



December 2019 Newsletter

Parent Mail App



Our Parent Mail App is now being used to communicate school news and events. 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. If you need any support with downloading the app, please contact the school and we will be happy to help!

School Improvement/SAC/PEF Update



- Place2Be and Barnardo's work continues within the school.
- Miss Simpson and Miss Harrington met with Jill Cameron (Scottish Attainment Challenge Attainment Advisor) to moderate writing across all stages.
- Our PEF mid-term report was submitted on 4.12.19 showing what we have purchased and the impact it has had on pupil attainment and achievement. This has included the introduction of Barnardo's, Place2Be, the Parent Mail app, Literacy and Numeracy resources, ICT purchases, staff training and the funding of class trips.
- Miss Simpson attended the ASN Coordinators meeting on 6.12.19 where a focus was on "Social Stories" and the new "Promoting Positive Relationships and Understanding Distressed Behaviour" Policy.
- Miss Simpson and Miss Harrington met with a SLC representative on 9.12.19 to discuss our Maths programme and training opportunities for staff to support our pupils in their Maths learning.

Nursery Update



December has been a busy month for the Nursery children and we would like to say a big 'thank you' to all of the parents/carers and family members who have supported our Christmas events such as the Christmas Craft morning and the Christmas Fayre.

On 16.12.19, the children were all superstars in our Christmas Nativity, 'Whoops-a-daisy Angel'. They sang their hearts out and remembered all of their lines. We would like to thank everyone who came along to support our fantastic children!

We are excited that our 'Fair Share' partnership is now up and running with Tesco. On Monday and Friday mornings, we will collect in-date food items that Tesco are no longer selling. They are free to all, so please help yourself to the food items displayed in the Nursery welcome area.

The 'Tiny Talking Team' planned our Christmas party including the games to play and the treats to eat. The children had a fantastic party on 18.12.19 where we enjoyed a visit from a very special guest!

We would like to say a special 'thank you' to our parent helpers, Tracy and Tracy, who came along to the Nursery to create our wonderful winter baubles. If you would like to know more about helping out within the Nursery please speak to either Mrs Roy or Mrs Thomson.

On 19.12.19, the children and staff had fun relaxing in our pyjamas whilst reading stories and enjoying a special movie treat with popcorn! It was a great day!

GOOD NEWS!



The Head Teacher Awards this month were presented to:

- *Dominica Gastol, Lexi McCallum and Sophie Thomson, all Primary 7, for being excellent role models and Sports Leaders for the younger pupils.*
- *Primary 4, for a fantastic RME assembly about Christmas.*

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

- *Primary 7, for being excellent helpers at the Christmas Café.*
- *Pupils from Primary 1-7 participated in the Bridgeton Burns Competition on 6.12.19. All pupils performed brilliantly and we received some fantastic news: Laura Toye, Primary 6, was awarded 3rd Place in the P6-7 Solo Verse category; P5-7 Choral Verse group were awarded 3rd Place; Ciaran Lithgow, Primary 2, was awarded 1st place in P2-3 Solo Verse category.*

There's Lots Going On At Loch!



- *A big 'thank you' to everyone who attended our Christmas Community Café and Fayre. We raised a fantastic £940 for school and Nursery funds! We will consult with all stakeholders soon to decide how this money should be spent.*
- *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.*
- *Committee time took place on 4.12.19 with all pupils attending their leadership groups.*
- *Our Nursery Parent Partnership Christmas session took place on 5.12.19 where lots of Christmas crafts were made.*
- *Our fourth 'Fun Friday' of the session took place on 13.12.19.*
- *All pupils from Primary 1-7 enjoyed the "Mother Goose" pantomime at Loch PS - many thanks to the Parent Council for funding this!*
- *Flu vaccinations/nasal sprays took place on 13.12.19 - please visit your Doctor if your child missed this appointment.*

- *Our Christmas Lunch took place on 11.12.19 where the pupils enjoyed their delicious Christmas themed meal - many thanks to Jane Anne and the kitchen staff for organising this!*
- *Our School Nativity and Christmas Concert took place on 13.12.19 and the pupils put on a fantastic performance!*
- *Our Nursery Nativity took place on 16.12.19 and the pupils performed brilliantly!*
- *P6-7 enjoyed carol singing at Tesco on 16.12.19 to raise funds for the school and raised a fantastic £439! A big well done to all of the performers!*
- *Pupils from all stages enjoyed their Christmas parties this week which were funded using the money raised from the Halloween Café.*

Diary Dates



- *Our Parent Council meet once a month. Our next meeting is on Monday 27th January at 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.*
- *Pupils should return after the school holidays 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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We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas
and a very happy, healthy New Year!

See you in 2020!

