



## February 2020 Newsletter

### Breakfast Club

Loch Primary School and St. Anthony's Primary School Breakfast Clubs have now merged and become one joint breakfast club. This will continue to be based in Loch Primary School and the arrangements will be the same for both schools. Only children attending the breakfast club that we have a consent form for, should come to school at 8:15am. All other pupils should continue to arrive no earlier than 8:45am when the playground will have a staff presence and the hall will be cleared in the event of wet weather.

### Attendance

At Loch PS we strive to ensure our pupils are given the best possible education. To do this, it is important that pupils attend school every day. We understand that at times pupils can become ill and need to remain at home. Please ensure that you update the school on the morning of the absence by either phone call or using the Parent Mail App.

### School Improvement/SAC/PEF Update

- Through our PEF funding, Miss Harrington has taken on the role of Depute Head Equity and Mrs Sistrunk and Mrs Barrett have taken on the roles of Principal Teacher Equity. Each staff member will be responsible for leading different initiatives in order to close the attainment gap and ensure effective learning and opportunities for all. Miss Harrington will oversee ASN in Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing as well as continue to review our Health and Wellbeing programme. Mrs Sistrunk will oversee our Nurture Work within the school, planning whole school events as well as monitoring targeted interventions as we work towards achieving our 'National Nurturing Schools' status. Mrs Barrett will oversee our Literacy work within the school, planning whole school

events as well as overseeing and planning targeted interventions. Mrs Barrett will also be establishing a new 'Talking and Listening' programme.

- All teaching staff and Nursery staff received their second of four training sessions from Lisa McKillop, SLC Numeracy Coordinator, on SEAL (Stages of Early Arithmetical Learning) to support our development of Maths within the school.
- Miss Equi and Mrs Roy attended "Together We Can and We Will" training; Mrs McKee attended "Observations and Questioning" and "Effecting Communication in our Young Children" training; Mrs Evans and Mrs Main attended "Creativity in Early Years Establishments" training and Miss Equi attended "STEM" training to develop new ideas and strategies for use within the Nursery environment.
- Miss Harrington attended the "ICT Coordinators Meeting" on 4.2.20.
- Lynda Keith, Education Specialist, supported our development of Maths and Play Based Learning on 6.2.20, where she worked with all staff members to look at ways to implement new approaches in each class as well as ensure the development of skills across all stages. Lynda also delivered inservice training to Loch PS, West Coats PS and Cathkin PS on the progression of Maths language, Maths in real life contexts and the assessment of Maths.
- Miss Simpson and Miss Harrington completed our SAC Mid-Year Report and our 2020-2021 proposal, requesting funding for staff to support learning across Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing for next session.
- Mrs Pettigrew attended "Catch-Up Numeracy" training to learn about how this programme can support children's learning in Numeracy.
- Mr Dalling and Mrs Henderson attended "Talk for Writing" training to learn more about this approach to teaching writing.

## Nursery Update



This month the children have been exploring hearts and flowers in the Creative Area as part of our 'Valentine's Day' celebrations. They have also enjoyed eating pancakes for 'Pancake Tuesday'.

Some of the skills that the children have been developing this month include measuring in the Block Play and Loose Parts area, exploring a variety of stories and writing their own stories in the Book Corner as well as moving our bodies and being healthy in the Outdoor and Snack areas.

We are very happy about the continued success of our 'FareShare' partnership project with Tesco where 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.

We would like to say a big 'thank you' for all the kind donations for developing our home corner and outdoor area. We will be continuing to focus on the development of creativity within the home corner and we would still welcome any donations of household items that the children can use to replicate real life situations such as hairdryers, pots, pans and handbags. We would also like to ask for recyclable objects for our messy and loose parts areas. There is a list on the whiteboard in our welcome area of items required.

The 'Tiny Talking Team' have been discussing where they would like to go on their Nursery trip. They have suggested "the zoo", "the park" or "another nursery". We will now ask parents/carers for their opinions and allow everyone to vote for their favourite option to allow us to plan ahead!

## GOOD NEWS!



The Head Teacher Awards this month were presented to:

- Primary 6, for an excellent RME class assembly.
- Primary 1/2, for a fantastic class assembly about their topic 'Dinosaurs'.
- Primary 5, for a great RME class assembly.

The Citizenship Awards this month were presented to:

- Kasey Elliot, Primary 7, for being a great help to our Primary 1 pupils.
- Lotfi Salhi, Primary 5, for always displaying lovely manners.

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.

## There's Lots Going On At Loch!



- Toothbrushing continues every Tuesday from Nursery to Primary 7.
- Primary 6-7 are currently enjoying their Mandarin lessons every Friday.
- Primary 7 enjoyed their #Mind2Learn workshop from Cathkin High School on 4.2.20.
- Representatives from Primary 7 attended the 'Fun5z' Netball tournament on 18.2.20.
- Our Youth Music Initiative Programme has begun in Primary 5 every Friday.
- Primary 1 height and weight checks took place from our School Nurse on 24.2.20.
- Nursery vision screening took place on 25.2.20.
- Football, Multi-Sports, Tennis and Dance after-school clubs have been offered to pupils throughout February.
- Fun Friday will take place on 28.2.20.
- Our Bridgeton Burns Prizegiving event for pupils who were placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>, will take place on 28.2.20 at Kings Park Church.

### **Parent Council**

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to the Parent Council for organising our fantastic "Little Fix" event on 14.2.20. This was greatly enjoyed by all who attended as everyone enjoyed singing and dancing along to all of the songs!

Our next Parent Council meeting is on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.



### **Diary Dates**

- 'World Book Day' is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Pupils are allowed to come dressed as their favourite character from a book or comic if they wish.
- Parents' Evening will be on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Further information will be provided soon.
- The school closes for Spring Break on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 2:30pm and pupils should return to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.
- The school is closed to pupils on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May for our inservice day and holiday. Pupils should return to school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May.
- The school is also closed on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May for school holidays.
- The school closes for our summer holidays on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 1:00pm.

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