



December 2020 Newsletter

Head Teacher

After a successful interview, I am delighted to be able to take on the role of Head Teacher on a permanent basis. I would like to thank all of the staff, pupils and parents/carers for all of the lovely messages I have received and for your continued support. I look forward to continuing to work with you all in our wonderful school!

SIP/SAC/PEF Update



- Miss Motherwell attended Nurture Group Accredited Training.
- 3 'Sunshine Room' Nurture Groups have now started and a further 3 groups will start in the new term.
- Miss Harrington attended a Health and Wellbeing online training course, looking at the 'Healthy Schools Scotland' resources.
- Fiona Bartholomew (Barnardo's) and Lucy Corbishley (Place2Be) continue to work within the school, supporting identified children and families.

Attendance



It is important that everyone continues to make a great effort to come to school on a regular basis. Please remember that should your child be unwell it is important that you contact the School Office on 0141 634 7217 or via the school app and leave a message stating the cause of absence and possible date of return. In accordance with SLC Policy we must contact parents/carers if we have not been informed of a reason for a pupil being absent from Nursery or School. This procedure is to ensure each one of our pupils is safe.

Health and Safety



Following Saturday's announcement from the Scottish Government, we are awaiting further details as we plan for January. Information will be issued to parents/carers as soon as possible.

It is extremely important that for now we continue to work together to continue to ensure the health and safety of all pupils, staff and parents/carers. We must continue to work together and follow all of the NHS Guidelines. To minimise large groups and to ensure social distancing measures are in place, we kindly ask that when you are dropping off/picking up your child, you leave the school grounds immediately when your child has entered/left the entrance gate to minimise overcrowding. We also kindly ask that you observe the 2-metre social distancing Scottish Government guidelines from other households when waiting at the gates. In line with the Scottish Government advice, face coverings should be worn by parents/carers and other visitors to the school, including at drop-off and pick up times unless exempt. If you wish to speak to a member of staff please do not approach them at the gate and instead contact the school office and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

If your child or a member of the household displays any symptoms, we ask that you follow the guidelines and self-isolate until test results are received. Please do not bring your child to school/Nursery with any symptoms and ensure you keep the school informed of any symptoms, tests and results.

Christmas



December has been a very busy month at Loch PS and Nursery Class with lots of fun Christmas activities:

- All pupils and staff had great fun recording our 'Loch PS and Nursery Class Virtual Christmas Concert'. We hope you enjoyed the show and we greatly appreciate all of the lovely feedback provided by our parents/carers. You can watch the concert on our school website - https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipPrjC6wU0821j03D9SE-R-sE3F60NdTX6eRr7dGt7OvOiyg_0qUDKAEEngCjbliY_A?key=emhFc3drUW1OQndDN0YzX1IXUXpTTGdCQVRGRXNn
- Our pupils have been busy creating Christmas crafts which have been sold online as part of our Virtual Christmas Fair. Thank you to everyone who purchased the crafts!
- School photographs have been taken and are ordered. These will be issued to families in January. Many thanks to everyone for your orders!
- During 'Christmas Jumper Day', we raised £152.20 for 'Save the Children' - a big 'thank you' to everyone who donated!
- We all had great fun on the 16.12.20 with our school Christmas lunch and Christmas parties! The pupils were very excited to receive a message from Santa!
- On 18.12.20, all pupils from Primary 1 - Primary 7 took part in our Virtual Christmas Quiz, testing their knowledge on Christmas, Christmas movies, Christmas songs and the year 2020! Congratulations to our winners, Primary 6!
- We would like to say a big 'thank you' to our wonderful Parent Council who kindly funded our online Christmas Pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and gifted a selection box to all of our Nursery and school pupils!

Nursery Update



December has been a very fun month in our Nursery! The children have greatly enjoyed learning about and preparing for Christmas including creating a variety of crafts to sell as part of our online Christmas Fair!

A highlight this month for our Nursery pupils was watching our fabulous pantomime which was kindly funded by our Parent Council!

We also had great fun filming our Virtual Christmas Concert. We hope you all enjoyed watching our part in the show as much as we enjoyed learning and performing 'Jingle Bells'!

We were delighted to see Santa when he visited our Nursery on 14.12.20 and the children were excited to learn that he left presents to open at our Christmas party. We had a great party full of Christmas games, crafts, songs, treats and the children especially enjoyed listening to the message from Santa!

Due to current circumstances we kindly request that all parents/carers continue to follow the 2-metre social distancing guidelines from staff and other families at drop-off and collection times. If you wish to speak to your child's keyworker or if you have any queries or concerns please contact the school office who will direct you through to the Nursery.

GOOD NEWS!



The Head Teacher Awards this month were presented to:

- Primary 5 for a very enthusiastic 'Youth Music Initiative' performance.
- Mati Biedka, P5, for showing a very happy, positive attitude.
- Jack Crichton, P2, for showing a positive attitude at school.

Our pupils continue to make nominations for our Citizenship Awards each week. This month the winners include:

- Lotfi Salhi, P6, for providing great, positive feedback to all peers throughout solo talks.
- Aimee Shields, P5, for helping a peer to tidy up.
- Lucie Martin, P6, for being a credit to her class, teacher and wider school - always willing and offering to help!

Every week a pupil in each class receives a Star Award for being a Successful Learner, Confident Individual, Effective Contributor or Responsible Citizen. We also enjoy celebrating the successes and achievements of our pupils. Please encourage your child to share their achievements outwith school with their class teacher.



There's Lots Going On At Loch!



- Room 9 are continuing to enjoy participating in their online Youth Music Initiative lessons.
- Catch up flu immunisations for those who were absent on 6.11.20 took place on 16.12.20.
- Our new 'Vision, Values and Aims' is being launched to our pupils via a series of virtual assemblies. This month's focus has been on the values 'Nurturing' and 'Happy'.
- Our 'Parent Council Zoom Meeting' took place on 17.12.20.
- Fun Friday took place on 18.12.20.
- Our classes have all been very busy and some of this great work has been shared on Twitter!

Diary Dates



- The school closes for our Christmas holidays on Tuesday 22nd December. Details about pupils' return to school in January will be issued as soon as we receive further guidance.
- The school is closed for the February weekend on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th February and will be closed to pupils on Wednesday 10th February for an inservice day.

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