



# Dingwall Academy

# News

## Spring Success!

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Spring Fair was an outstanding success with the total raised so far at nearly £10,000!!! It was a great community event and the school would like to thank everyone involved – staff, pupils, parents, community and local businesses.

As part of House Tutor time, all S2 pupils were tasked with organising and running a stall at the Spring Fair. They all rose to the challenge and the canteen was transformed with bunting, baking, guess the teddy bear, guess the calories in the cake, smoothie bars and much, much more. Hospitality pupils served up delicious baking that visitors could enjoy while listening to a full programme of music provided by pupils and staff.

There was a variety of inflatable activities for pupils to enjoy and we are grateful to those senior pupils who helped supervise these activities. A highlight was the dunk tank, where pupils were given the opportunity to send staff for an early, and very cold, bath! The Parent Council organised the bottle stall and BBQ, we would like to say a huge thank you to Munros, Cockburns, and Tesco who provided meat and rolls for the BBQ.



There were science demonstrations from senior pupils, rides on the engineering club Go Kart, activities organised by Fusion and High Life Highland ... a fun filled day full of variety.

Thank you again to everyone involved. We will carry a full feature on the Fair in our next Newsletter after Easter.



## MARCH 2016

*Dates for your diary:*

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 3.40pm**  
School closes for Easter

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April**  
8.50 School re-opens

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April**  
S6 Anthony Nolan talks

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**  
May day holiday

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**  
Study Leave starts (all senior phase pupils have been issued with a study leave letter)

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May**  
Parent Council Meeting

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May**  
S3 Youth Philanthropy Initiative  
Finals Council Chambers 6.30

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May**  
Timetable Change

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June**  
Senior Phase Pupils return

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June**  
In-Service Day – school closed for pupils

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June**  
School Prize Giving 7pm

# Notes & News



Welcome back to Mrs Reid who returns to the Gaelic department following her maternity leave. Mr MacKay has been covering the maternity leave, we have really enjoyed having him here and would like to wish him well in his new post.

## SQA Data Checks

This week senior phase pupils are completing SQA data checks. These checks are very important to confirm entry levels for SQA exams. Pupils will all be issued with personalised SQA timetables on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April. If any pupils are still uncertain over entry levels then they must speak with their teacher immediately. A reminder that some pupils still have internal assessments to complete; it is essential that pupils adhere to deadlines and complete any work still outstanding.

## School Meals

Please find below the new price list for school meals attached. Prices have been increased by 10% as instructed by the Highland Council, as from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016 school meals will be charged as follows:

- Nursery School meal - £2.30 per meal
- Primary School meal - £2.30 per meal
- Secondary School meal - £2.55 per meal

# Achievements



## Lord Lieutenant's Award 2016

The Ross and Cromarty Lord Lieutenant's Award has been created to honour local young people's achievements in various categories which includes helping others, community action, the arts and sport. The Dingwall Youth Development team are pleased to announce that Alan Hassan came runner up in the Community Action category. Alan is a member of the Dingwall Youth Forum, he helps to organise and support the FUSION events, is on the board Highland Leader funding group, supports Muir Of Ord Community Hub development and is involved in so much more within his community. Well done Alan – keep up the good work!!

# Dingwall Youth Forum



The Dingwall Youth Forum (DYF) has made an outstanding voluntary contribution to developing youth led Youth Work provision in the area. In partnership with the HLH Youth Development team their work has resulted in the needs of young people being met much more effectively. Their volunteering has contributed to an increase in the quality of Youth Work and raised the profile of Youth Work and young people.

Their collective contribution has had a positive impact upon improving the life chances of young people (including themselves) in the Dingwall Academy catchment area, through

developing opportunities for learning and active citizenship.

DYF is made up of 10 young people aged 12-19yrs who meet regularly to ensure young people's views, experiences and ideas are at the heart of what we do.

If you would like to become involved in the forum, or for further information please pop into see Lindsay McGarry, Youth Development Officer, in the end office on a Tuesday or email [lindsay.mcgarry@highlifehighland.com](mailto:lindsay.mcgarry@highlifehighland.com)

## Teens and Toddlers

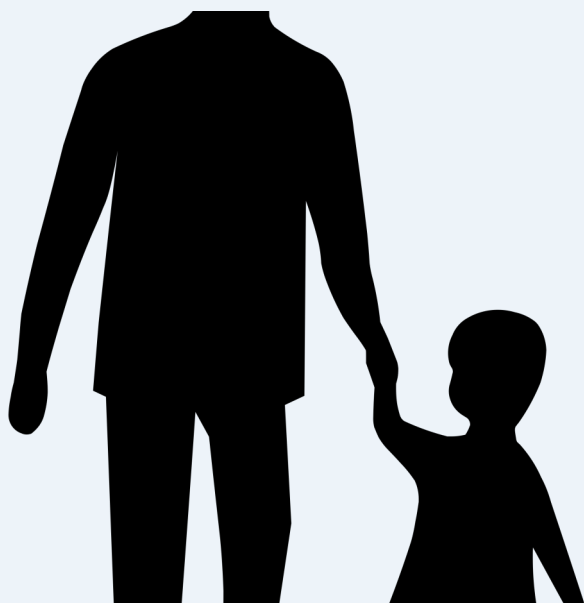
Dear Mrs Cormack,

We are writing to tell you some very good news! All of the young people who finished the first Teens and Toddlers programme have passed the first 3 Units of the SCQF qualification in Personal Development: Self Awareness, Self in Community, Self and Work and Practical Abilities (Level 4). That is: Units on Self Awareness, Self in Community and Self and Work. They will be earning the 4th Unit on Practical Abilities now in the Aim4More sessions in school which will award them the full Level 4 qualification.

We trust that you will be as proud of the young people as we are for this major achievement on their part. The external verifier at UHI was impressed with their work, especially the development of their skills and understanding demonstrated in their portfolio work from start to finish.

Your students who achieved this qualification and recognition are:

Tara McLean  
Kaitlin McGregor Robertson  
Shaun Sutherland  
Kuba Grabouski  
Ross Brannen  
Shannon Fraser  
Mia MacKay  
Zoe Stewart



**Well done!**



Something missing? Correction? Is there a feature you'd like to see? Get in touch!

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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**