



Health and Safety

During drop off and collection times, we kindly ask parents/carers to drop off/pick up 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

Attendance at school is crucial to support children's progress, wellbeing and attainment. 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 pupil being absent from nursery or school.

It is equally important that each pupil arrives at the school in time for the bell to ring at their allocated start time. 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

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 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. St. Anthony's Parish also have school uniform items available. 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 Captains



Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils took part in an election to vote for our first set of School Captains and Vice Captains for session 2022 - 2023.

Congratulations to the following P7 pupils who have been elected as School Captains:

KATRINE: Aiden Clift and Daisy Scott

NESS: Stuart Arnott and Sean-Paul McGahey

LOMOND: Sham Abu Esbaa and Jessica Boyle

TAY: Eloise Rae and Callum Thomson

Congratulations to the following P6 pupils who have been elected as Vice Captains:

KATRINE: Junior Rough and Nabila Salhi

NESS: Jay Currie and Nicole Mitchell

LOMOND: Rabea Abu Esbaa and Saram Sarfaraz

TAY: Jaxon McMillan and Georgia Quigg

School Chaplaincy Team

Our Chaplaincy Team continues this year, the same as last year, with Aquila Singh and Ross Murray (Reachout Trust). Andrew McAlees also joins the Reachout Trust this session. Together they will provide input at assemblies throughout the year focusing on different themes through different Bible stories including: New Start/Change, Harvest, Light, Christmas/Advent, New Beginnings, Time to Talk, Easter, Communication (BSL/Makaton) and Moving On. All dates and themes are detailed on the school website. The team will also carry out various workshops throughout the year including 'Boomerang' (P5), 'Christmas Unwrapped' (P6), 'Easter Code' (P7), 'It's Your Move' (P7) and 'Buddying' (P5). If you have any other questions about this programme or you do not want your child to participate please contact the school office on 0141 634 7217.

School Improvement/PEF Update

- Our HMIE inspection took place w/c 5th September. We will share the report with everyone as soon as it becomes available.
- Miss Simpson attended the Inclusion Conference within South Lanarkshire Council which focussed on the theme "Nurturing Mental Health: The Power of Positive Relationships".
- Miss Harrington attended the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Lead Network Session which focussed on the use of micro:bits within classes. This was shared with staff during our staff meeting so that these can be used in class to promote challenge and enjoyment.
- Our Scottish Attainment Challenge end of year report was completed and submitted to SLC, detailing our progress in terms of our Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing priorities.
- Miss Harrington participated in ICT Coordinator training to learn how to manage Chromebook usage within the school.
- Mrs Barrett attended the Literacy Coordinators' Meeting to keep up-to-date on new initiatives.
- Mrs Roy, Mrs Burns, Mrs Munro and Mrs Henderson took part in the Learning Community Play Network meeting.
- Miss Harrington, Mrs Burns and Mrs Roy attended the Attachment Network meeting to discuss the use of attachment-informed language to support pupils' wellbeing.
- As part of our PEF work, in June we consulted with all stakeholders including pupils, parents/carers and staff on how we should spend 5% of our PEF budget. The chosen item with the most votes was to fund trips and events for all pupils. We will now work towards achieving this aim, consulting and keeping everyone up-to-date with our progress. A big 'thank you' to everyone who voted!

Nursery Update



September has been a very busy month in our nursery! We have been delighted to welcome all of our new starts who are settling in well and enjoying their time at nursery!

The children have been busy focusing on developing their independence and self-selection skills, particularly in the snack and art areas. This month we have launched our 'Book of the Month' bags. These home-link learning bags contain a story along with suggested activities to be carried out at home. It also contains a feedback sheet for you and your child to leave comments. We kindly ask that these bags are returned after the allocated week to allow all children to have a turn taking the bag home. We would love to see your wonderful home learning. Please email your photos and we can add them to our 'Learning at Home' wall within the nursery!

Mrs McKee has been busy with the children developing Numeracy in our outdoor area and would appreciate if you could collect and donate a variety of lids from jars, milk cartons, bottles etc for our next project!

Parents/carers are invited to attend our 'stay and play sessions' on either Tuesday 4th October or Thursday 6th October from 9.00am - 10.00am. We hope you can come along to spend time exploring the nursery with your child and try out some of the experiences on offer!

Please remember to check our wall displays regularly as these are 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:

- Primary 7 for being excellent role models when representing Loch PS at the Cathkin HS sports event.
- Sean Crichton, Ethan Dawson, Demi McDonald and Cassie Wilkinson, all P7, for being excellent tour guides to our inspectors.
- Coby Neil, P1, for being a kind and caring friend.
- Dean Crichton, P4, for being very kind and looking after our playground.
- Stuart Arnott, P7, for always helping others.

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

- Gary Milloy, P7, for being encouraging and motivating to another classmate.
- Victoria Erhan, P2, for being a kind friend and being inclusive to others in class.
- Sean Crichton, P7, for looking out for others and their needs.
- Alexis O'Rourke, P7, for being welcoming to others during committee time.

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 Jessica Boyle (P7) who won two 1st, two 2nd, 5th, 6th and 7th places in her Irish dancing competition, Huey Gray (P4) who came 2nd in a running race, Aaron Lafferty (P5) who came 2nd in a karate competition, Lola Crichton (P4) who placed 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th at her dancing competition and Millie McGhee (P1/2) for achieving her level 3 swimming skills award.

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.

There's Lots Going On At Loch!



- Primary 5 are currently enjoying participating in the Youth Music Initiative every Tuesday.
- Primary 6 are enjoying their weekly swimming lessons every Tuesday.
- The Glasgow Times took our Primary 1 photograph on 9.9.22. We will update you when this is published.
- Primary 7 residential information session took place in St. Anthony's PS on 14.9.22. Parents/carers who wish their child to attend the residential should ensure the 'note of interest' is completed on our school app.
- Fluoride Varnishing took place on 20.9.22 for children from Nursery to Primary 4.
- Flu immunisations took place on 20.9.22 for children from Primary 1 to Primary 7.
- Our Parent Council meeting took place on 27.9.22
- Our first committee afternoon took place on 28.9.22.
- All of our classes enjoy participating in our weekly assemblies. Our key focus this month is 'health and wellbeing' as well as celebrating our weekly achievements and awards!
- Our classes have all been very busy and some of this great work has been shared on Twitter!

Diary Dates



- 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](https://twitter.com/LochPrimary)) as we will post regular updates and important information here.

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