



## August 2020 Newsletter

### A Warm Welcome!



Welcome back to all of our pupils after the summer holiday! We are delighted to be back together again! Hopefully everyone had an enjoyable break and you are looking forward to the year ahead.

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

Welcome to our new members of staff who have joined us this session. Miss Mitchell has joined the teaching staff this year and we are delighted that Miss King and Miss Campbell have returned. Miss Anderson has joined us in the Nursery along with Mrs Stevenson who is our new Excellence and Equity Lead.

The classes and staffing for session 2020 - 2021 are as follows:

Primary 1a - Mrs Sistrunk

Primary 1b - Miss Motherwell

Primary 2 - Mrs Campbell and Mrs Burns

Primary 2/3 - Miss Simpson

Primary 3/4 - Mrs Smith and Mrs Henderson

Primary 4/5 - Miss Stewart

Primary 5 - Mrs Graham

Primary 6 - Miss King

Primary 7 - Mrs Barrett

Miss Mitchell, Miss Campbell, Mrs Henderson and Mrs Bloomer will work within classes across the school and will also work with small groups and individual pupils.

Our Nursery Staffing for session 2020 - 2021 is:

Nursery Teacher - Mrs Roy

Nursery Team Leader - Mrs Thomson

Early Years Workers - Mrs Burton, Miss Dowling, Miss Equi, Mrs Evans, Mrs Gilchrist, Mrs Main, Mrs McKee, Miss McKenzie  
Excellence and Equity Lead - Mrs Stevenson

Our Support Staff for session 2020 - 2021 are:

Team Leader - Mrs Robertson

Support Staff - Mrs Byrne, Miss Chisholm, Mrs Docherty, Mrs MacKenzie, Mrs McDonald, Mrs Peters, Mrs Pettigrew and Mrs Ritchie

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

### Returning to Loch PS/Nursery during Covid-19



In order to ensure the health and safety of all pupils and staff, it is important that we continue to follow all of the NHS Guidelines. 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. 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 your child, please do not wait at the gates. We kindly ask that once your child has entered the gate, you leave the school grounds to avoid congestion. Staff will be present in the school grounds to support the children.

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.

### **'Nut Free' School**



As we have children in the Nursery and school who have severe allergies, please remember that **Loch Primary School and Nursery Class is a 'NUT FREE' school.** This includes items such as Nutella chocolate spread, Kinder Buenos etc. 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.

### **Attendance and Time-Keeping**



Once again we continue to aim to achieve our attendance target of 95% this session. 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. The School Office will be open daily from 8.00am. In accordance with SLC Policy we must telephone 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.

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 occasions, 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.

We will contact parents/carers if pupil attendance is becoming a concern and a meeting will be arranged within the school where required. Should there be no improvement then a further meeting will take place with Frances Swinburne, our Senior Manager Pupil Support, to provide support with school attendance.

In 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.

## 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 order school uniform at any time of the year on the website -

[www.schoolwearmadeeasy.com](http://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! THANK YOU.**

## School Improvement



Our School Improvement Plan priorities for this session are to continue to ensure developments in Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing (reviewing whole school Vision and Values, implementation of the SLC Attachment Strategy, developing as a whole school Nurturing School and reviewing our HWB Curriculum). We will also aim to continue to promote parental engagement; promote leadership at all levels; encourage pupil voice; reduce the 'cost of the school day'; promote skills for learning, life and work; continue our implementation of 1+2 languages; promote the use of digital technology and work towards achieving our 6<sup>th</sup> Green Eco Flag.

## 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 Wednesday and Thursday.

## Nursery Update



Along with the school, the Nursery also has staggered start and stop times. Please follow the letters issued advising you on what days your child should attend.

The groups this session are as follows:

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

Red Team (Mrs Burton): 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

Purple Team (Mrs McKee): 9:30am - 3:30pm

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.

Everyone has settled really well and are enjoying being back together and making new friends with the children in their group 'bubbles'. The pupils are also enjoying having their lunches in the school dinner hall. Our children are learning the new Nursery routines of snack, hand washing, lunch routines and tidy up time.

## School Captains



Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils took part in an election to vote for our first set of School Captains for session 2020 - 2021.

Congratulations to the following P7 pupils who have been elected:

NESS: Louis Campbell and Ava MacIntyre

LOMOND: Miren Crichton and Abbie Morrison

KATRINE: CJ Murray and Laura Toye

TAY: Lauren Drennan and Lucy Thorpe

## GOOD NEWS!



The Head Teacher Awards this month were presented to:

- Cassie Wilkinson, P5, for showing a very responsible attitude when helping a friend.
- Liam Pearson, P4, for being very responsible.

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

- Louis Campbell, P7, for helping a classmate when they were finding Maths tricky and completing extra work at home.

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 and we will be happy to help!

## Diary Dates



- The school will be closed on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September for the September Weekend holiday. Pupils should return to school on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September.
- The school closes for the October Week on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 2.55pm and pupils should return on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October.
- The school will be closed to pupils on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November for an inservice day.

We are extremely proud of how our pupils have adjusted to our new rules and routines. If any changes occur or when there are further developments, we will continue to keep you updated. Thank you for your continued support.

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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