



October 2020 Newsletter

Vision, Values and Aims Launch

This month, after consultation with all of our stakeholders, we were delighted to launch our new Vision, Values and Aims. A big 'thank you' to everyone for completing the online consultation form. Our Vision, Values and Aims will be shared widely and promoted within our school. We are extremely proud of our school community and believe that 'TEAM LOCH' promotes an excellent message to all stakeholders as it is important that everyone feels happy, healthy and nurtured within our school and that we all work together to achieve success!

LOCH PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLASS

Our Vision

Together Everyone Achieves More

TEAM LOCH

Our Values

Nurturing Happy Welcoming Inclusive
Achieving Respectful

We aim to ensure:

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

Health and Safety



In order to continue to ensure the health and safety of all pupils, staff and parents/carers, it is important that we continue to work together and follow all of the NHS Guidelines. To minimise large groups and to ensure social distancing measures are in place, we kindly ask that when you are dropping off/picking up your child, you leave the school grounds immediately when your child has entered/left the entrance gate to minimise overcrowding. We also kindly ask that you observe the 2-metre social distancing Scottish Government guidelines from other households when waiting at the gates. It is important that we all work together to keep everyone safe! If your child or a member of the household displays any symptoms, we ask that you follow the guidelines and self-isolate until test results are received. Please do not bring your child to school/Nursery with any symptoms and ensure you keep the school informed of any symptoms, tests and results.

SIP/SAC/PEF Update



- Miss Simpson participated in the Cathkin Learning Community Meeting on 1.10.20, discussing work being carried out across the different schools along with the new attendance procedure.
- Miss Simpson and Miss Harrington participated in 'Talk for Writing Leadership Group' training, devising plans to ensure the successful implementation of this programme across the whole school.
- Our Support Staff Team participated in 'Moving and Handling' training on 7.10.20.

- Mrs Henderson attended Nurture Group Accredited Training on 22.10.20 and 23.10.20.
- Miss Motherwell attended a variety of virtual training opportunities including Literacy, Online Safety, Play and Early Years training.
- Lynda Keith, Education Specialist, carried out virtual meetings with staff to support the development of Maths in all classes.
- Fiona Bartholomew (Barnardo's) and Lucy Corbishley (Place2Be) continue to work within the school, supporting identified children and families.

Committees



All children participated in their first Committee afternoon on 7.10.20, completing allocated activities from their chosen committee: Pupil Council, Enterprise, Charity, Rights Respecting Schools, Eco, Sports Council or Junior Road Safety Officers. This session committee tasks are being completed within the children's own classrooms in order to ensure the health and safety of all. The children will continue to work together to take on leadership roles and plan whole school developments and events!

Rotary Club



We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to the Rotary Club for their kind donation of £1,000 which has allowed us to support our children's learning both at home and in school through purchasing various resources including our Sumdog online learning package. This week, also thanks to the Rotary Club, the children enjoyed the opportunity to plant purple crocus bulbs in order to mark and raise awareness of 'World Polio Day'. You can see photographs of our children planting on our Twitter and school website!

Parents' Evening



Due to current circumstances, our school Parents' Evening will take the form of 5-minute phone calls on Wednesday 18th November. You will be able to book your appointment via the Parent Mail app from 8:00am on Monday 2nd November. Your child's class teacher will phone you at your allocated time. This will come from a 'No Caller ID'. We will be unable to call back due to other booked appointments, so we kindly ask that you have your phone ready and ensure that we have your most up-to-date contact number.

If you have not registered for a Parent Mail account, please do so as soon as possible. If you have any problems, please contact the school office on 0141 634 7217.

Nurture Week



This week, the pupils and staff have enjoyed participating in our whole school Nurture Week to launch our 'Loch Nurture Principles'. Each day has had a different theme:

- Mindful Monday
- Talk About It Tuesday
- Wellbeing Wednesday
- Thoughtful Thursday
- Fitness Friday

The children have participated in a range of fun, nurturing activities to promote their understanding of the Principles as well as to enhance their health and wellbeing. This week there is also a special Nurture homework task via Google Classrooms. Remember to upload your child's photograph of this task in order to be entered into a competition to win a 'Family Nurture Basket' containing some fantastic treats for the family. This has kindly been organised and donated by our Parent Council. The winner will be announced at our virtual assembly on 6.11.20. A big 'thank you' to Mrs Sistrunk and the Pupil Council for organising this fantastic week!

Nursery Update



October has been a busy month in our Nursery. The children have been enjoying exploring the autumnal changes. They have been able to spot the orange and brown leaves in our outdoor area and they have noticed the changes in the weather. Please check out the school Twitter page and website to see all of the wonderful learning and fun the children have been having. The children have also been taking part in a variety of Halloween themed activities in preparation for our Halloween fun day on 30.10.20. We look forward to seeing everyone dress up in their costumes!

At Loch PS Nursery Class we continue to promote outdoor learning every day. As the weather changes, can we please remind all parents to supply a change of clothes for your child in the event they get wet or muddy from outdoor play. Could we also ask that children come to nursery wearing appropriate clothing for the cold and wet weather.

Due to current circumstances, our Nursery Parents' Evening will take the form of 5-minute phone calls during the week commencing Monday 23rd November. Your child's keyworker will arrange an appointment time with you before this date. At the time of your appointment, your child's keyworker will phone you. This will come from a 'No Caller ID'. We will be unable to call back due to other booked appointments, so we kindly ask that you have your phone ready and ensure that we have your most up-to-date contact number.

We kindly ask that you please continue to follow the 2-metre social distancing from other parents/carers at drop off and collection times. If you have any queries or concerns please contact the school office who will direct you through to the Nursery.

GOOD NEWS!



The Head Teacher Awards this month were presented to:

- Jay Seaton, P4, for showing a responsible attitude in school and always offering to help.
- Aaron Lafferty, P3, for showing a brave and responsible attitude.
- Lukas MacAree, P1, for showing a helpful and responsible attitude.

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

- Kai McWilliams, P5, for enthusiastically helping his peers when logging on to the Chromebooks and Google Classrooms
- Kyle Beaully, P3, for holding doors open for staff and showing fantastic manners.
- Sonny Muir, P7, for helping a classmate with their work.

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. This month we heard all about Benjy Kadegis, P6, and his fantastic achievement, earning his 'Leven' badge in Cubs!

Please encourage your child to share their achievements outwith school with their class teacher.

There's Lots Going On At Loch!



- Room 9 are currently enjoying participating in the Youth Music Initiative via 'Microsoft Teams'.
- Primary 7 enjoyed watching their first virtual #Mind2Learn Assembly from Cathkin High School on 2.10.20.
- Our 'Parent Council Zoom Meeting' took place on 8.10.20.
- All classes enjoyed participating in our whole school 'virtual' assembly on 9.10.20.
- Our interim report cards were issued to all families on 9.10.20.
- Nurture Week took place w/c 26.10.20.
- Our Halloween Fun Day takes place on 30.10.20 with a special Halloween themed 'Fun Friday'.
- Our classes have all been very busy and some of this great work has been shared on Twitter!

Attendance



It is important that everyone continues to make a great effort to come to school on a regular basis. 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. This procedure is to ensure each one of our pupils is safe.

Diary Dates



- Flu immunisations will take place in school on Friday 6th November.
- The school will be closed to pupils on Monday 16th November for an inservice day.
- The school closes for our Christmas holidays on Tuesday 22nd December and pupils should return on Wednesday 6th January 2021.

School Website / Twitter



Our school website has been updated. To view our website, please visit <http://www.loch-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk>. Please check our school website regularly for new updates 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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