else you fancy.

Finally, there's been a fair bit of rain around lately so it seems a good time to remind you of the school's adverse weather line. If things get so bad that we have to close the school there will be announcements on Moray Firth Radio and also on the Highland Council website but you can also keep yourself informed by ringing 0800 564 2272 and entering the pin number 041090.

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The SHARE programme has been delivered in schools across Scotland since 2002. It provides learning on relationships and sex education and health promoting schools as well as building on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The programme helps young people look at values and attitudes around respectful relationships, regardless of whether these are sexual relationships, as well as improving lifelong skills. This year's programme will start with S3 this month – please contact the school if you have any questions.

VIVO!

Currently leading the Vivo points totals are:

**Jason Florence
Lauren Geddes
Eilidh Stewart
Caitlin Munro
Summer Findlay**

Vivo is an online pupil reward system that involves spendable points being awarded to pupils by staff each week. These can be checked at home by parents. If you have forgotten your parental login please phone or email the school for a reminder.

Lovely new classrooms



English pupils enjoy some 21st century learning in our newly refurbished classrooms.

We have recently had a major refurbishment of four of our classrooms in a pilot project we hope will be continued through the rest of the school. State of the art facilities include up-to-the-minute Smartboards, climate controlled windows and blinds and brand new furniture.

The best way to get a true feeling for the rooms is to come in and see them so the Parent Council is holding an official launch, with refreshments at 7pm on Wednesday, 12th November.

Duke of Edinburgh bronze award



Jaden Anderson, Elise Ayres, Sarene Leslie, Caitlin Munro and Kloe Ross have all completed their final expedition for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh.

Becky Seath writes: "All the pupils were quite literally amazing. On the first day they walked 6.1 miles and climbed 1000ft and the second day they walked a further eight miles. We had beautiful sunny days but cold at night but they all endured. For some of the pupils they have not camped before or been hiking and to achieve this is even more amazing."



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CYCLING TO SCHOOL

As a school we are very keen to promote cycling as a healthy way to travel and there are bike sheds provide for safe storage during the day. We would ask, however, that pupils please make sure their bikes are securely locked when left Unattended at school.

