



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 South Lanarkshire Council 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

- Miss Simpson and Mrs Munro attended an Early Level Play Showcase event to share good practice in the implementation of play approaches and transition events across nursery and Primary 1.
- Miss Simpson has met with all teaching staff and nursery staff to discuss the learning and attainment within all classes/nursery.
- Mrs Burns is currently attending a programme of training based on 'Introduction to Counselling Skills' to support our nurture work within the school.
- Miss Simpson attended the Head Teacher's Digital Event, looking at new digital developments within South Lanarkshire Council (SLC).
- Miss Simpson is participating in the SLC 'Early Years' Learner Pathways Working Party', working with colleagues from across SLC to plan training opportunities for staff.
- During our inservice day, staff received input from Susan Tullett (SLC Nurture Development Officer) to support the review of our 'Promoting Positive Relationships Policy'. Staff also engaged in 'Rights Respecting Schools' training, looking at how we can further develop our RRS work within the school and nursery.
- Miss Simpson and Miss Harrington have been participating in Learning Conversations this month with Primary 3/4 and Primary 6 pupils who have been keen to share their learning in class.
- The teaching staff have continued participating in the 'Limitless Learn' training programme, looking at the development of Growth Mindsets and supporting/challenging children's learning within the classroom.
- Miss Simpson attended the 'Early Level and Childcare Tracking Relaunch' looking at a new tool to support the tracking and monitoring of children's learning within the nursery environment.

- Miss Stewart attended the Numeracy Coordinator's Meeting, looking at new approaches and resources to support the teaching and assessment of Numeracy.
- Mrs Burns and Mrs Main attended the SLC Attachment Leads Meeting, looking at the process to follow to gain Attachment Accreditation.
- Mrs McKee has attended the third session of 'Pondering Pedagogy' training to further develop our practice within the nursery.
- Mrs Thomson attended 'Skills Framework' training to look at this new resource and how this can support the development of skills at Loch PS and Nursery Class.
- Mairead Maxwell, our ELC Locality Manager, visited our nursery to discuss our progress and see the great learning experiences taking place.
- Miss Simpson attended the 'ELC Conference' to keep up-to-date with the latest developments within Early Years.
- Mrs Campbell participated in the final session of 'Maths Recovery' training to support the implementation of this approach in Primary 2.

Nursery Update



February has been another fun month within our nursery! This month our 'Rhyme of the Month' has been 'I'm a Little Teapot' and our 'Book of the Month' has been 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We hope you are enjoying the suggested activities at home! We kindly ask that you let us know your thoughts about the bag by filling in the feedback form and encouraging your child to draw a picture to share with their keyworker. Please remember to return the bag to nursery after your allocated time to allow all children to be able to experience these activities at home.

The children have been enjoying lots of activities related to the 'Rhyme and Book of the Month' and have particularly enjoyed a visit from the 'bear' at our two 'Stay and Play' sessions this month. We would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who was able to attend these sessions. We hope you enjoyed seeing your child within the nursery environment. The children were delighted to show everyone their favourite activities!

This month the 'Tiny Talking Team' have been continuing to discuss Children's Rights. Our 'Right of the Month' for February has been Article 31 - 'you have the right to play and rest'.

We are looking forward to 'World Book Day' on 7.3.24 where we will be exploring the children's favourite books. The children have enjoyed small group weekly 'Bookbug' sessions with Mrs McKee and we are planning a further 'Bookbug' session with parents/carers to celebrate 'World Book Day'. Look out for the dates on our noticeboard and we encourage you to sign up and come along to this fantastic event!

As part of our drive to encourage recycling and sustainability, we now have our pre-loved clothing rail set up in our nursery cloakroom. We encourage you to help yourself to anything on the rail that you may require including the items of clothing and kind donations of toys. We would also greatly appreciate any donations of clothing that your child may have outgrown which others can use.

Miss McKenzie is taking forward this theme within the nursery and we would appreciate any donations of materials suitable for sorting into recycling categories and for junk modelling, such as cereal boxes, egg boxes, plastic bottles and other clean packaging.

Our children have access to water play and outdoor play every day at nursery and often require to be changed if they get wet or muddy. We kindly ask parents/carers to provide a change of clothes/shoes for your child should they require changing. These can be stored 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 you are running late, please contact the school office on 0141 634 7217 to advise of this.

GOOD NEWS!



The Head Teacher Awards this month were presented to:

- Caleb Taylor, P1, for showing a responsible attitude.
- Saram Sarfaraz, P7, for always showing a responsible attitude.
- Andrew Forbes, P2, for showing an excellent attitude towards his learning.
- Aida Syme, P3, for showing a very hardworking attitude.

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

- Hannah Stewart, P2, for always helping to keep the classroom tidy.
- Millie McGhee, P3, for always making sure others feel included.
- Lucas Kennedy, P2, for being a kind friend in class and in the playground.
- Lyall Scott, P2, for being a kind friend to others.

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:

- Millie McGhee, P3, for winning three 2nd places and a 3rd place at her swimming gala.
- Halle Leonard, P5, for winning 2nd place in her team acro competition.
- Amelia Murphy-Crawford, P6, for earning her 'Year of the Dragon' badge at Guides.
- Victoria Erhan, P3, for winning 3 medals at her drama club for excellent participation and one for gymnastics.
- Kyiana Collins, P6, for excellent acting skills at her drama club.
- Milla Eaglesham, P1, for winning a trophy at her dance class.

There's Lots Going On At Loch!



- Primary 6 after school STEM Young Leaders club continues to take place weekly with Mr Martin.
- Primary 2 are having fun at their after school 'Story Squad' club with Mrs Munro.
- Primary 3 and 4 pupils are enjoying their 'Dodgeball' after school club with Mrs Tait.
- Karate taster sessions took place on 31.1.24, with Steven from the Shukokai Karate Club delivering these sessions to our Primary 1 - Primary 7 classes.
- Childsmile visits took place on 1.2.24 for our Nursery - Primary 4 children.
- Nursery children's vision screening took place on 1.2.24.
- All of our Primary 1 - Primary 7 children have enjoyed participating in Generation Science Workshops this month which were funded using our Pupil Equity Funding. Our Primary 1, 1/2, 2/3 and 3/4 pupils enjoyed participating in the 'Our Changing Climate' workshop and our Primary 4, 5, 6 and 7 pupils had great fun engaging in 'The Green Machine' workshop.
- Internet Safety Awareness Day took place on 6.2.24 with all children engaging in a range of activities to develop their understanding of the importance of staying safe online.
- Primary 5 have been enjoying weekly 'Gaelic Football' sessions delivered by a coach as part of their PE programme.
- Primary 3/4 continue to enjoy their weekly PE sessions with S6 Cathkin High School pupils.
- Primary 7 enjoyed their trip to Science Centre on 7.2.24.
- Primary 1, 2, 2/3, 5 and 6 have enjoyed class visits to the local Springhall Library this month.
- Our 'Friends of Loch' (Parent Council) meeting took place on 19.2.24.
- Nursery 'Stay and Play' sessions with parents/carers took place on 20.2.24 and 22.2.24.
- Our Primary 7 pupils enjoyed a very successful residential trip to Inverclyde this month. A very big 'thank you' to Miss Harrington, Mrs Smith and Mrs Roy for supporting the children and attending this 3-day trip!
- All of our classes enjoy participating in our weekly assemblies. This month our focus has included input from our Chaplaincy Team about how 'we can make a difference', a class assembly from Primary 5, consultation on our school 'Values' and celebrating our weekly achievements.

Thank You!

The Primary 7 pupils and staff would like to say a huge 'thank you' to the 'Friends of Loch' (Parent Council) for their kind gift of leavers' hoodies for each pupil. The children are loving wearing these jumpers and we think they all look great!

Our 'Friends of Loch' have applied for funding to purchase a range of outdoor equipment and storage for this equipment to enhance the outdoor learning opportunities of all of our pupils. Please use the link below to cast your vote, we are project number 13. A street name is all that is required to prove that you live locally, no house or flat number is required. Your support is greatly appreciated: <https://1c00cfc2hbj.typeform.com/to/tITbUAfG>

Diary Dates



- The school will close at 2:30pm on Thursday 28th March 2024 for the Spring break. The school will reopen on Monday 15th April 2024.
- The school will be closed to all children on Thursday 2nd May 2024.
- The school will be closed on Monday 6th May 2024.
- The school will close for the May weekend on Friday 24th and Monday 27th May 2024.
- The school will close for the summer holidays on Wednesday 26th June 2024 at 1:00pm.

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Please check our school website regularly and if you do not already do so, please follow us on Twitter ([@LochPrimary](https://twitter.com/LochPrimary)) as we will post regular updates and important information here. Our classes have all been very busy and some of this great work has been shared on Twitter!

