



### Health and Safety



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.

As you will be aware, headlice can cause problems both at home and in school. Please try to check your child's hair regularly and if you see any headlice, it is recommended that you treat both them and the whole family.

### Attendance and Time-Keeping



Attendance at school is crucial to supporting children's progress, wellbeing and attainment. 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 child being absent from nursery or school. It is equally important that each child 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.

### School Improvement/PEF Update



- Mrs McKee has attended 'Bookbug' and 'Pondering Pedagogy' training to further develop our practice within the nursery.
- Mrs Barrett attended the second session of 'Kindergarten Skills' training to enhance our Outdoor Learning provision within the nursery.
- Mrs Munro participated in the final session of 'Maths Recovery' training to support the implementation of this approach in Primary 1.
- Miss Harrington participated in the 'Inclusive Education Showcase' to ensure resources used across the curriculum are inclusive to all.
- Miss Simpson attended 'Attendance Test of Change' training to support our work in improving attendance across the school.
- During the inservice day on 13.11.23, all primary staff participated in the review of our 'Promoting Positive Relationships Policy' as well as the creation of our 'Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics' (STEM) and Science progression planners. Our Early Years staff also participated in an Early Learning and Childcare practitioner event based on 'Sustainability and Biodiversity'.
- Our nursery staff participated in the second session of the 'Together We Count' training, to support the development of Numeracy within the nursery environment.
- Miss Simpson attended 'Nursery Curriculum' training to share practice and develop further ideas of how we can plan and extend children's learning throughout the curriculum.

- Miss Simpson has met with all nursery staff to discuss the progress of all children and supports available within the nursery.
- Mrs Smith attended 'Talk for Writing' training to support the implementation of this writing approach in Primary 7.
- Miss Harrington attended the 'ICT Coordinators' Meeting' to keep up-to-date with the latest updates from South Lanarkshire Council.
- Miss Simpson and Miss Harrington attended 'Analysis Tool' training, looking at a new resource to track and monitor the progress and achievement of all learners.

## Nursery Update



This month the children have been busy focusing on our 'Book of the Month', "Goldilocks and the Three Bears", and our 'Rhyme of the Month', "Hickory Dickory Dock". We have been exploring the story and rhyme through the use of puppets, role play and writing our own stories. Our rhyme has led to lots of activities related to the concept of time. The children have enjoyed participating in number hunts within the school, school grounds and in the community. The book "The Stickman" has also proven very popular this month with the children enjoying creating lots of artwork to decorate our nursery. During Outdoor Learning, the children have been exploring and developing their problem-solving skills through using the water trays, channels and pumps to discover how water flows.

We would like to thank everyone who has attended our PEEP sessions this month. It has been great to see so many of you participating in these sessions and we hope you have found them useful and informative!

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, we will be holding a Bookbug gifting session for our ante-preschool children. Further information will be provided. If you wish to attend, we kindly ask you to add your name to the list in the cloakroom.

We are going to be busy preparing our artwork for the Christmas Café and Art Exhibition on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. We are sure you will be very impressed by the wonderful creations all of our artists will produce!

This month the 'Tiny Talking Team' have been discussing what songs we would like to sing at our Nativity, and we are now busy rehearsing for our show! Our Nativity will take place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am.

We have been reviewing our lunch policy and procedures in line with new guidance. If you provide your child with a packed lunch, we kindly ask you to include an icepack/cool pack within the lunch box to keep it fresh and cool. We also kindly request parents/carers to check your child's lunch to ensure there are no items containing nuts due to allergies within our school.

Our children have access to water play and outdoor play every day and often require to be changed if they get wet or muddy. We kindly ask parents/carers if possible to bring a change of clothes for your child and to store them in the drawstring bags provided on your child's peg.

Please note that the nursery day finishes at 3:00pm and all children must be collected by this time. If for any reason you are running late, please contact the school office on 0141 634 7217 to advise of this.

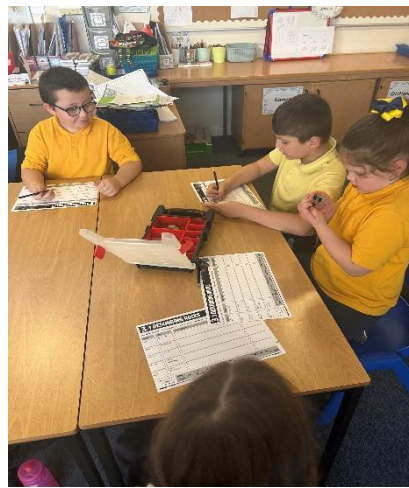
## Saint Phnx Workshop and Performance

Loch Primary School were very lucky to receive a visit from the Scottish band Saint Phnx on 9.11.23! Our Primary 6 pupils enjoyed participating in their 'Happy Place Workshop' which takes inspiration from their heartfelt song "Happy Place". The purpose of the workshop is to create a safe space in schools across Scotland where children can go to express their feelings through art and music to promote mental health awareness in a safe and supportive environment. Saint Phnx worked with the children and carried out various activities including vocal warm-ups and exercises as well as activities focussed on positive health and wellbeing to empower the children to find their own happy place. The children had a fantastic time and the experience was made even more fabulous with a whole school sing-a-long of 'Happy Place' at the end! Saint Phnx definitely made Loch Primary School a very 'happy place'!



## 'Borrow the Moon'

Mission Control, we have had a blast! We have been very lucky this month to receive a special delivery on loan from NASA containing lunar materials including meteorites and interesting rock samples. Each class was able to explore these resources and participate in a range of exciting Science activities and lessons to further develop their understanding! This experience was 'out of this world'!



## GOOD NEWS! 😊

The Head Teacher Awards this month were presented to:

- Ahmad Ayoubi, P2, for always displaying excellent manners around the school.
- Primary 6, for being excellent role models for the school during their 'Happy Place' workshop with Saint Phnx.
- Nicole Mitchell, P7, for being a positive role model.
- Alex Knop, P1, for showing increased confidence at school.

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

- Connor Seery, P1, for being an excellent friend.
- Lily McKenzie, P6, for helping to collect jackets at lunch time.
- Steven Calistrat, P3, for noticing a friend's lunchbox in lost property and returning it to them.
- Aiyra Ashraf, P2, for setting a great example to others when walking through the school.

Every week a child 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 children. Please encourage your child to share their achievements outwith school with us during our school assemblies on a Friday. This month we have heard from:

- Lena Lewicki, P2; Katy McFarlane, P2; Emily Bell, P5; Jack McFarlane, P5; Nancy Onwuka, P5; Poppy Doyle, P6; Nina Stewart, P6 and Nicole Mitchell, P7, for taking part in the library's summer reading challenge.
- Aida Syme, P2; Aiyra Ashraf, P2 and Jack Lowe, P6 for being awarded 'highly commended' for their entries in the Road Safety Calendar competition.
- Callum McConnell, P5, for being chosen to be an audience member for 'Saturday Mash Up'.
- Sophia Elgey, P5, for completing a game and winning badges.
- Jack McFarlane, P5, for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place in a crossword competition at Tesco.
- Emily Bell, P5, for winning 'star of the week' at her dance class.
- Kyle Beaully, P6, for being a great team player in football.
- Archie Sohail, P2, for taking his first karate grading.
- Kian Everett, P4, for winning the Star Award at his Drama club.

## There's Lots Going On At Loch! 😊

- Primary 5 are enjoying participating in the Youth Music Initiative programme.
- Primary 6 completed their weekly swimming lessons every Tuesday this month.
- Primary 3/4 are enjoying weekly PE sessions with S6 Cathkin High School pupils.
- Primary 5-7 pupils are enjoying participating in an after-school football club with Mr Martin.
- Primary 3-4 pupils are continuing to enjoy their after-school club Multi-Sports sessions with the Active Schools team.
- Primary 1 are enjoying participating in their after-school Nativity rehearsals with Mrs Munro.
- Our Parent Council Meeting took place on 6.11.23. Our next meeting will take place on 15.1.24 at 6:00pm.
- Primary 1 enjoyed a visit from the Fire Brigade on 7.11.23 as part of their 'People Who Help Us' topic.
- Primary 1-7 pupils enjoyed participating in Judo taster sessions on 14.11.23.
- Our nursery Parents' Evening appointments took place the w/c 13.11.23.
- Our school Parents' Evening took place on 15.11.23.
- Primary 5 participated in the 'Boomerang' workshop and Primary 6 participated in the 'Christmas Unwrapped' workshop with Ross and the Reachout Trust Team.
- Primary 7 participated in a Cathkin High School assembly on 23.11.23 to support with their transition to high school.
- Our Pupil Council met on 24.11.23 to discuss the proposals for the review of our 'Promoting Positive Relationships Policy'.
- Some of our Primary 5-7 pupils attended the John Wrights Sports Competition on 24.11.23.
- Fun Friday took place on 24.11.23.
- Primary 2/3 enjoyed their class visit to the Tall Ship on 28.11.23.
- All of our classes enjoy participating in our weekly assemblies. This month our focus has included input from our Chaplaincy Team about 'Remembrance', class assemblies from P3/4 and P6 and celebrating our weekly achievements.
- Our classes have all been very busy and some of this great work has been shared on Twitter!

## Diary Dates



- The school closes for the Christmas holidays on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 2:30pm. The school will re-open on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023.
- School will be closed on Monday 12<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 for the February break.
- The school will close at 2:30pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 for the Spring break. The school will reopen on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

## Christmas Diary Dates



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Café and Art Exhibition - adult tickets should be purchased via Parent Pay prior to the event  'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	P1-7 Pantomime - 'Cinderella' at Hamilton Town House (permission slip to be returned on Parent Mail)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	P1-P7 Nativity and Christmas Concert (9:30am and 1:30pm - further information about tickets will be issued)
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Nativity (9:30am - further information about tickets will be issued)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	P4-5 Christmas Party (1:15 - 2:45pm)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	P6-7 Christmas Party (1:15 - 2:45pm)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	P1-3 Christmas Party (1:15 - 2:45pm)  Nursery Christmas Party
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	P1-P7 Christmas Quiz (9:30am)  Close 2:30pm

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