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Archaeological Dig – After two weeks of careful excavation and delicate work, the four trenches in the Old Parish School building at Loch Croispol and the three in the garden, were backfilled and returned to their original condition.

The archaeology of the project has been declared a resounding success answering many posed questions but creating many new ones.

Among the finds that can be definitely associated with a school were an intact inkwell, a pencil scribe for writing on slate and pieces of slate to write on.

The garden area became a focal point of fascination with the find of a Neolithic arrow head some 4500 - 5000 years old made from black chert. A very unusual and rare find which indicates the presence of further prehistoric activity in the area!

The find was due to the sharp eye of Rory McManus a pupil from Kinlochbervie Primary School while digging in the garden trenches.

Many visitors have come to the site and volunteers offered some time in helping with the archaeology. Six school visits occurred this week and volunteer Graham Bruce and archaeologist Ally Becket deserve congratulating on the patience and interpretation of site to all.

For more information, to attend events or to get involved:

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