



August 2022 Newsletter

Welcome Back! 😊

The start of the session has got off to a great start and it has been great to have everyone back together again after the summer holidays! We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to the year ahead.

A warm welcome to all of our new Nursery and Primary School children and their families who have started at Loch PS this session!

Welcome to Miss Tariq and Miss Meek who have joined the teaching staff this year and we are delighted that Mrs Penman (Miss King) has returned to Loch PS this session.

The classes and staffing for session 2022 - 2023 are as follows:

Primary 1 - Mrs Munro

Primary 1/2 - Mrs Roy

Primary 2/3 - Miss Tariq and Mrs Burns

Primary 3 - Mrs Campbell and Mrs Henderson

Primary 4 - Miss Stewart

Primary 5/6 - Mrs Graham

Primary 6 - Miss Simpson

Primary 7 - Mrs Barrett

Mrs Penman, Miss Meek and Mrs Bloomer will work within classes across the school and will also work with small groups and individual pupils.

The children have made a smooth transition to their new classes and are settling well with lots of great learning experiences taking place!

Our Nursery Staffing for session 2022 - 2023 is:

Nursery Team Leader - Mrs Thomson

Early Years Workers - Mrs Barrett, Miss Dowling, Miss Equi, Mrs Evans, Mrs Gilchrist, Mrs Main, Mrs McKee, Miss McKenzie

Our Support Staff for session 2022 - 2023 are:

Team Leader - Mrs Robertson

Support Staff - Mrs Byrne, Miss Chisholm, Mrs Docherty, Mrs Keane, Mrs Mackenzie, Mrs McDonald, Mrs Peters, Mrs Pettigrew, Mrs Ritchie and Miss Smith

Health and Safety ⚠️

It has been great to return to school with school life seeming more 'normal' with the return of the same playtimes and lunch times for all children. We will continue to promote good hygiene through regular handwashing within the school and we will follow Scottish Government and South Lanarkshire Council advice as required.

We kindly ask parents/carers to drop off your child at the outer gates at the turning point between Loch PS and St. Anthony's PS. No parents/carers should access the playground between both schools. To avoid congestion at the school gates, we continue to kindly ask that only one parent/carer drops off and collects your child and that once your child enters/leaves the school you leave the area immediately to avoid overcrowding before St. Anthony's PS exit.

Attendance and Time-Keeping



At Loch PS we believe that it is extremely important for all children to attend school on time and on a regular basis to ensure they receive their entitlement of a full education and we will work with all of our families to achieve this. Please remember that should your child be unwell it is important that you contact the School Office on 0141 634 7217 or via the school app and leave a message stating the cause of absence and possible date of return. In accordance with SLC Policy we must contact parents/carers if we have not been informed of a reason for a child being absent from nursery or school. It is equally important that each child arrives at the school in time for the bell to ring. We understand that everyone can, on occasion, sleep in and run late for school for many reasons, however regular lateness can be very disruptive to your child's education. Please remember that your child will be marked as 'unauthorised' should they go on holiday during term time.

'Nut Free' School



As we have children in the nursery and school with severe allergies, please remember that **Loch Primary School and Nursery Class is a 'NUT FREE' school.** Please keep this in mind when you are sending your child to school with a snack/packed lunch. Should your child bring a snack with nuts in it, the Class Teacher/nursery staff will keep it until the end of the day and return it for your child to eat at home. Thank you to everyone for your help and support with this matter.

School Uniform



It is great to see so many of our children looking very smart in their new school uniforms. Our school uniform colours are **navy blue and gold.** We encourage wearing school uniform as it shows a sense of pride in being part of TEAM LOCH. Parents/carers can purchase the uniform from most supermarkets/high street stores or badged items can be ordered on the website - www.schoolwewearmadeeasy.com

We also kindly ask for donations of any school uniform items such as polo shirts, jumpers, shirts, cardigans, trousers, skirts and pinafores that your child may have grown out of that are in good condition for our school uniform donation box. Families who require support with uniform are encouraged to contact the school and we will do our best to help.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO NAME ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND SHOES.

School Improvement



As a result of our consultation with staff, parents/carers and learners, our School Improvement Recovery Plan priorities for this session are:

- To raise attainment in Literacy.
- To implement a whole school nurturing approach, working towards achieving 'National Nurturing Schools' status.
- To develop children's creativity and skills for learning, life and work.

Our maintenance agenda priorities include:

- To raise attainment in Numeracy.
- To improve pupil attendance.
- To re-establish and encourage regular parental engagement opportunities.
- To utilise the outdoors environment to enhance children's learning.
- To continue to promote pupil voice.
- To continue to promote effective partnership working.
- To ensure Excellence and Equity for all.

More information on our priorities along with our Standards and Quality Report can be found on our school website. We will continue to consult and self-evaluate our progress in consultation with all stakeholders throughout the session.

Vision and Values

At Loch Primary School and Nursery Class, it is important for all stakeholders to work together to ensure the best possible outcomes for our learners.

Our school **Vision** is: **TEAM LOCH**

Together
Everyone
Achieves
More

Learning
Opportunities
Create
Happiness



Our school **Values** that we all strive to be are:

- Nurturing
- Happy
- Welcoming
- Achieving
- Respectful
- Inclusive

Our **Aims** for our learners are:

- Everyone feels happy, healthy and nurtured within Loch PS and Nursery Class.
- Learners are supported and challenged to achieve success across the curriculum and reach their full potential.

TEAM LOCH are 'all in this together!'

Nursery Update

We are delighted to welcome all of our returning children and our new starts to our nursery as we are greatly enjoying being together as **TEAM LOCH** again! It has also been great to welcome parents/carers back into the nursery environment for sign-in and collection transitions! We hope you are enjoying being able to look around and see all of the wonderful work the children are doing!

Over the next few weeks, we are going to be focusing on following our nursery rules and routines, using kind hands and helping others. We will be enhancing the children's Health and Wellbeing through the topics of 'All About Me' and 'My Feelings'. We would appreciate if everyone could bring in, or email, a photograph of your family so the children can talk about it with their team. We then plan to collate these photographs to make an 'Our Families' wall display.

Please remember to check out the wall displays regularly as these will be frequently updated. We would appreciate any feedback you wish to make by filling in one of our green speech bubbles! We love to share parent/carer feedback with the children!

As you know, Outdoor Learning is encouraged every day at Loch PS Nursery, therefore we kindly ask that your child has a change of clothes available in case they get wet or muddy during outdoor play and that they are wearing appropriate clothing for playing outdoors in all weathers. During sunny weather we kindly ask you to apply sun cream to your child prior to arrival at nursery and to provide your child with sun cream that staff can reapply throughout the day if required. Your child's sun cream will be stored within their individual bags. Please ensure that all of your child's clothing items and belongings are clearly labelled with their name.

Remember to follow us on Twitter for weekly updates about all of the wonderful learning taking place!

GOOD NEWS!



The Head Teacher Awards this month were presented to:

- Jay Seaton, P6, for being a great role model and an excellent buddy to the new Primary 1 pupils.
- Liam Pearson, P6, for being very responsible and caring towards others.

Our pupils continue to make nominations for our Citizenship Awards each week. This month the winners were:

- Maisie Pimlott, P3, for being extremely helpful to staff and other pupils around the school.
- Harrison Ross, P5, for being eco-friendly and making sure taps that weren't in use were turned off.

Every week a pupil in each class receives a Star Award for being a Successful Learner, Confident Individual, Effective Contributor or Responsible Citizen. We also enjoy celebrating the successes and achievements of our pupils. Please encourage your child to share their achievements outwith school with us during our school assemblies on a Friday. This month we have heard from Katy McFarlane (P1), Jack McFarlane (P4) and Halle Leonard (P4) who earned a medal for taking part in the 'Gadgeteers' summer reading challenge

Photograph Permissions



We are very keen to upload lots of photographs of our children's learning in their classes along with achievements on to our website and Twitter. Please inform the school immediately if you **DO NOT** wish your child's photograph to be uploaded.

Parent Mail App



Please make sure you have downloaded the 'Parent Mail' app from your app store. Please ensure you provide the school with an up-to-date email address and contact number. We will use the app to communicate school news and events. If you need any support with downloading the app, please contact the school for help and support.

Diary Dates



- The school will be closed on Friday 23rd and Monday 26th September for the September Weekend holiday.
- The school closes for the October Week on Friday 14th October and children should return on Monday 24th October.
- The school will be closed to children on Monday 14th November for an inservice day.
- The school closes for the Christmas holidays on Friday 23rd December at 2:30pm. The school will re-open on Wednesday 9th January 2023.

Please check our school website regularly and if you do not already do so, please follow us on Twitter (**@LochPrimary**) as we will post regular updates and important information here.

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