



October 2019 Newsletter

Staffing

On Monday, Miss Simpson (P1 teacher) will begin her maternity leave. We wish her the best of luck and look forward to hearing about the safe arrival of 'baby Simpson' very soon! As soon as we know more about who will cover Miss Simpson in Primary 1, we will let you know.

Parent Pay

Loch PS is now a cashless school. If you have not already done so, please register for Parent Pay as this will be used for lunches as well as events such as trips, cafes and concert tickets. Please follow the guidance provided.

Lost Property

Our lost property is getting bigger and we have many 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 will be clearing out our lost property box very soon, so it is important that you let us know if you are missing any items!

Photograph Permissions

Permission slips were issued to allow us to take photographs of all children for the school website, SLC publications and local newspapers. We are unable to upload any photos until we have permission from parents/carers. We have so many excellent photos to upload and we would appreciate if these slips could be returned as soon as possible. New slips have been issued this week.

School Improvement/SAC/PEF Update

- Miss Simpson attended the 'ASN Coordinators' meeting on 4.10.19 to learn about new programmes and resources.
- Lynda Keith (Education Consultant) worked with staff on 7.10.19 and 8.10.19 to support the development of Active Maths and Play-Based Learning. We also looked at progression across all levels.
- Miss Simpson attended SLC Child Protection and Online Safety Conference on 8.10.19.
- Mrs Barrett and Miss Stewart attended Literacy/Numeracy Coordinators' Meetings on 10.10.19/11.10.19 to learn more about Literacy/Numeracy developments within SLC.
- Mrs Thomson attended the 'Together We Can and We Will' event to find out more and share good practice about the successful implementation of 1140 hours.
- Miss Simpson attended the 'Leadership Through School Improvement Conference' on 22.10.19, looking at ways to raise attainment and achievements for all pupils as well as ways to track pupil progress.
- Some members of staff attended the Learning Community CAT night on 23.10.19 where staff from all 5 of the schools participated in workshops to talk about the teaching, planning and assessment of Maths across all stages. This was an excellent opportunity to share good practice amongst all schools.
- Miss Harrington attended 'Nurture Group Accredited Training' on 24.10.19 and 25.10.19 to gain the qualification required to run a 'Nurture Group' within the school.
- 'World of Work Week' is taking place this week (w/c 28.10.19), allowing our pupils to think about positive destinations and the skills required for different professions. A range of professionals will be visiting the school all week.

Nursery Update

We would like to say 'thank you' to all of the parents/carers who came along on 28.10.19 to make our 'Nursery Extension Opening Party' a big success! The children were able to show their parents/carers all of the wonderful things they have been learning in our extended playroom and outdoor area that they have been developing with staff over the past few months. If you were unable to come along to the opening party, please look at the Nursery wall displays and the children's individual 'Learning Journeys' to find out more about your child's learning. We would really appreciate it if you could provide comments and feedback about the children's learning on our green speech bubbles.

We would also like to say 'thank you' to 'Healthy n Happy' for coming along to our 'Opening Party' to build our workbench and plant cress seeds with the children. Over the year we will continue to work with 'Healthy n Happy' to develop the outdoor area to include more planting and growing through the 'Food Growing Project' which the Nursery also participated in last year. This will allow the children to develop their knowledge of growing fruit and vegetables, which they will then get to taste and prepare as part of their snack.

Next month the children will be looking at 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' through our 'Book of the Month Bags'. These home-link learning bags contain a story along with linked games. It also contains a feedback sheet for your child and a green speech bubble for you to also leave comments. Please remember to bring back the bag on the agreed date to ensure it is passed on to the next person. 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' and carry out some spooky Halloween activities. If you would like to know more about helping out within the Nursery please speak to either Mrs Roy or Mrs Thomson.

In November we have some important dates to bring to your attention. The first is Parents' Evenings on 7.11.19 and 11.11.19. Please select a ten minute appointment to discuss your child's development with their key worker. Also on 7.11.19 at 9:15am, we are holding a 'Parents' Forum' where you can come along and share your ideas and feedback with Mrs Roy and Mrs Thomson. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

GOOD NEWS!



The Head Teacher Awards this month were presented to:

- Patryk Gala and Olivia Hilton, both P5, for representing the school at the 'JRSO Open Day' event.
- Primary 4 for an excellent class assembly all about 'Castles'.
- P6 and P7 John Wrights Sports Team, for representing Loch PS at the sporting event.
- P7 Netball Team, for representing the school at the 'Fun5z' Competition.

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

- Kai McWilliams, P4, for showing excellent manners and holding the door open for others.
- Dylan Lowe, P7, for being an excellent helper around the school.
- Jasmine Buchanan, P7, for trying hard at choir practice and impressing Mrs T!

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 about dancing, football and 'Summer Reading Challenge' achievements!

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.
- Primary 7 enjoyed their first '#Mind2Learn' workshop from Cathkin High School on 1.10.19.
- Our Primary 6 and 7 representatives took part in the 'John Wrights Sports Competition' on 4.10.19.
- Our Primary 7 Netball Team took part in the 'Fun5z' competition on 8.10.19.
- Our second 'Fun Friday' of the session took place on 11.10.19.
- Mrs Sistrunk has started a Primary 4/5 Dodgeball Club on Tuesday afternoons.
- P5-7 Multi-Sports Club has started on a Monday afternoon.
- P5-7 Tennis Club continues every Friday afternoon.
- Mrs Barrett has started a Primary 5-7 'Choral Verse' after school club in preparation for the 'Bridgeton Burns Competition'.
- Our Parent Council organised a fantastic Halloween Disco on 24.10.19. This was well attended by our pupils who had a fabulous time! A big 'thank you' to our parents who organised this successful event!
- Our Social Enterprise Committee have organised a 'Halloween Café' for all pupils and parents/carers to attend. This will be held on 31.10.19 and tickets can be purchased via Parent Pay. As this will be a busy event, due to health and safety regulations we kindly ask that parents/carers only attend during the time that your child attends. The children will only attend the café at the following times:

9:15 - 9:45	Primary 1 and Primary 6
9:45 - 10:15	Primary 1/2, Primary 2/3 and Primary 3/4
10:15 - 10:45	Nursery and Primary 4
11:00 - 11:30	Primary 5 and Primary 7

Diary Dates



- Our Parent Council meet once a month. Our next meeting is on Monday 25th November at 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- The school is closed to pupils on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th November for inservice days.
- The school closes for the Christmas Holidays on Friday 20th December at 2.30pm and pupils should return on Monday 6th January.

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