



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.

Thank You!



We would like to say 'thank you' to everyone for your kind donations and helping to support the school. We have raised:

- £151 for 'Save the Children' (Christmas Jumper Day).
- £459.80 at our Christmas Art Exhibition and Café which will go towards our school funds.

We would also like to thank our fabulous Parent Council for all of their support and fundraising. They have supported all of our events throughout the year and supplied lots of treats for the children!

School Improvement/PEF Update

- Miss Simpson and Miss Harrington have been participating in Learning Conversations with Primary 2, 5 and 7 pupils who have been keen to share their learning in class.
- All teaching staff have participated in a programme of 'Limitless Learning' training, looking at 'mindset' and 'brain development'.
- Miss Harrington and Mrs Thomson attended 'Skills Framework' training to look at this new resource and how this can support the development of skills at Loch PS.

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 child being absent from nursery or school. It is equally important that each child 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. In the new year, attendance will continue to be a key focus for us as we aim to work in partnership with parents/carers to ensure the best opportunities for our children.

Nursery Update



We have had a very busy December preparing for Christmas and rehearsing for our Nativity which took place on 18.12.23. All of the children worked very hard when rehearsing their parts and learning the songs and actions. We are sure you will agree the children were fantastic and we are all very proud of everyone for taking part!

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to the parents/carers and families who came along to the Christmas Café and Art Exhibition. The children had great fun making their wonderful artwork and taking on the role of an 'artist'. We would also like to extend our thanks to the Parent Council for all of the fundraising events they organise and for providing treats for our children.

This month, the 'Tiny Talking Team' were responsible for choosing the songs we performed at the show and helping to plan our Christmas Party on 21.12.23. We are keeping our fingers crossed for a visit from a very special guest!

We kindly ask all parents/carers to discourage the children from bringing toys from home into nursery as it can cause distress if they get misplaced or broken. If a comforter is required to help them settle, this can be stored in the child's draw string bag in the cloakroom when it is not required by the child.

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:

- Leo Lavelle, P5, for always displaying lovely manners.
- Kyiana Collins, P6, for being an excellent helper at the café.
- Kyle Beauzy, P6, for trying his best.
- Jaxon McMillan and Liam Pearson, both P7, for their enthusiasm and excellent help during the Christmas Concert.

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

- Aaron Torley, P3, for always checking with his friends that they are feeling OK.
- Larissa Keery, P1, for being a kind friend to others.
- Devyn Dunlop, P2, for being a great team player.

Every week a child in each class receives a Star Award for being a Successful Learner, Confident Individual, Effective Contributor or Responsible Citizen. We enjoy celebrating the successes and achievements of our children. 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; Katy McFarlane, P2; Georgie Mackinnon, P2; Mya Ballard, P3; Millie Beaton, P3; Kian Everett, P4; Aaron McEwan, P4; Jack McFarlane, P5; Carris Hinshelwood, P6, and Ciaran Lithgow, P6, for taking part in their Drama Club's Christmas Show.
- William Devlin, P1, for scoring lots of goals for his football team.
- Harry Devlin, P3, for playing well for his football team.
- Halle Leonard, P5, for winning 1st place at her gymnastics invitational.
- Lola Macrae, P5, for winning 1st place for her lyrical dance and 2nd place for a duet at her dance competition.
- Lily Macrae, P1, for winning 1st place for her lyrical dance at her dance competition.
- Brandon Weaver, P3, for performing in his drama show.
- Lexi Welsh-McNay, P3, for getting a certificate for great work this term in her drama class.

Bridgeton Burns Competition 😊

On 1.12.23 we participated in the annual Bridgeton Burns Competition at St. Mungo's Academy in Glasgow. We are so proud of the 31 pupils who participated! A massive well done to:

- Daisy Cartwright, P4, who came 1st place in the P4-5 Solo Verse category.
- The P1-4 Choral Verse Group who came 1st place in their category.
- The P5-7 Choral Verse Group who came 1st place in their category.

Following the competition we also heard the outcomes of the 'art' and 'newsdesk' categories. A huge congratulations to:

- Lily Macrae, P1, who came 2nd place in the P1-2 Art category.
- Brooke MacNeil, P4, who came 2nd place in the P3-5 Art category.
- Katie Love, P4, who came 3rd place in the P3-5 Art category.
- Junior Rough, P7, who came 2nd place in the P6-7 Art category.
- Jessica Bayne, P6, who came 1st place in the Newsdesk category.
- Ciaran Lithgow, P6, who came 2nd place in the Newsdesk category.
- Kelvin Onwuka, P6, who came 3rd place in the Newsdesk category.

There's Lots Going On At Loch! 😊

- Primary 5 continue to enjoy participating in the Youth Music Initiative programme.
- Primary 3/4 enjoyed weekly PE sessions with S6 Cathkin High School pupils.
- Primary 3-4 pupils completed their after-school club Multi-Sports sessions with the Active Schools team.
- Primary 1 successfully participated in their after-school Nativity rehearsals with Mrs Munro.
- Our Nursery ante-pre children enjoyed a Bookbug gifting session on 1.12.23.
- Our Christmas Café and Art Exhibition took place on 6.12.23.
- All of our Primary 1-7 children enjoyed a whole school trip to the Hamilton Town House to see the pantomime 'Cinderella' on 7.12.23.
- We enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch on 12.12.23.
- Flu immunisations took place on 13.12.23.
- Primary 1 and 2 enjoyed a visit from the Police on 14.12.23 as part of their 'People Who Help Us' topic.
- Our fantastic Primary 1-7 Nativity and Concert took place on 15.12.23 where all children performed with enthusiasm!
- Our amazing Nursery children performed during their Nativity on 18.12.23, putting on a great show!
- Our Christmas parties have been taking place this week.
- All of our classes enjoy participating in our weekly assemblies. This month our focus has included Burns and Nativity preparation and celebrating our weekly achievements.
- Our classes have all been very busy and some of this great work has been shared on Twitter!
- Our next Parent Council meeting will take place on 15.1.24 at 6:00pm. We would greatly appreciate the support of more parents/carers to attend these meetings.

Diary Dates



- The school closes for the Christmas holidays on **Friday 22nd December at 2:30pm**. Please note this will be a **NON-UNIFORM DAY**. The school will re-open on Monday 8th January 2023.
- School will be closed on Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th February 2024 for the February break.
- The school will close at 2:30pm on Thursday 28th March 2024 for the Spring break. The school will reopen on Monday 15th April.

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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.

TEAM LOCH would like to thank everyone for your continued support this session. We wish you a 'Merry Christmas' and a very happy, healthy New Year! Enjoy the festive season and we will see you all in 2024!

