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Dear Mr Ogilvie

**The Skye Reading Room  
Young Writers Competition**

I am writing to thank the Highland Society of London for their support for the Skye Reading Room's Young Writers Competition.

The presentation of prizes for the Writing Competition is now complete and the committee of the Reading Room are grateful to the Highland Society for sponsoring the prizes for Primary school pupils writing in English. Without the generosity of people like yourselves we wouldn't have been able to reward the young people of Skye who wrote for our competition. The teachers are also pleased that their pupils were well rewarded for their work.

There are approximately 1000 pupils attending the schools of Skye: 520 at the High School and a similar number in the thirteen primary schools. Some of the primary schools are very small: one has only three pupils.

From a shortlist of 60 entries, our team of judges - all either educators, authors or Gaelic speakers - selected the prize-winning pieces of writing. There were categories for English and Gaelic writing, for two age groups in Primary schools and for two age groups at the High School. The judges enjoyed being involved in reading all the entries and were impressed at the quality of the prize-winning entries. Both English and Gaelic writing were equally rewarded, and the quality of the winning entries was impressive.

The young authors were delighted with their prizes and some of the judges are keen to organise the competition again next year. The theme for the writing was 'Nourish' and the winning pieces of writing for the category you sponsored, English for Primary School pupils, are attached for your interest.

Yours sincerely



Ann Galbraith

On behalf of The Skye Reading Room