



December 2022 Newsletter

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.

'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 Improvement/PEF Update



- Miss Harrington attended the Additional Support Needs Coordinators Meeting on 2.12.22 looking at supporting children who have experienced trauma, change or loss.
- Susan Tullett (SLC Nurture Development Officer) visited our school on 6.12.22 to hear about our good practice and the development of our nurture work within the school.
- Miss Harrington attended the HWB Coordinators Meeting on 6.12.22 looking at the topic of RSHP and how to implement this programme across all stages.
- Miss Simpson presented at the Cambuslang/Rutherglen Area Committee Meeting on 14.12.22 about our successful HMIE inspection.
- Miss Harrington attended the ICT Coordinators Meeting on 19.12.22 looking at the latest developments across SLC.

Thank You!



We would like to say 'thank you' to everyone for your kind donations and helping to support the school. We have raised:

- £124 for Children In Need (wearing spots).
- £79 for 'Save the Children' (Christmas Jumper Day).
- £536 selling tickets for our Christmas Fayre and Café which will go towards our school funds.

We would also like to thank our fabulous Parent Council for all of their support and fundraising. They have supported all of our events throughout the year and supplied lots of treats for the children!

Nursery Update



December has been a busy month in Loch PS Nursery Class as we have been very busy preparing for Christmas and rehearsing for our performances.

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who supported our Christmas events including the craft morning and cafe. We were delighted so many of you were able to attend! We would like to extend our thanks to the Parent Council for fundraising for the school and nursery and providing treats for our parties. This year a representative from the Nursery staff has been attending the Parent Council meetings and it would be great to see some nursery parents/carers involved and working with our fantastic Parent Council. Times and dates for the meetings are on the school website.

On 19.12.22 the children were all superstars in our Christmas Nativity! They danced and sang their hearts out and remembered all of their actions. Thank you everyone who came along to support our budding actors!

This month, as part of our work to promote pupil voice, the 'Tiny Talking Team' chose the songs they wanted to perform at the show. They have also helped to plan our Christmas party which will take place on 22.12.22, including planning games and what we should eat and drink! We are keeping our fingers crossed for a visit from a very special guest!

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!

GOOD NEWS!



The Head Teacher Awards this month were presented to:

- Jorgie Jamieson, P2, for always showing excellent manners.
- Georgie Mackinnon, P1, for always showing enthusiasm in school.

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

- Aaron Lafferty, P5, for respecting the values of the school and always including others.
- Kyle Beaully, P5, for offering his gloves to a friend when they were feeling cold.

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 Lola Crichton, P4, for winning two 2nd and a 3rd place at her dance competition; Carris Hinshelwood, P5, for winning 1st place for a Hip Hop dance duet; Scott McEwan, P5, for winning 10/10 matches at his football competition; and Olivia Dumbreck, P2, for winning medals and trophies for being 'player of the match' at Fernhill Soccer School.

This month it was fantastic to see the return of our Bridgeton Burns Competition at St. Mungo's Academy in Glasgow. We are so proud of the 34 pupils who participated! A massive well done to Niamh Lithgow, P1, who came 1st place in the P1 Solo Verse category; the P5-7 Choral Verse Group who came 1st place; the P1-4 Choral Verse Group who came 2nd place; and Jack McFarlane, P4, who came 3rd place in the P4-5 Solo Verse category.

There's Lots Going On At Loch!



- Our Nursery parent/carer Christmas craft partnership session took place on 1.12.22.
- Our Primary 7 pupils are currently enjoying a programme of fun events with the Primary 7 pupils from St. Anthony's Primary School, building positive partnerships in preparation for our residential in January.
- The Bridgeton Burns Competition took place on 2.12.22.
- Our Christmas Café and Fayre was a huge success on 7.12.22.
- We enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch on 13.12.22.
- Primary 1-7 enjoyed a whole school trip to M&Ds to see 'Santa's Magical Circus'.
- Our fantastic school Nativity and Christmas Concert was held on 16.12.22.
- Our nursery children performed for their parents/carers at their Nativity on 19.12.22.
- The nursery and school parties are currently being enjoyed this week!
- All of our classes continue to enjoy participating in our weekly assemblies. This month we have enjoyed assemblies about Christmas and Advent.
- 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**. Please note this will be a **NON-UNIFORM DAY**. 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.

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TEAM LOCH would like to thank everyone for your continued support this session. We wish you a 'Merry Christmas' and a very happy, healthy New Year! Enjoy the festive season and we will see you all in 2023!

