



September 2020 Newsletter

Health and Safety

In order to continue to ensure the health and safety of all pupils, staff and parents/carers, it is important that we 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. It is important that we all work together to keep everyone safe!

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.

SIP/SAC/PEF Update

- Miss Simpson met with Anne Jessimer (our Quality Link Lead Officer) to discuss our aims for this session within the areas of Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing as well as our recovery plan.
- Miss Harrington participated in 'ICT Coordinators' training where she was able to hear about the new resources/programs available to use within the school.
- Miss Simpson participated in the SLC Head Teacher Meeting and SAC meeting to discuss priorities for this session.

- Fiona Bartholomew (Barnardo's) and Lucy Corbishley (Place2Be) continue to work within the school, supporting identified children and families. Please contact the school if you wish support from these agencies.
- Many staff have received training resources from Active Schools to support the teaching of PE outdoors.
- Staff worked together during the school inservice day to devise plans to ensure the continuity of learning. Staff also participated in training on the new SLC 'Attachment Strategy' and 'Promoting Positive Relationships and Understanding Distressed Behaviour' policy.

PE Update



At present, PE will continue to be outdoors until further guidance is received from the Scottish Government and SLC. Please ensure your child has appropriate shoes for the outdoors on their PE days along with a waterproof jacket. If it is a sunny day, please ensure your child comes to school wearing sun cream.

Committees

All children from Nursery to Primary 7 have now chosen to be part of one of seven committees: Pupil Council, Enterprise, Charity, Rights Respecting Schools, Eco, Sports Council or Junior Road Safety Officers. Throughout this session, the children will work with their committee to lead whole school developments and events. The pupils are excited to get started with their committee work!

Nursery Update



We now have 5 groups within our Nursery.

The session times are as follows:

Blue Team (Mrs Main): 9:10am - 3:10pm

Purple Team (Mrs McKee): 9:10am - 3:10pm

Yellow Team (Mrs Gilchrist/Miss Dowling):

9:20am - 3:20pm

Green Team (Miss McKenzie/Mrs Evans):

9:20am - 3:20pm

Orange Team (Miss Equi): 9:30am - 3:30pm

Mrs Burton, Miss Anderson, Mrs Stevenson,

Mrs Roy and Mrs Thomson will continue to

work with the children in their different

'learning pods'.

The children have been enjoying exploring the new Nursery setting and learning across all areas of the curriculum. We have been

focusing on following our Nursery rules and routines, using kind hands and helping others.

The children have also been enjoying learning outside in our Nursery garden in all weathers.

We want to thank all of the parents/carers

who have handed in sun cream and wellies. We

kindly ask that all children come to Nursery

dressed for the colder weather as we

approach the winter months. Hats, gloves and

cosy jackets will allow your child to spend

more time learning outdoors. Due to current

circumstances, could we also ask that you

provide a jumper for your child as our windows

are open to increase air circulation.

To ensure that we are following the 2-metre

social distancing guidelines at drop off and

pick up times, we will now be phoning to speak

to parents/carers for all accident and

incident forms as well as passing on any

personal information. Please remember if you

have any concerns or require information, you

can contact the Nursery by telephone.

GOOD NEWS!



The Head Teacher Awards this month were presented to:

- Maisie Pimlott, P1, for being very responsible and helping a friend.
- Oscar Livingston, P1, for trying really hard and showing enthusiasm towards all aspects of school life.
- Adam Winslow, P7, for always showing excellent manners.

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

- Rhys Aitchison, P6, for demonstrating consideration of others when travelling around the school and always following social distancing rules.
- Jamie Redmond, P2, for picking up litter in our playground.
- Mason Logie, P2, for helping to push his peers' chairs in and keep his classroom tidy.

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. This month we heard all about Katie Boyle, P1, and her fantastic dance achievement!

Please encourage your child to share their achievements outwith school with their class teacher.

There's Lots Going On At Loch!



- Room 9 are currently enjoying participating in the Youth Music Initiative via 'Microsoft Teams'.
- Primary 7 enjoyed watching their first transition message from Cathkin High School on the internet.
- Our classes have all been very busy and some of this great work has been shared on Twitter!
- Our first 'Parent Council Zoom Meeting' took place on 10.9.20.
- All classes enjoyed participating in our first whole school 'virtual' assembly on 18.9.20 - we had excellent participation from all classes!
- Our first 'Fun Friday' took place on 24.9.20.

Diary Dates



- The school closes for the October Week on Friday 9th October and pupils should return on Monday 19th October.
- The school will be closed to pupils on Monday 16th November for an inservice day.
- The school closes for our Christmas holidays on Tuesday 22nd December at 2:30pm and pupils should return on Wednesday 6th January 2021.

School Website / Twitter



Our school website is currently being updated. To view our website, please visit <http://www.loch-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk>. Please check our school website regularly for new updates and if you do not already do so, please follow us on Twitter (**@LochPrimary**) as we will post regular updates and important information here.

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