



Dingwall Academy

News

FEBRUARY 2017

Dates for your Diary:

3rd—5th March
Premiership Football Trip

Thursday 9th March
S3 Science at Work event

Tuesday 21st March
S2 Parent Contact Evening

Saturday 25th March
Spring Fair

Tuesday 4th April
Rock Challenge Eden Court

Wednesday 5th April
School closes for Easter

Monday 24th April
School re-opens

Monday 1st May
May Day holiday
School closed

Tuesday 2nd May
Study Leave Starts

Thursday 4th May
In-Service day

Monday 8th May to Friday
12th May
S3 Alladale Trip



Coming Soon!

S3 Science At Work Day

All S3 pupils will enjoy a packed day of interactive activities and off-site visits. We are delighted to have secured the involvement of a number of local companies including:

Scottish Water, Forestry Commission, Microbits, Ministry of Defence, Herbal Creams, Scottish Heritage and Conservation, UHI, Cromarty Pottery, Cromarty Cheese Shop, Glen Ord Distillery, Black Isle Brewery.

Thank you to them all for their support. There will be a full report in the next newsletter.



Notes & News



Staff Update

Congratulations to Mr Learmont who has been appointed to a permanent History post in the school.

We welcome back Mrs Deans who is covering some Geography classes. This term we have two students working in the school - Ms Das in Maths and Ms Hamilton in RMPS. We are confident that they will enjoy their time in Dingwall Academy and look forward to supporting them on their placement.

Study Leave

A reminder that senior phase study leave runs from 2nd May until 2nd June. All pupils will be issued with further information on this.



Reporting Survey

The Parent Council were asked to conduct a parental survey looking at the usefulness of our reporting system and how we might improve communication with parents.

The results have just been collated and this will be reported on in more detail to all parents.

Notes & News

Congratulations to S1 pupil
Max McMillan who won a Gold Medal at the BSSF Dog
Racing European Championships in Wales.
Max tells us something about his interesting sport ...

Sled dog racing

I do an unusual sport compared to other people and probably no one else does it in the school. I do this sport because my dad got into the sport. We started with malamutes but they were a bit slow so we upgraded to hounds and they are the fastest breed you can get. Dad uses 4 dogs you can go from 2, 3, 4 ,6 and 8 dogs in a team at once in the UK. In Alaska you can get up 16 dogs for a journey! You are on a rig if it is wet or dry but if there is snow you go on a sled.

Commands -

hike: go,

haw: left

left, gee: right,

stop: stop



Scottish Champion!

Congratulations to Lewis Urquhart S4 who won The Scottish Open Boxing Competition last weekend in Motherwell. Lewis now has two Scottish Titles and has been invited to take part in British Training in Glasgow during the summer holidays.

Who knows ... in the not too distant future we may be cheering Lewis on at the Commonwealth Games!



Spring Fair

Saturday 25th March

The Spring Fair this year takes place on Saturday 25th March 11am—3pm.

This school event has quickly become a community favourite and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for what promises to be another great day.

S2 pupils are already hard at work designing their stalls and these include bake stalls, pie face, cross bar challenge and a small animal zoo!!

Other school groups are also designing stalls to help raise money for their own particular activities.

There will be the ever popular inflatable activities including wrecking ball, laser tag and bungee run. Our fabulous indoor facilities means that these events can take place whatever the weather.

Pupils in Home Economics will be preparing some tasty treats for visitors to enjoy while listening to some musical entertainment.

Grab a bargain band for the inflatable activities!

As in previous years, pupils will be able to purchase a wrist band for £10 giving unlimited access to all the inflatable activities. These will be available during the week leading up to the Fair and on the day itself.



The Parent Council are very involved in the organisation of the Spring Fair.

On the day they will be helping with ticket sales as well as organising the BBQ and Bottle Stall.

Any extra help would be much appreciated, even for a couple of hours. If you are able to help please contact Emma Whitham on

emmalou2703@gmail.com

If you are not sure about volunteering then why not pair up with a friend and volunteer together?



Activity Days 2017

Activity days this year take place on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th June.

There will be assemblies for pupils over the next couple of weeks where they will be issued with booklets containing the full programme of activities.

Requests and deposits will be collected during the week beginning Monday 27th March.

The programme includes some established favourites, Go Karting, Fairburn Activity Centre, Landmark Heritage Park, as well as some new activities Bushcraft, Midsummer Madness Sleep under the Stars and Learn to Craft.

The full programme will also be available on the school website.



Dingwall Youth Forum Talent Show

On the 17th February the Dingwall Youth Forum organised and produced a Dingwall's Got Talent Show in the Town Hall. This was a fundraiser to help support the ongoing Fusion project. The young people from the forum organised the whole programme which included organising the acts, lighting and sound, promotion, a raffle, compering and performing in the actual talent show. This was a huge project that the young people took on and they were thrilled that over 80 people attended on the night. The money they raised on the night came to over £350.

Dingwall Youth Forum meet after school every fortnight in the Dingwall Academy meeting room to organise events for local young people and the community .



Scottish Apprentice Week

PART OF #SCOTAPPWEEK17

THE BIG APPRENTICESHIP EVENT

Informing | Inspiring | Hiring

INVERNESS ROYAL
ACADEMY
9 MARCH 2017
4PM - 7.00PM



The Army Careers Office in Inverness will be holding an open evening in support of the Scottish Apprenticeship Week on Thur 9 Mar 17 from 6pm until 8pm at the Army Careers Office on Bridge Street, Inverness.

If interested please contact them on 01463 231520

Further details also available on

www.armyjobs.mod.uk



You may be aware of the upcoming Scottish Apprentice week. DYW Inverness & Central Highland in collaboration with our core partners, Skills Development Scotland, Inverness Royal Academy & The University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) are delivering an event that reflects the Modern Apprenticeship family. This will be an opportunity to learn about the benefits of work based learning and the different types of frameworks available.

The event is open for all parents, pupils to come along and learn more about modern apprenticeships, vocational learning and the benefits of work based learning.

In addition, If you are an employer who are perhaps thinking about the benefits of apprenticeships to your business and would like to learn more, then apprenticeship & skills providers will be available to discuss with you the opportunities and how to get started.

On the day there will be a mixture of local businesses to represent and talk about their sector, roles and opportunities. There will also be a number of apprentices there on the day. This will be a great opportunity to hear directly from them, about their journey so far and how they have benefited from work based learning.

DYW hope to see you there on the day. But in the meantime. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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Top Citizen Award

The responsible approach of S4 pupil Louis Rae has been recognised and rewarded by Highland Council. Louis was on his way to school when he found a folder. He handed the folder to the school office, enabling it to be returned to the correct department within the Council immediately. The department involved wrote to the school saying

“Louis’ actions helped the Council quickly resolve what could have been a problem and it is clear that he has understood Dingwall Academy’s values of Respect, Responsibility, Honesty and Determination.”

Louis is pictured with the voucher he received as thanks from the Council.



During the February break, 6 pupils took part in the Introduction to Multi-skills workshop at Dingwall Academy. The workshop is designed to provide candidates with an understanding of key principles that influence all-round development of basic movement skills and physical literacy, an understanding of a holistic approach to child development and the development of the whole child through sport and finally an understanding of how to develop basic multi-skills.

The participants all engaged with the course content and provided some great input from their own experiences. All attendees are now part of the HLH Leadership Programme and we hope that the course will help them deliver future sessions. If your child is interested in the Leadership Programme and the opportunities that we provide then please get in touch with Active Schools Coordinator Rory Cross at:

rory.cross2@highlifehighland.com



Ross- Shire Schools Cross Country Championships took place at Alness Academy on Wednesday 8th February.

This year saw approximately 60 pupils selected to represent the school at the 2017 Championships. The weather was perfect for cross country running and our pupils took full advantage of the conditions. The Championships focus on both individual and team placings and our pupils did exceptionally well in both competitions. There are simply too many pupils to mention individually ,however, a huge congratulations to the whole 60 strong team who represented themselves and the school extremely well throughout the day.

Individual Results:

Gold Medalists:

Ellie Galbraith - S1 Girls
Danny McPake (S3) - U15 Boys
Kirsty Arnaud (S2) - U15 Girls
Joe Arnaud (S5) - Senior Boys

Bronze Medalists:

Daisy Wisely (S2) - U15 Girls
Kieran Chalmers (S4) - Senior Boys
Jade Fiddy (S4) - Senior Girls

Team Results:

S1 Boys - Second Team
S1 Girls - Second Team
U15 Boys - Team Champions
U15 Girls - Team Champions
Senior Boys - Team Champions
Senior Girls - Second Team

Under 15 Boys Winners



Under 15 Girls Winners



Next month look out for results and report from the North of Scotland Cross-Country Championships to be held at Gordonstoun on Wednesday 1st March.

Watch out for the next issue of the *News...*

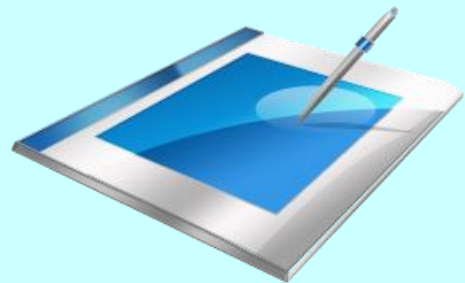
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Dingwall Academy

A school with a sense of community—a school where by taking collective responsibility, pupils and staff have the opportunity to achieve extraordinary things.

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

HONESTY

DETERMINATION