



January 2020 Newsletter

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and enjoyed the holidays! The pupils and staff have had a successful start to the new term and are ready for the year ahead.

School Improvement/SAC/PEF Update

- Place2Be and Barnardo's work continues within the school.
- Miss Harrington attended 'Talk for Writing' Leadership Team training on 8.1.20 to continue to support our journey towards embedding this approach across the whole school.
- All teaching staff and Nursery staff received their first of four training sessions from Lisa McKillop, SLC Numeracy Coordinator, on 'Number Talks' to support our development of Maths within the school.
- Miss Harrington attended the 'Cost of the School Day' Conference on 16.1.20 to look at ways to reduce costs in school for parents/carers.
- Miss Harrington attended the 'Inclusion Conference' on 16.1.20.
- Miss Simpson attended 'HT Induction: Managing Resources and Finance' training on 20.1.20.
- Jill Cameron, Scottish Attainment Challenge Advisor, came to the school on 21.1.20 to discuss our SAC Mid-Year Report and 2020-2021 proposal. She also supported moderation activities within the school by engaging in learner conversations with pupils from P1, P4 and P7. The pupils confidently talked about their learning in writing and represented the school very well!
- Miss Simpson attended 'Heads ELC Establishments' meeting on 23.1.20, looking at new initiatives and good practice within Early Years.
- Our ParentMail App is regularly being used to keep parents/carers up-to-date on school news/events. Please remember to download the app and keep us up-to-date with any changes of contact numbers or email addresses.

Nursery Update



We are very happy to welcome our new Early Years Worker, Miss McKenzie, to our team.

On 24.1.20 the Nursery children enjoyed tasting some haggis, neeps and tatties. The children had great fun joining in with some Scottish dancing during gym time.

On 27.1.20 the children had another celebration snack! The children were learning about Chinese New Year and the 'Year of the Rat'. They enjoyed tasting prawn crackers, noodles and flavoured rice.

We are very happy about the continued success of our 'FareShare' partnership with Tesco in which we collect in date food items that Tesco do not wish to sell. They are free to all so please help yourself to the food displayed in the nursery welcome area.

Over the next few months we will be continuing to develop different areas of the nursery. We will be focusing on the development of creativity within the home area and we are asking for donations of household items that the children can use to replicate real life such as pots, pans and handbags. We would also like to ask for recyclable objects for our messy and loose parts areas. There is a poster displayed in the welcome area for different items that will be useful to us.

This month the 'Tiny Talking Team' have been discussing how to tidy within the nursery using 'helping hands' and 'putting things away in the right place'. They will be conducting a survey to ask the other children which song they would like to hear at tidy up time.

GOOD NEWS!



The Head Teacher Awards this month were presented to:

- Poppy Doyle, Primary 2, for donating her toys to the Nursery.
- Primary 2/3, for an excellent class assembly about their topic 'Houses and Homes'.
- Payton Brady, Primary 7, for being very helpful and showing a responsible attitude.
- Sean Hely, Primary 7, for showing a positive, responsible attitude at Loch PS.

The Citizenship Awards this month were presented to:

- Primary 6-7, for representing the school very well when carol singing in Asda.
- Sean Crichton, Primary 4, for helping a friend to find missing items.
- Wesal Shoufan, Primary 5, for always holding the door open for others.

We heard more fantastic news from the Bridgeton Burns Art Competition! Cailin Samson, Primary 1, was awarded 2nd place in the P1-2 art category; Laila Kadegis, Primary 7, was awarded 3rd place in the P6-7 art category; and Lucie Martin, Primary 5, was awarded 1st place in the P3-5 art category and the overall 'Bill Walker' trophy. Fabulous news!

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 6-7 are currently enjoying their Mandarin lessons every Friday.
- Primary 1 enrolment week took place w/c 13.1.20.
- Mrs Thomson attended 'First Aid' training on 13.1.20.
- Committee time took place on 23.1.20.
- Pupils from Primary 6-7 took part in the John Wrights Sports Competition on 24.1.20.
- Our fifth 'Fun Friday' of the session took place on 31.1.20.
- Football, Multi-Sports, Tennis and Dance after-school clubs have been offered to pupils throughout January.

Little Fix Concert

Our Parent Council have very kindly organised for the award winning tribute band "Little Fix" to perform live at our school on Friday 14th February. Doors will open at 6pm with the concert starting at 6:20pm. Tickets cost £11 per person and can be purchased from a member of the Parent Council or by emailing the Parent Council at pc.lochprimaryschool@gmail.com. This event is open to all pupils of the school and Nursery along with their parents/carers, friends and family members. All children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian throughout the event (a minimum of 1 adult to 3 children). A big thank you to the Parent Council for arranging this event - we are sure it will be greatly enjoyed by all who attend!

Diary Dates



- Our Parent Council meet once a month. Our next meeting is on Monday 17th February at 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- 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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