



August 2019 Newsletter

A Warm Welcome!



Welcome back to all of our pupils and their parents/carers after the summer holiday! Hopefully everyone had an enjoyable break and you are looking forward to the year ahead. A warm welcome to all of our new nursery and primary children and their families who have recently started at Loch PS this new session!

Welcome to our new members of staff who have joined us this session. Miss Campbell, Miss King, Mrs Anderson and Mr Dalling have joined the teaching staff this session. Mrs Thomson, Mrs McKee and Mrs Gilchrist have all joined us and are enjoying working in the Nursery. Miss Harrington got married over the holidays and is now Mrs McGuire, congratulations! Miss Motherwell has started her maternity leave after welcoming a beautiful little boy, Max, in July. A big congratulations!

Miss Simpson will continue as Acting Head Teacher and Mrs McGuire as Acting Principal Teacher until our new Head Teacher is appointed.

The classes and staffing for session 2019-2020 are as follows:

Primary 1 - Mrs Sistrunk and Miss Simpson
Primary 1/2 - Mrs Campbell and Mrs Anderson
Primary 2/3 - Mrs Smith and Mrs Burns
Primary 3/4 - Miss Stewart
Primary 4 - Mrs Graham and Mrs Henderson
Primary 5 - Miss Campbell and Miss King
Primary 6 - Mrs McGuire/Mr Dalling
Primary 7 - Mrs Barrett

Miss King 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 2019 - 2020 is:

Nursery Teacher - Mrs Roy
Nursery Team Leader - Mrs Thomson
Early Years Workers - Mrs Burton, Mrs Currie, Miss Dowling, Miss Equi, Mrs Evans, Miss Horne, Mrs Gilchrist, Mrs Main, Mrs McKee

Our Support Staff are as last session:

Team Leader - Mrs Robertson
Support Staff - Mrs Byrne, Miss Chisholm, Mrs Docherty, Mrs McDonald, Mrs Peters, Mrs Pettigrew and Mrs Ritchie

The children have made a smooth transition to their new classes and are settling well. Should there be any staffing changes in the future everyone will be informed.

Health and Safety

As we have children in the nursery and school who have 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. 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.

Attendance and Time-Keeping



Once again we continue to aim to achieve our attendance target of 95% this session. 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 and leave a message stating the cause of absence and possible date of return. The School Office will be open daily from 8.00am. In accordance with SLC Policy we require to telephone parents 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.

It is equally important that each pupil arrives at the school in time for the bell to ring at 9.00am. We understand that everyone can, on occasions, sleep in and run late for school for many reasons, however regular lateness can be very disruptive to the child's education. Please remember that your child will be marked as 'unauthorised' should they go on holiday during term time. Any work that has been missed will be given on their return to school.

We will contact parents/carers if pupil attendance is becoming a concern and a meeting will be arranged within the school where required. Should there be no improvement then a further meeting will take place with Frances Swinburne, our Senior Manager Pupil Support, to provide support with school attendance.

In Loch PS we believe that it is extremely important for all children to attend school on time and on a regular basis to ensure they receive their entitlement of a full education and we will work with all of our families to achieve this.

School 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 Loch PS Community. A reminder that parents/carers can order school uniform at any time of the year on the website - www.schoolwearmadeeasy.com

When the web page opens, go to the drop-down list for 'Badged School Uniforms' and choose 'L' for Loch PS.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO NAME ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND SHOES! THANK YOU.

For health and safety reasons please remember that if your child wears earrings to school these should be stud earrings. Again for health and safety reasons please remember that no jewellery should be worn during PE lessons.

Breakfast Club



The Breakfast Club is open from 8:15-8:45am. Children should arrive no later than 8:30am as this is when the last service for breakfast will be to allow for cleaning in preparation for the school day. Children must have a consent form, signed by their parent/carer, to allow them to attend. All other pupils should continue to arrive no earlier than 8:45am when the playground will have a staff presence and the hall will be cleared in the event of wet weather.

School Improvement



Our School Improvement Plan priorities for this session are Literacy (developing a whole school 'Talk for Writing' approach and Talking and Listening programme), Numeracy (with a focus on Mental Maths) and Health and Wellbeing (developing as a whole school Nurturing School and reviewing our HWB Curriculum). Our maintenance agenda includes promoting parental engagement; promoting leadership at all levels; encouraging pupil voice; reducing 'cost of the school day'; promoting skills for learning, life and work; continuing our implementation of 1+2 languages; promoting the use of digital technology and working towards achieving our 6th Green Eco Flag.

SAC/PEF Update

We now have a new allocated Place2Be Project Manager, Lucy Corbishley, who has started within the school every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Letters will be provided to parents/carers informing them about this service soon.

Fiona Bartholomew from Barnardo's will continue to work with us this session, working with targeted families and offering support to all parents/carers during 'drop-in' sessions every Thursday morning.

Nursery Update

This session our nursery is open from 9am - 4pm. Every pupil is entitled to 6 funded hours within this time slot. If you wish your child to stay for an additional hour, this will be charged at £3.20 per hour. If you wish more information on this and to receive a contract, please speak to a member of staff.

Over the summer, our nursery was extended and it is now looking fabulous! All of our returning children have settled back into the nursery routine and are helping and welcoming all of our new friends to our nursery!

Everyone is making friends and learning how to share and co-operate with each other. The pupils are also enjoying having their lunches in the school dinner hall. Our new children are learning the nursery routines of snack, hand washing, lunch routines, tooth brushing and tidy up. During gym times everyone is learning how to warm up, cool down and be safe while participating in a variety of games and healthy physical experiences. All of the children are encouraged to be independent and make choices about their learning throughout their time at nursery.

School Captains



Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils took part in an election to vote for our first set of School Captains for session 2019 - 2020.

Congratulations to the following P7 pupils who have been elected:

NESS: Jack Crichton and Laila Kadegis

LOMOND: Jay Comerford and Hollie Morrison

KATRINE: Nicole Dunsmuir and Megan Turner

TAY: Mikey McGuire and Sebi Urban

GOOD NEWS!



Our Rights Respecting School Committee have once again been selecting pupils to receive a Citizenship Award. This month the winners include:

- Our Primary 6 Buddies for being excellent buddies to the new P1 pupils and helping them to settle in to their new classes.
- Mati Biedka, P4, for being a good friend and looking after a friend who was hurt.

The Head Teacher Awards this month were presented to:

- Mila Little, P4, for donating her toys to the Primary 1 class.
- Chloe Royle, P5, for cutting her hair for 'The Little Princess Trust'.
- Morgan Ashton, P7, for displaying a responsible and positive attitude towards school life.

Every week a pupil in each class receives a Star Award for being a Successful Learner, Confident Individual, Effective Contributor or Responsible Citizen.

At our Friday Assembly we enjoy celebrating the successes and achievements of our pupils. We are always delighted to hear about the pupils' wider achievements outwith school. This month we heard Chloe Royle, P5, cut her hair and raised money for 'The Little Princess Trust' - a fabulous achievement!

There's Lots Going On At Loch!

We have had a busy start to this new session!

- Primary 6 pupils have started their block of swimming lessons which will continue until November.
- Our Healthy Tuck Shop has already started and takes place every Thursday.
- Our Primary 1 parents/carers and pupils had the opportunity to enjoy having a school lunch together on 21.8.19. Thank you to all of the parents/carers who were able to come along and thank you to the Kitchen Staff for their hard work in preparing all of the additional food!

Diary Dates



- Our Parent Council meet once a month. Our next meeting is on Monday 23rd September at 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Our Parent Council help with school trips. If you are able to help with this, please contact the school to ask for a PVG form. This is required for all work with children.
- "Meet the Teacher" events will be carried out next week, w/c Monday 2nd September.
- The school will be closed on Friday 27th and Monday 30th September for the September Weekend Holiday. Pupils should return to school on Tuesday 25th September.
- The school closes for the October Week on Friday 11th October at 2.55pm and pupils should return on Monday 21st October.

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