



August 2023 Newsletter

Welcome Back! 😊

It has been a very successful start to the session and it has been lovely to have everyone back together again after the summer holidays! We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to the year ahead.

A warm welcome to all of our new children and their families who have started at Loch PS and Nursery Class this session!

Welcome to Mrs Tait who has joined the teaching staff this year and we are delighted that Mr Martin has returned to Loch PS this session.

The classes and staffing for session 2023 - 2024 are as follows:

Primary 1 - Mrs Munro

Primary 2 - Mrs Campbell and Mrs Henderson

Primary 2/3 - Mrs Tait and Mrs Burns

Primary 3/4 - Mrs Graham

Primary 4 - Miss Stewart

Primary 5 - Mrs Roy

Primary 6 - Miss Simpson

Primary 7 - Mrs Smith and Mr Martin

Mr Martin and Mrs Bloomer will work within classes across the school and will also work with small groups and individual pupils.

Our Nursery Staffing for session 2023 -2024 is:

Nursery Team Leader - Mrs Thomson

Early Years Workers - Mrs Barrett, Miss Dowling, Miss Equi, Mrs Evans, Mrs Gilchrist, Mrs Main, Mrs McKee, Miss McKenzie

Early Years Support Assistant - Mrs Everett

Our Support Staff for session 2023 - 2024 are:

Team Leaders - Mrs Robertson and Mrs Byrne

Support Staff - Miss Chisholm, Mrs Docherty, Mrs McDonald, Miss McMillan, Mrs Peters, Mrs Pettigrew and Mrs Ritchie

School hours are as follows:

- School day: 9:00am - 2:55pm
- Break: 10:35am - 10:45am
- Lunch: 12:10pm - 12:55pm

Nursery hours are as follows:

- Nursery day: 9:00am - 3:00pm
- Lunch: 11:30am - 12:00noon

Uniform:

It is great to see so many of our children looking very smart in their new school uniforms. Our school uniform colours are **navy blue and gold**. We encourage wearing school uniform as it shows a sense of pride in being part of TEAM LOCH. Parents/carers can purchase the uniform from most supermarkets/high street stores or badged items can be ordered on the website -

www.schoolwearmadeeasy.com

We also kindly ask for donations of any school uniform items such as polo shirts, jumpers, shirts, cardigans, trousers, skirts and pinafores that your child may have grown out of that are in good condition for our school uniform donation box. Families who require support with uniform are encouraged to contact the school and we will do our best to help.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO NAME ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND SHOES.

Attendance and Time-Keeping



Promoting excellent attendance at school is a key feature of our School Improvement Plan. 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.

'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/nursery 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.

Photograph Permissions



We are very keen to upload lots of photographs of our children's learning in their classes along with achievements on to our website and Twitter. Please inform the school immediately if you **DO NOT** wish your child's photograph to be uploaded.

School Improvement



As a result of our consultation with staff, parents/carers and learners, our School Improvement Plan priorities for this session are:

- To raise attainment in Literacy.
- To raise attainment in Numeracy.
- To drive forward curriculum development, with a focus on Play Based Learning (PBL), Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), Religious and Moral Education (RME), Science and Responsive Planning (Nursery).

Our Pupil Equity Fund Improvement priorities include:

- To raise attainment in Literacy and Numeracy.
- To support the wellbeing of all pupils within a nurturing environment.
- To remove financial barriers for families as part of our 'Cost of the School Day' work.

Our maintenance agenda priorities include:

- To continue to implement a whole school nurturing approach, working towards achieving 'National Nurturing Schools' status.
- To continue to promote excellent pupil attendance.
- To enhance and promote increased parental engagement opportunities.
- To continue to promote pupil voice to develop leadership skills and skills for learning, life and work.
- To enhance pupil engagement and motivation for learning by using a range of teaching approaches including outdoor learning and digital learning.

More information on our priorities along with our Standards and Quality Report can be found on our school website. We will continue to self-evaluate our progress in consultation with all stakeholders throughout the session.

Vision and Values



At Loch Primary School and Nursery Class, it is important for all stakeholders to work together to ensure the best possible outcomes for our learners.

Our school **Vision** is: **TEAM LOCH**

Together

Everyone

Achieves

More

Learning

Opportunities

Create

Happiness



Our school **Values** that we all strive to be are:

- Nurturing
- Happy
- Welcoming
- Achieving
- Respectful
- Inclusive

Our **Aims** for our learners are:

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

TEAM LOCH are 'all in this together!'

Nursery Update



We are delighted to welcome all of our returning children and our new starts to our nursery! We have been busy settling back in and our pre-schoolers have been supporting their new friends and helping them to learn the nursery rules and routines such as snack, hand washing, toothbrushing, tidy up time, using kind hands, and helping others.

Within the nursery, we encourage the children to make choices about their own learning and to develop their independence skills. This term we will be focussing on children's health and wellbeing through the topics of 'All About Me' and 'My Feelings'. We would greatly appreciate if parents/carers could provide the nursery or email a photograph of your family to gw14lochpsoffice@glow.sch.uk. This will allow the children to talk about their families with their keyworkers and peers and we can then create an 'Our Families' wall display.

Please remember to check our wall displays regularly as these will be 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!

As you know, Outdoor Learning is encouraged every day at Loch PS Nursery, therefore we kindly ask that your child has a change of clothes available in case they get wet or muddy during outdoor play and that they are wearing appropriate clothing for playing outdoors in all weathers. During sunny weather we kindly ask you to apply sun cream to your child prior to arrival at nursery and to provide your child with sun cream that staff can reapply throughout the day if required. Your child's sun cream will be stored within their individual bags. Please ensure that all of your child's clothing items and belongings are clearly labelled with their name.

GOOD NEWS!



The Head Teacher Awards this month were presented to:

- Huey Gray, P5, for displaying a positive attitude towards school.
- Carris Hinshelwood, P6, for being a positive role model.

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

- Primary 6, for being excellent buddies to our Primary 1 pupils.
- Harper Taylor, P1, for being an excellent classroom helper.

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, P5, for achieving 'highly commended' in her dance exams.
- Niamh Lithgow, P1, for passing her Level 1 Swim Skills assessment.

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.

Diary Dates



- The school will be closed on Friday 22nd and Monday 25th September for the September Weekend holiday.
- The school closes for the October Week on Friday 13th October and children should return on Monday 23rd October.
- The school will be closed to children on Monday 13th November for an inservice day.
- The school closes for the Christmas holidays on Friday 22nd December at 2:30pm. The school will re-open on Monday 8th January 2023.

Please check our school website regularly 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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