



September 2019 Newsletter

Parent Pay

As of Tuesday 1.10.19, Loch PS will become a cashless school as we will now begin to use Parent Pay. Parent Pay will be used for lunches as well as events such as trips and whole school events. Please ensure you register for Parent Pay and follow the guidance on the letters provided, as we will be unable to accept cash payments for lunches from Tuesday.

School Chaplaincy Team

Our Chaplaincy Team continues this year, the same as last year, with Aquila Singh, Ross Murray and Alison Kennedy. They will provide input at assemblies throughout the year focusing on different themes through different Bible stories including: Abraham (bravely going where no one has gone before); Joseph (forgiveness); David (courage); Christmas; David (conflict); Solomon (rule like me: wisdom/justice); Esther (the Beauty Queen: I can make a difference); Peter (a big Fisherman: ordinary people/extraordinary deeds) and Moving On. All dates and themes are detailed on the school website. Ross, Alison and Aquila will also carry out various workshops including 'It's Your Move', 'Buddy Training' and 'Easter Code'. If you have any other questions about this programme, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Lost Property

We have many lost property items in our lost property box in the Janitor's office. We kindly ask that all items of clothing, lunch boxes and other personal items are clearly labelled with your child's name as this allows us to return items immediately. If you are missing any items, please check with your child's class teacher or in the lost property box. We also ask that you please check your child's clothing at home in case they have come home with another child's belongings.

School Improvement



- Miss Simpson and Mrs McGuire met with Anne Jessimer (our Quality Link Lead Officer) to discuss our aims for this session within the areas of Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing.
- Miss Simpson attended 'Talk for Writing' leadership training to find out more about the programme and how this can be implemented successfully throughout the school from Nursery to Primary 7. Mrs Campbell and Mrs Roy also attended 'Talk for Writing' training to learn more about how to implement this resource within Nursery and Primary 1/2.
- Mrs McGuire attended 'ICT Coordinators' training where she was able to hear about the new resources/programs available to use within the school.
- The children have enjoyed participating in 'Modern Languages Awareness Week' this week. They have been able to take part in a range of activities to promote their use

of the French/Spanish language as well as their understanding of the countries of France and Spain. Activities included artist studies, food tasting and Primary 5 enjoyed a French lesson from the staff and pupils at Cathkin High School.

SAC/PEF Update



- Lucy Corbishley, our Place 2 Be Lead Councillor, has started Place 2 Talk sessions with the pupils. Please remember that parents/carers must complete permission slips to allow their child to self-refer to this service. This will be offered to children Monday - Wednesday during lunchtimes. As well as this service, there is also an opportunity for 1-1 sessions where a child can be referred by the school/parent/carer for dedicated 1-1 sessions with one of the councillors. Please speak to either Miss Simpson, Mrs McGuire or your child's class teacher if you would like to find out more about this service.
- Fiona Bartholomew from Barnardo's continues to offer support to all parents/carers during 'drop-in' sessions every Thursday morning.

Committees

All children from Nursery to Primary 7 attended their first committee meeting on 18.9.19. Every child is a member of one of seven committees: Pupil Council, Enterprise, Charity, Rights Respecting Schools (RRS), Eco, Sports Council or Junior Road Safety Officers. The children enjoyed getting to know their committee and discussing what their aims will be for this session.

*Pupil Council - discussed the 'Six Principles of Nurture' and how these should be displayed within the school.

*RRS - looked at ways to make the 'Children's Rights' more child-friendly.

*Enterprise - began to plan for their first Community Café and decided on a Halloween Café (letters with more information will be issued soon).

*Charity - decided on what charity Loch PS will support this term and discussed ideas for how we can do this.

*Eco - looked at the different ways we can improve our school to help us work towards our 6th Green Flag.

*Sports Council - discussed how we can promote the 'Daily Mile' within the school and decided to create posters.

*JRSO - discussed how we can promote safe travel to school and started to create advice posters.

Nursery Update

The children have been exploring the new Nursery setting and have been enjoying learning across all areas of the curriculum. Please have a look at the Nursery wall displays and your child's individual learning journal to find out more about your child's learning. It would be great if you could provide comments and feedback about your child's learning on our green speech bubbles!

This month we have launched our 'Book of the Month' bags. These home-link learning bags contain a story along with activities. It also contains a feedback sheet for your child and a green speech bubble for you to also comment. Please ensure you return the bag to Nursery after two nights to allow for every child to have a turn. We would like to say a special 'thank you' to our parent helpers who have come along to the Nursery to help prepare our 'Book of the Month' bags. If you would like to know more about helping out within the Nursery please speak to either Mrs Roy or Mrs Thomson.

If you have any old wellies in your house, we would greatly appreciate if you could donate these to our Nursery as we would love to create a 'wellie garden' in our outdoor area.

GOOD NEWS!



Our Primary 6 and 7 pupils voted and elected our new Primary 6 House Vice Captains.

Congratulations to:

KATRINE: CJ Murray and Laura Toye

LOMOND: Jordin Burns and Miren Crichton

NESS: Louis Campbell and Ava McIntyre

TAY: Lauren Drennan and Lucy Thorpe

The Head Teacher Awards this month were presented to:

- Junior McLellan, P3, for showing a positive attitude towards school life.
- Mason Logie, P1, for showing a positive attitude towards being at school.
- Alistair Gould, P1, for being very brave.

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

- Morgan Ashton, P7, for being an excellent monitor.
- Sean Crichton, P4, for waiting patiently for his brother at the school gate.
- Eve Cuning and Lexi McCallum, P7, for helping Primary 1 with class jobs.

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 from Lexi Wells, P5, all about her involvement in the Cowal Highland Games and winning championship points - a fantastic achievement!

There's Lots Going On At Loch!

- Our Breakfast Club continues every morning at 8:15am. All pupils are allowed to attend once they have a signed consent form from their parent/carer.
- Toothbrushing continues every Tuesday from Nursery to Primary 7.
- 'Meet the Teacher' week was held on w/c 2.9.19 with many parents/carers attending.
- Our first 'Fun Friday' of the session took place on 13.9.19.
- Primary 7 enjoyed their first visit to CHS for their Mini-Sports event on 18.9.19.
- Mrs McGuire has started a Primary 7 Netball Club on Tuesday afternoons.

Diary Dates



- Our Parent Council meet once a month. Our next meeting is on Monday 21st October at 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Primary 1 photos in the Evening Times will be published between Tuesday 1st October and Saturday 5th October.
- The school will be closed on Friday 27th and Monday 30th September for the September Weekend Holiday. Pupils should return to school on Tuesday 1st October.
- The school closes for the October Week on Friday 11th October at 2.55pm and pupils should return on Monday 21st October.
- The school is closed to pupils on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th November for inservice days.

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