



November 2020 Newsletter

Health and Safety

As we are currently in tier 4 it is extremely important that we work together to continue to ensure the health and safety of all pupils, staff and parents/carers. We must continue to work together and follow all of the NHS Guidelines. To minimise large groups and to ensure social distancing measures are in place, we kindly ask that when you are dropping off/picking up your child, you leave the school grounds immediately when your child has entered/left the entrance gate to minimise overcrowding. We also kindly ask that you observe the 2-metre social distancing Scottish Government guidelines from other households when waiting at the gates. In line with the Scottish Government advice, face coverings should now be worn by parents/carers and other visitors to the school, including at drop-off and pick up times. Please ensure you wear a face covering when entering the school grounds or when waiting for your child at the gate or nursery entrance, unless you are exempt. If you wish to speak to a member of staff please do not approach them at the gate and instead contact the school office and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

If your child or a member of the household displays any symptoms, we ask that you follow the guidelines and self-isolate until test results are received. Please do not bring your child to school/Nursery with any symptoms and ensure you keep the school informed of any symptoms, tests and results.

SIP/SAC/PEF Update

- All staff participated in moderation meetings to discuss continuity and progression across all classes.
- Mrs Henderson and Miss Motherwell attended Nurture Group Accredited Training.
- Miss Harrington participated in an ICT online meeting to discuss our work within the school along with new initiatives being launched by SLC.
- Miss Harrington attended a HWB Coordinators meeting looking at tracking and monitoring pupils' health and wellbeing progress.
- All staff participated in the SLC Attachment Strategy training on our inservice day, developing our knowledge and understanding of how this should be implemented within our daily practice.
- During the inservice day, all teaching staff worked together to develop new health and wellbeing progression planners to ensure progression across all stages. Our Nursery staff participated in virtual Literacy training.
- Miss Simpson met with Anne Jessimer, our Quality Link Officer, to discuss the work being carried out within our school.
- Miss Simpson participated in the Nursery Head Teachers' Meeting to discuss new initiatives and work within Early Years.
- Fiona Bartholomew (Barnardo's) and Lucy Corbishley (Place2Be) continue to work within the school, supporting identified children and families.

Continuity of Learning

As part of our 'Continuity of Learning' policy, you will have received 'readiness to learn from home' leaflets in case of any closures or for any instances where a class may have to self-isolate. This leaflet will provide you with details on how your child should access Google Classrooms, including the time for registration and the times when your child's class teacher will be available. We hope this plan will never need to be used but we kindly ask that you store this leaflet with your pack we provided last month in a safe place in case it is required.

Any child who is self-isolating will be provided with work via Google Classrooms. It is important that they continue to complete their work at home in order to ensure their learning is not disrupted. If you are experiencing any difficulty accessing this online platform, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to help.

Attendance



It is important that everyone continues to make a great effort to come to school on a regular basis. Please remember that 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. This procedure is to ensure each one of our pupils is safe.

Committees

All children participated in their second Committee afternoon on 25.11.20, completing allocated activities from their chosen committee:

The Pupil Council have been thinking about ways to continue to embed the 'Loch Pupil Friendly Nurture Principles' across the school. They decided to focus on designing a logo to represent each principle. The chosen design will be displayed alongside our Nurture posters throughout the school. This month the focus was on designing a logo for "We all learn in different ways".

The Social Enterprise Committee have been busy creating questions for the 'class interviews' section of the school newspaper. They have also been creating their school display, designing an individual mug to show they are part of the committee.

The Charity Committee are currently promoting our next charity event which is 'Christmas Jumper Day' to raise money for 'Save the Children'. The committee hopes everyone can join in on Friday 11th December and wear your Christmas jumper to school. Donations can be made via Parent Pay.

The Rights Respecting Schools Committee have been updating the school's right cards, discussing what a right means and then illustrating what the right looks like and means to them.

The Health and Eco Committee have been looking at the school's Eco Action Plan and suggesting ways to address the areas selected including tackling litter, reducing our landfill waste and encouraging more diverse wildlife into our playground.

The P1-4 pupils in the Sports Council have been busy designing a rugby ball to show who represents the Sports Council, and what their favourite sport is. The P5-7 pupils have been focusing on identifying the variety of transferable skills we use and are able to develop within sports. The children have successfully identified a range of skills and illustrated how these are furthered through regular engagement with sporting activities.

The Junior Road Safety Officers have been looking at the Green Cross Code and designing bright clothes to ensure we are seen in the dark nights.

Nursery Update



November has been another busy month in the Nursery! The children had great fun exploring Bonfire Night at the start of November with most children completing a variety of fireworks artwork. The groups have also been exploring stories including the "Three Little Pigs" and "Goldilocks and the Three Bears". During Science Week, the children enjoyed completing experiments and exploring forces.

As part of our 'Promoting Positive Relationships Policy', we have implemented the 'Bucket Filling' strategy within the Nursery. For this, all children have the opportunity to earn and collect pompoms or gems for their team bucket. Children can win a pompom or gem by being kind, helpful and caring. The concept of 'bucket filling' is based upon the book "Are You a Bucket Filler?" by Carol McCloud.

We kindly ask that all parents/carers provide more than one change of clothes for their child to allow for changes to be made when necessary or if the children get wet or muddy during outdoor and water play.

Due to current circumstances we kindly request that all parents/carers continue to follow the 2-metre social distancing guidelines from staff and other families at drop-off and collection times. If you wish to speak to your child's keyworker or if you have any queries or concerns please contact the school office who will direct you through to the Nursery.

GOOD NEWS!



The Head Teacher Awards this month were presented to:

- Wesal Shoufan, P6, for always displaying a positive attitude towards school.
- Abi Royle, P1, for being very responsible and helping a friend.
- Kieran Sallie, P1, for always showing a happy, positive and responsible attitude at school.
- Lyra McCreddie, P4, for showing excellent manners and a positive attitude towards school.
- Rabea Abu Esbaa, P4, for showing a very responsible attitude at school.

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

- Katie Love, P1, for working hard to keep her classroom tidy.
- Jayden McKean, P7, for being a fantastic help to staff in and around the school.
- Nicole Mitchell, P4, for being a great team player.
- Wesal Shoufan, P6, for having excellent manners and holding doors open for staff members.
- Jaxon McMillan, P4, for showing excellent manners and for helping a peer with their work.

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 their class teacher.

As part of our Nurture Week, we set all of our pupils a special nurture competition homework task. All of the pupils who submitted their homework were put in to the draw for their chance to win a fantastic nurture family hamper which included treats for the family, board games and a pizza making voucher from Kracken Chippy! Congratulations to our lucky winner Demi McDonald! A big 'thank you' to our Parent Council who kindly donated and created the fantastic hamper!

Christmas Dates



Due to current circumstances, many of our usual Christmas activities have had to be altered to ensure the health and wellbeing of all. We aim to ensure this is a fun time for everyone and have planned a series of events to enable us to celebrate the festive season. Some of the key dates are listed below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Tuesday 1 st December	All classes including our Nursery will be creating something special for Christmas. If possible, children are encouraged to wear something Christmas themed, eg a Christmas jumper, Santa hat, tinsel etc.
Wednesday 2 nd December	School photographs will be taken by staff. These will be available to purchase as part of our online Christmas fayre. Please ensure your child is wearing their full school uniform.
w/c Monday 7 th December	Christmas crafts ordering - each class will be making items to sell as part of our Christmas fayre. These will be advertised via our website and Twitter account and will be available to order.
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas parties/Christmas themed afternoon in classes.
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas lunch (orders for lunches should be placed via the school app).
Friday 18 th December	Primary 1-7 Virtual Christmas Quiz 2020.
Friday 18 th December	Nursery Christmas party/day.
Date tbc	Online pantomime (kindly funded by our Parent Council).
Tuesday 22 nd December	School closes: P1a, P1b, P2 (2:20pm - front entrance); P2/3, P3/4, P4/5 (2:30pm - front entrance); P5, P6, P7 (2:30pm - rear entrance).

Please keep checking our website and school Twitter page (@LochPrimary) regularly for updates and our school Christmas messages.

There's Lots Going On At Loch!

- Room 9 are continuing to enjoy participating in their online Youth Music Initiative lessons.
- Primary 7 enjoyed their second #Mind2Learn Assembly from Cathkin High School on 6.11.20.
- Flu immunisations took place on 6.11.20.
- Our new 'Vision, Values and Aims' is being launched to our pupils via a series of virtual assemblies.
- Our 'Parent Council Zoom Meeting' took place on 12.11.20.
- Parents Evening took place on 18.11.20 via phone calls.
- Nursery Parents Evening took place w/c 23.11.20.
- Fun Friday took place on 27.11.20.
- Our classes have all been very busy and some of this great work has been shared on Twitter!

Diary Dates

- For anyone who was absent when flu immunisations took place on 6.11.20, these will take place on 16.12.20.
- The school closes for our Christmas holidays on Tuesday 22nd December and pupils should return on Wednesday 6th January 2021.
- The school is closed for the February weekend on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th February and will be closed to pupils on Wednesday 10th February for an inservice day.

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LOCH PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLASS

Our Vision
Together Everyone Achieves More

TEAM LOCH

Learning Opportunities Create Happiness

Our Values

Nurturing	Happy	Welcoming	Inclusive
Achieving	Respectful		

We aim to ensure:

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

