



August 2021 Newsletter

Welcome Back! 😊

We are delighted to be back together again after the summer holidays! Hopefully everyone had an enjoyable break with the lovely weather and you are looking forward to the year ahead.

A warm welcome to all of our new Nursery and Primary School children and their families who have started at Loch PS this session!

Welcome to Mrs Hall who has joined the teaching staff this year and we are delighted that Miss King has returned to Loch PS this session.

The classes and staffing for session 2021 - 2022 are as follows:

- Primary 1 - Miss Motherwell
- Primary 1/2 - Mrs Roy
- Primary 2/3 - Mrs Campbell and Mrs Burns
- Primary 3/4 - Miss Stewart
- Primary 4/5 - Miss Simpson
- Primary 5/6 - Miss King
- Primary 6 - Mrs Hall and Mrs Henderson
- Primary 7 - Mrs Barrett

Mrs Graham, Mrs Smith, Mrs Henderson and Mrs Bloomer will work within classes across the school and will also work with small groups and individual pupils.

The children have made a smooth transition to their new classes and are settling well.

Our Nursery Staffing for session 2021 - 2022 is:

- Nursery Team Leader - Mrs Thomson
- Early Years Workers - Miss Dowling, Miss Equi, Mrs Evans, Mrs Gilchrist, Mrs McKee, Miss McKenzie
- Early Years Support Worker - Miss Byers

Our Support Staff for session 2021 - 2022 are:

- Team Leader - Mrs Robertson
- Support Staff - Mrs Byrne, Miss Chisholm, Mrs Docherty, Mrs Mackenzie, Mrs McDonald, Mrs Peters, Mrs Pettigrew and Mrs Ritchie

Returning to Loch PS/Nursery during Covid-19

Although restrictions are easing, it is essential that we continue to work together to ensure the health and safety of all pupils and staff. It is of vital importance that we continue to follow all of the NHS Guidelines. **With guidance changing, please refer to the letter on our website signed by Dr John Logan, Acting Director of Public Health NHSL, which explains the new procedure for schools when we are notified of a positive case within the school (http://www.loch-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk/index_77_3833586838.pdf) and Nursery (http://www.loch-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk/index_77_2236310142.pdf).** 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.

To minimise large groups and to ensure social distancing measures are in place, there are staggered start and stop times for all children as well as different entrances and exits. We ask that you ensure your child arrives and is picked up at the allocated times to minimise overcrowding and to observe social distancing rules. When dropping off/collecting your child, please do not wait at the gates. We kindly ask that once your child has entered/exit the gate, you leave the school grounds to avoid congestion. **Please ensure you maintain social distancing from all other households and wear a face mask at all times when entering the school grounds and waiting at the gates, unless exempt.**

As we will be using our entrance next to the school MUGA pitch, our school car park will be closed during drop-off and pick-up times to ensure the safety of all. It will only be opened for SLC transport, staff and for blue badge holders. For this reason, we ask that you consider different travel arrangements such as park and stride, walking or cycling to school.

Unfortunately at this time, no parents/carers are allowed in the school building or within the playground gates. Staff members will also be unable to speak to parents/carers at the school gates at this time. Please do not approach a member of staff. Instead, if you wish to speak to a member of staff, please contact the school office on 0141 634 7217.

Attendance and Time-Keeping



At Loch PS we believe that it is extremely important for all children to attend school on time and on a regular basis to ensure they receive their entitlement of a full education and we will work with all of our families to achieve this. 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. It is equally important that each pupil arrives at the school in time for the bell to ring at their allocated start time. We understand that everyone can, on occasion, sleep in and run late for school for many reasons, however regular lateness can be very disruptive to your child's education.

Please remember that your child will be marked as 'unauthorised' should they go on holiday during term time. Any work that has been missed will be given on their return to school.

'Nut Free' School



As we have children in the Nursery and school with severe allergies, please remember that **Loch Primary School and Nursery Class is a 'NUT FREE' school.** Please keep this in mind when you are sending your child to school with a snack/packed lunch. Should your child bring a snack with nuts in it, the Class Teacher/Nursery staff will keep it until the end of the day and return it for your child to eat at home. Thank you to everyone for your help and support with this matter.

School Uniform



It is great to see so many of our children looking very smart in their new school uniforms. Our school uniform colours are **navy blue and gold**. We encourage wearing school uniform as it shows a sense of pride in being part of Loch PS Community. Parents/carers can purchase the uniform from most supermarkets/high street stores or badged items can be ordered on the website -

www.schoolwearmadeeasy.com

When the web page opens, go to the drop-down list for 'Badged School Uniforms' and choose 'L' for Loch PS.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO NAME ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND SHOES.

School Improvement



Our School Improvement Recovery Plan priorities for this session are:

- To ensure the continuity of learning for all.
- To promote the positive health and wellbeing of children and young people, parents/carers and staff.
- To ensure equity for all.

This will include continuing our work to raise attainment in Literacy and Numeracy, ensuring Health and Wellbeing remains at the forefront of all planning, further developing our Nurture work within the school and Nursery and continuing our work towards closing the poverty-related attainment gap. More information on our priorities can be found on our school website.

SAC/PEF Update



Lucy Corbishley, our Place2Be Project Manager, continues to work within the school every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning, supporting pupils and parents/carers. Fiona Bartholomew from Barnardo's continues this session, working with targeted families. Fiona works within the school every Tuesday and Wednesday.

Nursery Update



Along with the school, the Nursery also has staggered start and stop times.

The groups this session are as follows:

Orange Team (Miss Equi): 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): 9:20am -
3:20pm

When dropping off/collecting your child from Nursery, please wait at the main Nursery entrance where your child's keyworker will meet/bring your child.

All of our returning children have greatly enjoyed being back at Nursery and our new children have settled really well in to the Nursery environment. Everyone has been enjoying making new friends and learning all about our Nursery routines. There has also been lots of time for having fun and exploring the outdoors!

We kindly ask that all children's clothing and belongings are clearly labelled with their name and for a change of clothes to be provided. These will be kept in the children's drawstring bags on their pegs and used if required.

Due to current circumstances we kindly request that all parents/carers continue to maintain 2-metre social distancing 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 on 0141 634 7217 who will direct you through to the Nursery.

GOOD NEWS!



The Head Teacher Awards this month were presented to:

- Hollie Redmond, P2, for being helpful to others around the school.
- Kyle Beaully, P4, for being a very helpful and responsible friend when showing a new pupil around the school.

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

- Brooke Macrae, P6, for being helpful and supportive to a friend in need.
- Layla Daly, P7, for giving excellent compliments to her classmates.

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.

Photograph Permissions



We are very keen to upload lots of photographs of our pupils learning in their classes along with achievements on to our website and Twitter. Please inform the school immediately if you **DO NOT** wish your child's photograph to be uploaded.

Parent Mail App



Please make sure you have downloaded the 'Parent Mail' app from your app store. Please ensure you provide the school with an up-to-date email address and contact number. We will use the app to communicate school news and events. If you need any support with downloading the app, please contact the school for help and support.

Diary Dates



- The school will be closed on Friday 24th and Monday 27th September for the September Weekend holiday. Pupils should return to school on Tuesday 28th September.
- The school closes for the October Week on Friday 8th October and pupils should return on Monday 18th October.
- The school will be closed to pupils on Monday 15th November for an inservice day.
- The school closes for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday 22nd December at 2:30pm. The school will re-open on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Please check our school website regularly 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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