



Health and Safety

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.

As you will be aware, headlice can cause problems both at home and 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.

Attendance and Time-Keeping

Attendance at school is crucial to support children's progress, wellbeing and attainment. 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. It is equally important that each pupil 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.

School Captains

Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils along with staff took part in an election to vote for our first set of School Captains and Vice Captains for session 2023 - 2024.

Congratulations to the following P7 pupils who have been elected as School Captains:

KATRINE: Mason Boyce and Karli Vickers

NESS: Jay Currie and Lyra McCreddie

LOMOND: Liam Pearson and Kelsey Robin

TAY: Jaxon McMillan and Georgia Quigg

Congratulations to the following P6 pupils who have been elected as Vice Captains:

KATRINE: John Beaton and Liah McLeish

NESS: Siobhan Carr and Scott McEwan

LOMOND: Fouzi Abu Esbaa and Poppy Doyle

TAY: Zoey Daly and Kelvin Onwuka

School Chaplaincy Team

Our Chaplaincy Team continues this year with Aquila Singh and Ross Murray (Reachout Trust). They will provide input at assemblies throughout the year focusing on different themes through different Bible stories. The themes include: Starting Well, Harvest, Remembering, New Year, We Can Make a Difference, Easter and Overcoming Fear. All dates and themes are detailed on the school website. The team will also carry out various workshops throughout the year including 'Boomerang' (P5), 'Christmas Unwrapped' (P6), 'Easter Code' (P7), 'It's Your Move' (P7) and 'Buddying' (P5). If you have any other questions about this programme or you do not want your child to participate, please contact the school office on 0141 634 7217.

School Improvement/PEF Update

- Mrs Peters attended accredited Nurture UK training to support the development of our nurture work within the school.
- Murray Stewart, our new Quality Link Officer, visited our school on 12.9.23 to meet staff and pupils.
- Mrs Barrett attended the Early Years Kindergarten Skills training on 12.9.23 to develop more ideas for outdoor learning in the nursery.
- Mrs Smith visited Cathkin High School to meet with staff to discuss and observe the planning and assessment of Listening and Talking.
- Mrs Munro attended Maths Recovery training on 13.9.23, looking at how to implement this Numeracy programme in Primary 1.
- Miss Simpson attended the Inclusion Conference within South Lanarkshire Council on 15.9.23.
- Mrs Graham attended the Literacy Coordinators' Meeting on 19.9.23 to keep up-to-date on new Literacy initiatives.
- Our nursery staff attended 'Together We Count - Number Sense' training on 19.9.23, supporting our work to further develop Numeracy within the nursery.
- Miss Simpson attended the South Lanarkshire Council Attainment Network on 20.9.23.
- As part of our PEF work, we have consulted with all stakeholders including pupils, parents/carers and staff on how we should spend 5% of our PEF budget. We will now collate these votes to establish what we will work on this session to drive forward improvement and ensure equity for all.

Nursery Update

September has been a very busy month in our nursery. We have been delighted to welcome all of our new starts who are settling in well and enjoying their time at nursery!

This month the children have been busy focusing on developing their independence and self-selection skills through their participation in a range of activities throughout the nursery and outdoors.

We are delighted to see the return of our 'Book of the Month' initiative. This month our story is 'Little Red Riding Hood'. These home-link learning bags contain a story along with suggested activities to try at home. It also contains a feedback sheet for you and your child. We kindly ask that these bags are returned to nursery after the allocated week to allow for all of our children to have a turn at taking the bag home.

We are also excited to introduce our 'Rhyme of the Month' initiative to further develop our children's Literacy skills. Each month we will focus on a different rhyme within the nursery. A copy of each month's rhyme will be sent home for you to share with your child.

We would love to hear about our children's wonderful home learning. We would greatly appreciate if you could complete the feedback forms and email/provide photos which we will add to our display walls and the children's Learning Journals.

This month the 'Tiny Talking Team' have been discussing what they like about nursery and what they would like to change. The children expressed that they would like their parents/carers to spend some time with them in nursery. As a result of this, we will now organise a 'stay and play session'. Full details will follow.

To keep packed lunches cool, staff have been adding ice packs into the children's lunch boxes. If these have been mistakenly sent home, we kindly ask that these are returned to the nursery.

Please note that the nursery day finishes at 3:00pm and all children must be collected by this time. If for any reason you are running late, please contact the school office on 0141 634 7217 to advise of this.

GOOD NEWS!

The Head Teacher Awards this month were presented to:

- Carris Hinshelwood, P6, for being an excellent role model with a positive attitude.
- Calvin Jamieson, P2, for working hard and showing a positive attitude to learning.
- Charli McGuire, P7, for being extremely helpful and a good role model to others.

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

- Lewis Potts, P2, for being an excellent role model when lining up.
- Kelvin Onwuka, P6, for helping a younger pupil with their scooter on the way to school.
- Grayson McAllister, P1, for making sure everyone in the class had a friend to play with.

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:

- Katie Boyle, P4, for winning 3rd place in her gymnastics competition.
- Callum McConnell, P5, for moving into the Junior section in Boys Brigade.
- Halle Leonard, P5, for placing third in her gymnastics competition
- Carris Hinshelwood, P6, for placing first in her dance competition for lyrical and for being chosen to be an audience member for Saturday Mash Up.
- Ciaran Lithgow, P6, for being chosen to be an audience member for Saturday Mash Up.
- Alicia Rafferty, P6, for winning a trophy for being the hardest worker at her dance class.
- Jessica Bayne, P6, for winning a trophy for being the most improved at her dance class.

There's Lots Going On At Loch!

- Primary 5 are currently enjoying participating in the Youth Music Initiative programme.
- Primary 6 are enjoying their weekly swimming lessons every Tuesday.
- Fluoride Varnishing took place on 14.9.23 for children from Nursery to Primary 4.
- Our first committee meetings took place this month with all classes being allocated a specific committee to work in to develop their leadership skills:
 - *Primary 1 and Primary 3/4 - Health Committee
 - *Primary 2 and Primary 4 - Charities Committee
 - *Primary 2/3 and Primary 7 - Eco Committee
 - *Primary 5 and Primary 6 - Social Enterprise Committee
- Our Pupil Council met for the first time this month with representatives attending from each class. This month the Pupil Council discussed our Pupil Equity Fund budget and ideas on how this can be used to support our children.
- Some of our Primary 5-7 pupils attended the John Wrights Sports Competition on 29.9.23.
- Our First Fun Friday took place on 29.9.23.
- All of our classes enjoy participating in our weekly assemblies. This month our focus has been on 'what TEAM LOCH means to us' and 'school improvement', as well as input from our Chaplaincy Team and celebrating our weekly achievements and awards!
- Our classes have all been very busy and some of this great work has been shared on Twitter!
- For more details on events happening within the school, please see our school events calendar on our school website.

Diary Dates



- 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.

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