



## October 2022 Newsletter

### 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.

As you will be aware, headlice can cause problems both at home or in school. Please try to check your child's hair regularly and if you see any headlice, it is recommended that you treat both them and the whole family.

### '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.

### 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.

### 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.

## School Improvement/PEF Update

- Miss Stewart and Miss Harrington attended Maths Recovery training, looking at how this new resource can be used to support learning in Maths.
- Miss Simpson is working as part of the SLC Cost of the School Day (COSD) Working Party, working with colleagues from across SLC to develop a COSD Policy for SLC.
- Miss Harrington attended the Health and Wellbeing Coordinator's Meeting on 4.10.22 to look at the use of the 'Healthy Schools Programme' as part of the HWB curriculum.
- Miss Simpson attended the Early Learning and Childcare Head Teacher Meeting on 5.10.22 to learn more about the Infant Mental Health Service (0-3 years) and hear about Care Inspectorate inspection experience from other establishments.
- Our nursery staff have attended a range of Early Years training including 'Froebel' and 'Play Pedagogy' to further develop our practice within the nursery.
- Miss Stewart attended the Numeracy Coordinators' Meeting to keep up-to-date on new initiatives.

## Parents' Evening

This year, Parents' Evening will be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November from 3:20pm. We are delighted to return to in-person appointments within Loch Primary School. Appointments will be available to book from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 8:00am and will close on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November. If you are unable to make your booking via the school app, please contact the school office on 0141 634 7217 after this time and we will allocate you an appointment. **If you have more than one child, please leave at least a ten-minute gap between your appointments.** Appointments will only be given to those that select a time using the app or who contact the school to request a time. It is important to attend these meetings to allow you to hear about your child's progress and we encourage you to attend where possible.

## Nursery Update

October has been a very fun month in our nursery! We were delighted to welcome many parents/carers into our nursery for our 'stay and play sessions' where everyone was able to explore the different activities and areas in our nursery.

We have been very busy preparing for our Halloween Fun Day on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. This month the 'Tiny Talking Team' discussed all of the things they would like to do at the Halloween Fun Day, and they had some great suggestions including decorations, art tasks, music, games, dancing and dressing up! All of their ideas will be included in our fun day and costumes are allowed. We will be having lots of fun with Halloween crafts and games followed by a party snack in the morning and after lunch we are all looking forward to a visit from 'The Animal Man' who will be visiting us with a selection of animals including a corn snake, reptiles and various creepy crawlies.

Next week is 'Nurture Week' within the school and nursery. We are going to focus on promoting wellbeing through Yoga, stories, activities about our feelings and how 'bucket filling' helps make everyone feel happy.

As the weather changes can we please remind all parents/carers to supply a change of clothes for your child in the event they get wet or muddy from outside play. We also kindly ask that children come to nursery wearing appropriate clothing for the cold and wet weather. Please ensure that all of your child's clothing items and belongings are clearly labelled with their name. We would greatly welcome any donations of clothes aged 3-6 years that your child may have grown out of for the nursery supply of spare clothes.

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! 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 6 and 7 John Wright's Sports Team for being excellent role models while representing Loch PS.
- Aiden Clift, P7, Ciaran Seery, P7, and Claudia Hutnikiewicz, P6, for representing Loch PS at the SLC Sustainability and Climate Change event.
- Lexi Blair, P7, for being kind and caring towards others.

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

- Freya Toye, P7, for showing a kind, caring attitude towards others in her class.
- Demi McDonald and Lexi Blair, P7, for helping the Primary 1 class to sort their shoes and jackets.
- Nina Stewart, P5, for helping others with class tasks and always making sure her peers have a friend.

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 Halle Leonard, P4, who performed in a musical, Amelia Murphy-Crawford, P5, who achieved different badges in Brownies, Ruby McTominay, P3, who participated in her dance show and Jorgie Jamieson, P2, who won a 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place at her disco dancing competition.



## 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.
- Primary 4 and Primary 5 enjoyed participating in 2 sessions of the 'Bouncing Back' programme, looking at developing resilience.
- Three pupils attended the fantastic SLC Climate Change and Sustainability Showcase Event with Mrs Burns on 12.10.22, learning about this and sharing the work we do at Loch PS.
- Our Parent Council meeting took place on 26.10.22.
- Nursery parent/carer PEEP sessions began on 27.10.22 and will run weekly until 17.11.22 from 2:00pm until 2:45pm.
- We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to the Parent Council for organising the Halloween raffle and fantastic disco which was greatly enjoyed by all who attended on 27.10.22.
- All of our classes enjoy participating in our weekly assemblies. Our key focus this month is 'health and wellbeing' as well as 'our school and community' along with 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



- Next week, w/c Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, will be Nurture Focus Week at Loch PS and Nursery Class. Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November will be a dress-down day for all children.
- The Glasgow Times aims to publish the Primary 1 photograph w/c 7.11.22.
- The school will be closed to children on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November for an inservice day.
- The school closes for the Christmas holidays on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 2:30pm. The school will re-open on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

## Parent Council Meeting Diary Dates

Our Parent Council Meetings will take place on the following dates this session at 6pm within Loch Primary School:

- 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022
- 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023
- 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023

All parents are invited and encouraged to come along and join in with our meetings!

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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