



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 supporting 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 Improvement/PEF Update



- Miss Simpson and Miss Harrington have been visiting all classes this month to see the progress of our nurture work. It has been lovely to see the progress the children are making in their learning.
- Interim reports have been issued for all P1-7 children detailing their progress. We encourage all parent/carers to complete the 'parent/carer response sheet' and return to the school.
- Miss Simpson participated in 'Respect Me Anti-Bullying' training to support our work in reviewing this policy.
- Miss Simpson attended 'Attendance Test of Change' training to support our work in improving attendance across the school.
- Mrs Peters attended accredited Nurture UK training to support the development of our nurture work within the school.
- Miss Harrington has met with all teaching staff to discuss the progress of all children and supports available within the school.
- Miss Harrington attended the ICT Coordinators Meeting to learn about the latest updates from SLC.
- All staff received training from Susan Tullett (Nurture Lead Officer in SLC) to support the development of our nurture work and the review of our 'Promoting Positive Relationships Policy'.

Participatory Budgeting -

- We have now consulted all stakeholders including pupils, parents/carers and staff on how we should spend 5% of our PEF budget. **The chosen item with the most votes was to fund trips and events for all pupils.** This work is already underway and we will continue to keep everyone up-to-date with our progress. A big 'thank you' to everyone who voted!

Nurture Focus Week



This month all pupils from Nursery to Primary 7 enjoyed participating in our annual Nurture Focus Week. This special week allowed the children to fully focus on our nurturing approaches and develop their understanding of the 'Six Principles of Nurture':

- Children's learning is understood developmentally - "We all learn in different ways"
- The classroom offers a safe base - "The classroom is a safe place"
- The importance of nurture for the development of wellbeing - "Nurture helps us feel good in our mind and body"
- Language is a vital means of communication - "The way we speak and the words we use are important"
- All behaviour is communication - "How we behave tells you how we feel"
- The importance of transition in children's lives - "Everyone faces change and Nurture can help"

Activities included 'Sunshine Room' sessions, input on 'Attachment' from our Educational Psychologist, mindfulness activities, 'Positive Me' activities encouraging positive thinking, 'How to be a good friend' activities and a range of tasks to support positive wellbeing. This was a very successful week which was greatly enjoyed by all!

Primary 1-7 Book of the Term



Each term your child will receive a 'Book of the Term' 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 three books which will be issued to your child throughout the session. The first book was issued on 27.10.23. 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 12th January
- Friday 19th April

Nursery Update



October has been another fun month in our nursery. This month we celebrated Nurture Week within the nursery and focussed on promoting wellbeing through Yoga, stories, activities and talking about our feelings. Our Teddy Bears Picnic was a lovely opportunity for the children to bring their favourite soft toy to nursery and to share with their friends how it makes them feel!

It was wonderful to see so many parents/carers at our 'stay and play' sessions! We hope you enjoyed the session and found the information about how 'bucket filling' helps make everyone feel happy and may be useful to use at home. Please let us know if there are any other topics you would like us to focus on in future 'stay and play' or in our up and coming PEEP sessions.

Our Halloween Fun Day is taking place on 31.10.23. This month the 'Tiny Talking Team' discussed all of the things they would like to do during this day and they shared some great suggestions for games, songs and things to eat!

This month our 'Book of the Month' is 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and our 'Rhyme of the Month' is 'Rolling Like a Pumpkin'. We hope you have all been enjoying sharing the story, rhyme and activities at home with your child. We would be delighted to receive your feedback, photos and comments through the bookbag evaluation sheets, by email or by filling in one of our comment speech bubbles available on our new noticeboard in the cloakroom.

PEEP sessions are fun and informative sessions you can attend with your child. The aim of these sessions is to help parents/carers to improve their children's life chances, by making the most of everyday learning opportunities - listening, talking, playing, singing and sharing books and stories together. Each session focuses on a topic or area of learning chosen by those attending. Our first 3 sessions will be held at 2pm on:

- Friday November 10th
- Friday November 17th
- Friday November 24th

If you are interested in attending with your child, please fill in our questionnaire. For more information check out our introduction SWAY -

<https://sway.office.com/MvflLJyP83HFxuMz?ref=Li>

GOOD NEWS! 😊

The Head Teacher Awards this month were presented to:

- The John Wrights Sports Team, for representing the school at the athletics event.
- Kelvin Onwuka, P6, for always displaying lovely manners.
- Lyall Scott, P2, for having a positive attitude towards his learning.

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

- Milla Eaglesham, P1, for helping a friend with their bag and jacket.
- Lucy Potts, P5, for using her initiative and helping staff and pupils.
- Dylan McInnes, P4, for being an excellent friend to others.

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:

- Niamh Lithgow, P2, for achieving her 'Influencer' badge at Rainbows.
- Halle Leonard, P5, for winning 1st place for her acrobat routine.
- Hollie Redmond, P4, for winning 'dancer of the week' at her dance class.
- Elaina Stewart, P5, for winning 3rd place at Bark in the Park.
- Callum McConnell, P5, and Zoey Daly, P6, for taking part in the library's summer reading challenge.
- Orla Flood, P3, for taking part in her dance school's presentation.
- Katy McFarlane, P2, Millie Beaton, P3, and Jack McFarlane, P5, for winning 2nd place with their group in a Musical Theatre competition.
- Kasey Aitchison, P4, and Abi Royle, P4, for achieving their Level 2 Swim Skills Award.
- Millie Beaton, P3, for winning a Star Award for her excellent singing at her Musical Theatre club.

There's Lots Going On At Loch! 😊

- We would like to welcome Mrs McCaffrey and Miss Marshall who have permanently joined our Support Staff team!
- Primary 5 are enjoying participating in the Youth Music Initiative programme.
- Primary 6 are enjoying their weekly swimming lessons every Tuesday.
- Primary 3/4 are enjoying weekly PE sessions with S6 Cathkin High School pupils.
- Primary 5-7 pupils are enjoying participating in an after school football club with Mr Martin.
- Primary 2-3 pupils are continuing to enjoy their after school club Multi-Sports sessions with the Active Schools team.
- Our Parent Council Meeting took place on 9.10.23. Our next meeting will take place on 6.11.23 at 6:00pm.
- Primary 2 enjoyed their class visit to the Owl Centre on 10.10.23.
- Primary 7 had great fun on their class visit to Wagamama on 11.10.23.
- All children enjoyed a 'Go Fresh' theme day menu for lunch on 12.10.23.
- Primary 1 had their photograph taken for the Glasgow Times on 12.10.23. We look forward to this being published soon!
- Primary 3/4 and Primary 4 had a great time on their class trip to Dynamic Earth on 24.10.23.
- Some of our Primary 5-7 pupils attended the John Wrights Sports Competition on 27.10.23.
- Fun Friday took place on 27.10.23.
- A big 'thank you' to our Parent Council for organising a fantastic Halloween Disco on 30.10.23. The children and staff had a 'spooktacular' night!!
- All of our classes enjoy participating in our weekly assemblies. This month our focus has included input from our Chaplaincy Team about Harvest 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!

Diary Dates



- The school will be closed to children on Monday 13th November for an in-service 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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