



November 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.

'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.

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 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.

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 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 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.

School Improvement/PEF Update

- Mrs McKee attended the 'Bookbug Shared Practice Event' on 1.11.22, liaising with colleagues about the implementation of the Bookbug programme.
- Miss Simpson has visited all classes to look at the development of writing across all stages. The children engaged very well and showed great enthusiasm and participation!
- All staff have participated in Forward Plan, Moderation and Additional Support Needs meetings to ensure the needs of all children are being met at all times.

- Miss Simpson attended the Head Teacher's Conference on 9.11.22 looking at the curriculum, assessment and moderation.
- During the inservice day our nursery staff took part in the SLC 'Developing Communication in Early Learning and Childcare' training event and our school staff participated in 'Assistive Technology' training led by the Specialist Support Team.
- Our nursery staff have participated in a range of training this month including 'Health and Wellbeing', 'Play Pedagogy' and 'Numeracy'.
- Mrs Pettigrew attended Nurture accredited training on 18.11.22.
- Miss Simpson attended the Learning Community Meeting on 22.11.22 which focussed on leadership updates and the Cost of the School Day.
- Mrs Bloomer participated in 'Talk for Writing Fiction' training on 23.11.22.
- Miss Harrington attended the next sessions of her Maths Recovery training, looking at how this resource can be used to support learning in Maths.

Nursery Update



November has been a busy month in our nursery. This month we have been focusing on nurture, caring and looking after each other. As part of this focus, we have an exciting new home-school link initiative - 'Toffee the Bear' has come to live with us! The 'Tiny Talking Team' have been responsible for naming Toffee and discussing how to look after him. Each Friday Toffee will go home for the weekend with someone who has been kind to their friends. We kindly ask that Toffee is returned to the nursery each Monday morning so we can share his adventures. We would also be delighted if photographs can be shared from home so that we can display them on our wall display!

We have been delighted that so many parents/carers have been coming along to our PEEP sessions. Unfortunately last week's session was cancelled. This has been rearranged for Thursday 8th December. We will be holding more PEEP sessions next term so look out for our emails and posters for more details!

We kindly ask 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!

We would like to say a huge 'congratulations' to Mrs Thomson who graduated this month with a BA in Early Learning and Childcare - a fantastic achievement!

GOOD NEWS!



The Head Teacher Awards this month were presented to:

- Millie McGhee, P2, for being kind and welcoming to others.
- Lexi Welsh-McNay, P2, for being kind and helpful to others.
- Aiden Clift, P7, for being an excellent helper at Loch PS.
- Alexis Orr, P1, for always showing a positive attitude towards school life.

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

- Aliyah McQueen, P3, for showing good manners and helping her classmates during Maths activities.
- Linsey Miller, P7, for making Halloween packs for everyone in class to celebrate with.
- Matthew Forbes, P1, for being kind and helping his classmates.
- Cameron Baxter, P4, for always being polite and well-mannered.

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, for passing her ballet and tap exams; Carris Hinshelwood, P5, for winning 'Star of the Week' at her dance class; Kasey Aitchison, P3, for earning her '1 year' badge at Beavers; Jack McFarlane, P4, for moving up from Beavers to Cubs; Maisie Pimlott, P3, for earning Brownie Badges; Connor McGahey and Oliver Dumbreck, both P3, for winning 'players of the match' at Fernhill Soccer School.

There's Lots Going On At Loch!



- Primary 6 have completed their weekly swimming lessons every Tuesday.
- Fun Thursday took place on 3.11.22.
- Mrs Connelly from Cathkin High School enjoyed her visit to Primary 7 on 10.11.22.
- Parents Night for the school took place on 16.11.22 and for the nursery w/c 14.11.22.
- Primary 5 enjoyed participating in the 'Boomerang' workshop and Primary 6 enjoyed taking part in the 'Christmas Unwrapped' workshop with St. Anthony's Primary School, led by Ross and Andrew from the Reachout Trust.
- Primary 6 and 7 pupils participated in the John Wrights Competition on 25.11.22.
- All of our classes continue to enjoy participating in our weekly assemblies. This month we have enjoyed assemblies led by Primary 5, 6 and 7!
- 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 Christmas holidays on Friday 23rd December at 2:30pm. The school will re-open on Monday 9th January 2023.
- School will be closed on Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th February 2023 for the February break.
- The school will close at 2:30pm on Friday 31st March 2023 for the Spring break. The school will reopen on Monday 17th April.



Christmas Diary Dates

We are delighted to see the return of many of our fun events this session:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thursday 1 st December	Nursery Parent Partnership Christmas Craft Event (9:00am - 10:00am)
Wednesday 7 th December	Christmas Café and Fayre (further details of the times/tickets for this event will be issued)
Tuesday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch (please ensure you order your child's lunch via the Parent Mail app)
Wednesday 14 th December	P1-P7 Santa's Magical Circus at M&Ds (please ensure you complete your child's consent form via the Parent Mail app)
Friday 16 th December	P1-P7 Nativity and Christmas Concert (9:30am and 1:30pm - further information about tickets will be issued)
Monday 19 th December	Nursery Nativity (9:30am - further information about tickets will be issued)
Tuesday 20 th December	P4-5 Christmas Party (1:15 - 2:45pm)
Wednesday 21 st December	P6-7 Christmas Party (1:15 - 2:45pm)
Thursday 22 nd December	Nursery Christmas Party P1-3 Christmas Party (1:15 - 2:45pm)
Friday 23 rd December	P1-P7 Christmas Quiz
Friday 23 rd December	Close at 2:30pm

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