



## March 2023 Newsletter

### Staffing

A huge congratulations to Mrs Barrett on the birth of baby girl Ivy! We can't wait to meet her! Mr Martin has joined the team and he will be covering Mrs Penman's maternity leave after the Spring Break.

### Attendance and Time-Keeping

Attendance at school is crucial to support children's progress, wellbeing and attainment. If your child is absent, it is important that you contact the School Office on 0141 634 7217 or via the school app to report this absence. In accordance with SLC Policy we must contact parents/carers if we have not been informed of a reason for a child being absent.

It is equally important that your child arrives at school on 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.

### Health and Safety

As we have children with severe allergies, please remember that we are a **'NUT FREE' school and nursery**. 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 for your help and support with this matter.

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.

### School Improvement/PEF Update

- Miss Simpson and Miss Harrington have met with nursery and school staff to discuss the strategies in place to support children's learning and development.
- Mrs Burns has attended 'Nurturing Interventions' and 'Young Minds' training to support our whole school nurture work.
- Mrs Main has attended Nurture UK training this month. This means that 12 staff have now received this accredited training.
- 5 members of staff have received Catch Up Literacy training to enable the delivery of this intervention to support us in our aim of raising attainment in Literacy.
- Our nursery staff have undertaken a range of training this month including 'Getting Ready to Read', 'Communication and Language', 'ASD' and 'Numeracy'.
- Miss Simpson attended Child Protection Coordinator training on 8.3.23.
- Listening and Talking visits have been carried out in all classes to observe teaching, learning and progression.
- Mrs Munro has continued to participate in 'Play Based Learning' training, looking at ways to embed this approach within the classroom.
- Miss Simpson attended 'Pupil Equity Funding' training to discuss the reporting process to describe the positive impact this funding has had on children's learning and development.
- Mrs Henderson and Miss Harrington participated in 'Maths Recovery' training to support our work in implementing this resource across the school.
- Miss Simpson has continued to participate in the South Lanarkshire Council 'Cost of the School Day' Working Party, working with colleagues from across SLC to develop a council wide policy.

- Miss Simpson attended the 'Early Learning and Childcare Head Teacher Meeting' on 22.3.23 to keep up-to-date with new initiatives and programmes within Early Years.
- Miss Simpson attended the 'Head Teacher Meeting' on 23.2.23, looking at Racial Equality and Anti-Racist Education in practice and supports available for learning/wellbeing.
- Mrs Thomson attended First Aid training on 23.3.23.



## Primary 1-7 Book of the Month

Each month your child will receive a 'Book of the Month' for them to keep at home. This book will be free as we will be using our Pupil Equity Funding to support the development of reading and to help us promote reading for enjoyment. Each class teacher has chosen four books which will be issued to your child over the coming months. The first book was issued on 17.3.23. We kindly ask that you encourage your child to participate in this project and to read their book at home. Class Teachers may also provide homework tasks linked to each book. Your child will receive their next books on the following dates:

- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June

## World of Work Week

During w/c 20.3.23 all children from Primary 1 - Primary 7 enjoyed participating in our 'World of Work' week. During this week classes enjoyed visits from a range of professionals to discuss their job roles and the skills and qualifications required. The children also completed a range of tasks to support them to think positively about future careers and the skills they are developing for learning, life and work. A huge 'thank you' to Dani (midwife), Vari and Ellis (Douglas Park), Mrs Mackenzie (Tai Kwon Do International Instructor), Tony (Active Schools), Emma-Jane (Nail Technician) and Miss Tariq (teacher) for delivering fantastic workshops which inspired all of the children!

## Nursery Update



Spring is finally here and the children have been talking about all of the plants beginning to grow in our garden. This inspired the children to change our roleplay area into a flower shop. They have enjoyed making lots of paper flowers for the shop and creating pictures of spring flowers in the art area using a variety of different media.

The 'Tiny Talking Team' helped to choose new resources for the nursery and the children are particularly keen to try out our new outdoors water tray and wooden water channels. As the children are outdoors each day, we kindly ask you to ensure they wear appropriate clothing for the weather, bring a change of clothes in case they get wet or muddy and if it is sunny to apply sun cream prior to arrival and provide sun cream that staff can reapply for your child throughout the day.

This month we have been sharing and reading lots of our favourite bedtime stories for 'World Book Day'. Congratulations to Milla for winning the front cover design competition! We have also celebrated 'Science Week' by carrying out lots of Science experiments - the children were fascinated by the 'cloud in jar' experiment using shaving foam and food colouring to demonstrate how rain drops form in the clouds! As part of our nurture work, we have been focussing on caring and showing respect for others this month.

Our Easter Party will be on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. The children will be enjoying our celebrations, making Easter crafts and cards. We have also arranged an Easter egg hunt in our outdoor area!

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:

- William Hart, P7, for being an excellent helper at weekly assemblies.
- Ethan Dawson, P7, for showing an enthusiastic and hardworking attitude.
- Mirrin Wallace, P4, for showing a more positive attitude towards school.
- Scott McEwan, P5, for talking with confidence and enthusiasm during his learner conversation with Miss Simpson.

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

- Eloise Rae, P7, for being an excellent role model to the younger pupils.
- Maisie Pimlott, P3, for helping her peers during paired reading.
- Katie Love, P3, for including her peers during group games.
- Cain Parker, P1, for being kind to friends when they were sad.

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, for winning the Gymnastics Scottish Championship for her group floor routine.

## There's Lots Going On At Loch!



- 'World Book Day' celebrations took place on 2.3.23. All children took part in a 'book cover design competition' - congratulations to our winners Milla Rose Eaglesham (nursery), Olivia Dumbreck (P3) and Eloise Rae (P7) who won vouchers donated by our Parent Council!
- Primary 7 took part in a Cathkin High School assembly on 3.3.23 to support their transition to high school.
- Nursery vision tests took place on 7.3.23.
- Primary 3 and Primary 4 have continued to enjoy STEM workshops carried out by 'Healthy and Happy'.
- Our whole school enjoyed a trip to the theatre to see the 'Demon Dentist' on 10.3.23 which was funded through the use of our PEF funds.
- Primary 7 participated in the Easter Code workshop on 13.3.23 with the Reachout Trust team and St. Anthony's PS.
- All pupils have enjoyed a range of Generation Science workshops, developing their knowledge of coding.
- Primary 3 enjoyed a class trip to Kelvingrove Art Gallery on 14.3.23.
- Congratulations to Lyra McCreddie, Rabea Abu Esbaa, Mia Sweeney and Georgia Quigg (all Primary 6) who participated in the SLC Euroquiz on 17.3.23.
- Our Parent Council Meeting took place on 22.3.23.
- Our pupils had great fun at the 'Glow Disco' on 23.3.23 - a massive 'thank you' to the Parent Council for planning and running this wonderful event!
- Fun Friday took place on 24.3.23.
- Parents' Evening took place on 29.3.23.
- All of our classes continue to enjoy participating in our weekly assemblies. This month we have enjoyed assemblies where the pupils have been using the document 'How Good Is OUR School' to self-evaluate the work within the school, looking at the theme 'Our School and Community'. We also enjoyed Primary 2/3's class assembly all about Eid and Ramadan!

## Diary Dates



- The school will close at 2:30pm on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 for the Spring break. This will be a non-uniform day. The school will reopen on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023.
- The school will be closed on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023.
- The school will be closed on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 for the King's Coronation.
- School will be closed on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023 for the May weekend.
- School will close at 1:00pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023 for the summer break.

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