



November 2019 Newsletter

Congratulations

Welcome to the world 'Darci-Rose'. We would like to say a big congratulations to Miss Simpson and we look forward to meeting Darci-Rose soon!

Parent Mail App

We have recently launched our school app. If you have not already done so, please download the 'Parent Mail' app from your app store. Please also ensure you provide the school with an up-to-date email address and contact number. We will use the app to communicate school news and events. We hope you find it useful! If you need any support with downloading the app, please contact the school and we will be happy to help!

Photograph Permissions

A reminder please to ensure all photograph permission slips are returned to the school office to allow us to take photographs of all children for the school website, SLC publications and local newspapers. We have some fantastic photographs to upload but we are unable to do this until we have permission from parents/carers. If you require another permission slip, please contact the school office.

Car Free School Zones

SLC held a consultation event on this proposal on 26.11.19 at St. Anthony's Primary School. If you were unable to attend, further information and the online questionnaire is available using the link - <https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/carfreezones> This will be open for a further two weeks during this consultation period.

School Improvement/SAC/PEF Update



- Place2Be counselling sessions and self-referral sessions are continuing within the school.
- Fiona from Barnardo's continues to offer 'drop-in' sessions for all parent/carers every Thursday morning at 9:00am.
- Miss Harrington has attended her 3 day accredited Nurture Training and will soon begin a new Nurture Group.
- Our 'Sunshine Room' is up and running and identified pupils from Primary 1-7 will receive targeted Nurture Group sessions throughout the session.
- Miss Simpson attended 'Moderation and Assessment Leadership Training' and Mrs Barrett attended 'Moderation Champion Training' to see how we can develop our moderation practice within the school.
- Miss Simpson and Miss Harrington attended 'Improving Our Schools' training and attended workshops on Health and Wellbeing, Early Years and Promoting Positive Relationships.
- Miss Simpson and Miss Harrington attended 'Talk for Writing Leadership Team Training' on 5.11.19 to develop a plan on how to take forward this approach within the whole school to develop children's Literacy skills.
- Miss Simpson attended the 'SAC National Event' on 6.11.19.
- Miss Simpson and Miss Harrington attended 'SLC Data Clinics' to look at ways to improve how we collect and use data.
- Miss Simpson attended 'Early Years Heads of Establishments Meeting' on 14.11.19.
- During inservice days, all staff worked together to develop new programmes and initiatives, participated in 'Staged Intervention' training and reviewed our ASN process.
- Miss Simpson and Miss Harrington attended 'Progress and Achievement' training on 22.11.19 to look at new ways to track pupil progress and to receive training on the new format for final reports in May.
- Parents' Evening was on 21.11.19. Thank you to everyone who attended and to those who offered feedback on our 'Vision and Values', 'parental engagement opportunities' and our 'nurturing schools' work. As always, we appreciate your continued support with our school improvement work within the school.

Nursery Update

This month the children have been busy learning about 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' by exploring the story through acting it out, writing their own stories as well as tasting porridge. They have also been designing signs for our outdoor construction area and enjoying some role-play activities in our shop. The children have been measuring in the block play area and counting outdoors. Please feel free to look through your child's 'Learning Journey' book and on the wall displays to find out what we have been learning about in Nursery.

The 'Tiny Talking Team' have been discussing how they would like the Nursery to be decorated this coming season and they have suggested that we need a 'tree', 'lots of baubles' and 'sparkly lights'.

Next month the children will be looking at 'The Gingerbread Man' 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 a comment. Please remember to bring back the bag on the agreed date to ensure it can be passed on to the next child.

We will be welcoming all parents along to our Christmas craft parent-partnership session on Thursday 5th December. This will start at 9:00 am. We hope to see you there for some festive fun and to create some wonderful crafts with your child!

We would like to say a special 'thank you' to our parent helpers who came along to the Nursery to create our fabulous keyrings. We have raised £140 for the Nursery funds. If you would like to know more about helping out within the Nursery please speak to either Mrs Roy or Mrs Thomson.

We will also be taking some Christmas themed photos on Friday 6th December if you would like to dress your child in their Christmas attire.

The children have been busy preparing for our Nativity, which will be held on Monday 16th December. The show will start at 9:30 am. We hope to see you all there!

GOOD NEWS!



The Head Teacher Awards this month were presented to:

- Primary 1 for a fantastic RME assembly about Noah.
- Primary 4 for an excellent class assembly all about 'Joseph'.
- Primary 5 for a fabulous class assembly about 'Spain'.
- Jessica Boyle, Primary 4, for always showing a positive and responsible attitude towards all aspects of school life.

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

- Ryley Brady, Primary 3, for always holding the door open for others.
- Katy McKean, Primary 3, for playing with the Primary 1 pupils.
- Mason Wilson, Primary 1, for helping a friend with their work.
- Jamie Redmond, Primary 1, for collecting jackets for other pupils.

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, karate, muay-thai and Dentist achievements!

There's Lots Going On At Loch!

- A big 'thank you' to everyone who attended our Halloween Community Café. We raised a fantastic £525.43! This money will be used towards funding our Christmas parties.
- 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.
- Our third 'Fun Friday' of the session took place on 22.11.19.
- Mrs Sistrunk is running an after school Dodgeball club for P4/5.
- Pupils from P6 and P7 attended John Wrights Sports Competition on 1.11.19.
- Mrs Barrett and Miss Simpson are currently running the Bridgeton Burns Choral Verse after school clubs.
- Mrs T and Miss Campbell are working with the Burns Choir to prepare them for the competition.
- Our Active Schools Coordinator has planned for 'Tennis' sessions to take place every Friday afternoon.
- Nursery Parents Evening and Primary Parents Evening have taken place this month.
- Our 'Children In Need' fundraising event took place on 15.11.19 with all pupils coming to school dressed in their pyjamas - thank you to the Parent Council for making all of the popcorn!
- Fluoride Varnishing for Nursery to Primary 4 took place on 15.11.19.
- Our Parent Council Festive Event will take place on 29.11.19 - the pupils are very excited about this! Many thanks to the Parent Council for organising this!
- Letters will be handed out soon about our upcoming 'Christmas Community Café' on 11.12.19. We hope to see you there!
- Please refer to the back page to see our list of Christmas dates. We will have a very busy, fun December!
- **Please note, our school will be open as normal to all pupils on Thursday 12th December.**

Diary Dates



- Our Parent Council meet once a month. Our next meeting is on Monday 16th December at 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- The school closes for the Christmas Holidays on Friday 20th December at 2.30pm and pupils should return on Monday 6th January.
- The school is closed to pupils on Friday 7th, Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th February for holidays and inservice days. Pupils should return to school on Thursday 13th February.
- The school closes for Spring Break on Friday 3rd April at 2:30pm and pupils should return to school on Monday 20th April.

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