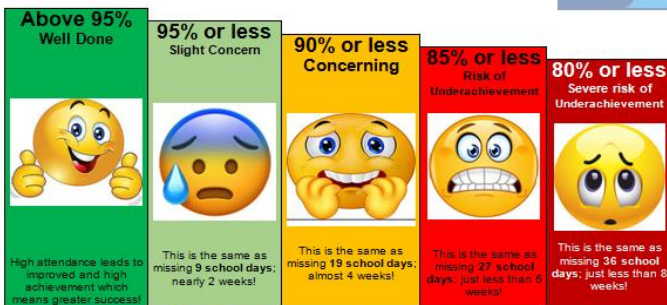




Attendance and Time-Keeping

Attendance at school is crucial to supporting children's progress, wellbeing and attainment. All children have the 'right to an education' and it is vital for their progress for them to be in school every day. Your child's attendance rate has an impact on their attainment and achievements:

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



Right to an Education (Article 28)

We understand that sometimes children cannot attend school due to ill health. 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 (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 your child arrives at school in time for the bell to ring. 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.

We will continue to monitor and keep you up-to-date on your child's attendance throughout the session so that all children can have every opportunity to achieve their full potential.

School Improvement/PEF Update

- Some of our Class Teachers and nursery staff have continued to engage in 'Boxall Profile' training this month to support our nurture work within the school and nursery.
- Miss Simpson attended the SLC Attainment Network looking at resources to support the tracking and monitoring of all children's learning.
- Miss Simpson attended the SLC Curriculum Showcase, looking at new developments/resources/materials to support curriculum development work within the school.
- Miss Simpson participated in the ELC Head Teacher Forum and Tracking and Monitoring meeting to keep up-to-date with new initiatives and the new tracking resources within Early Years.
- All teaching staff participated in the moderation of reading during a staff meeting to ensure progression across all stages.
- Our nursery staff participated in 'Making Literacy Sparkle' and 'Observation, Planning and Tracking' training to support our development work within the nursery.
- Miss Simpson has been working with Head Teachers from the Learning Community to develop a policy to support our work in improving attendance across all of the schools. This will include the introduction of a new policy, letters for parents/carers, information leaflets and visual aids.
- Miss Simpson attended the Learning Community Meeting looking at the revised school improvement format and priorities for SLC.

- Miss Harrington and Mrs Thomson attended 'Skills Framework' training, to investigate the new resources that have been created to support the implementation of skills across all stages.
- Miss Harrington attended 'ASN Coordinators Training' to look at resources available to support our children's wellbeing.
- Mrs Barrett participated in 'Literacy Coordinators Training' to support our Literacy development work within the school.
- Miss Harrington, Mrs Roy and Mrs Main attended 'Attachment Leads and Ambassadors Training' to keep up-to-date with new developments in this area.
- Mrs Munro participated in 'Developing Skills Through Play' training to further support the development of play-based learning in Primary 1.
- Miss Simpson has met with nursery and school staff to discuss the progress of all children within the nursery and school.
- Miss Harrington attended 'Sphero Indi' training to share practice on how this has been implemented across different stages within Loch PS.

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.

Health Week

During the w/c 20.5.24 all children from nursery to Primary 7 participated in our annual Health Week. The children participated in a range of activities including:

- Gaelic Football sessions
- Rugby sessions
- STEM/team building sessions
- Scottish Action for Mental Health (SAMH) workshops:
 - *Parents/carers - Listening To and Supporting My Child
 - *Primary 7 - Managing My Wellbeing
 - *Primary 6 - Understanding and Managing Stress and Anxiety
- House events
- Sports Day events
- Wellbeing activities
- Friends of Loch 'Sprint into Summer' sponsored run with parents/carers - thank you to everyone who donated!

A big 'thank you' to Miss Harrington for organising this fantastic week which was greatly enjoyed by all!

Foodbank Donations

On 10.5.24 our Charity Committee organised a non-uniform day where children and staff donated items for the local foodbank at St. Anthony's Church. We would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who donated. The volunteers were absolutely delighted with the large volume of items donated!

Nursery Update

This month the children have been continuing to show great interest in minibeasts. The children who have been participating in our 'Forest Adventures' have enjoyed bringing back the caterpillars, spiders and bugs they have found at the forest to show their friends. 'Forest Adventures' finishes soon and the children who have been taking part would like to invite their parents/carers to come along to their last sessions on Tuesday 5th June and Wednesday 6th June at 1:00pm to see all of the wonderful learning that has been taking place while on their adventures. More information about this will be provided by the nursery staff.

This month's 'Book of the Month' is "The Gruffalo" in Scots. We hope you have enjoyed trying out the suggestions for things to do at home. Our 'Rhyme of the Month' has been "Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary" and the children have been busy weeding our planters and planting seeds. Everybody has planted their own sunflower to take home and take care of. We would love if you could measure how tall these have grown before the end of term and send us in some photographs to allow the children to share them with their friends.

Last week we celebrated 'Health Week' and the children had great fun participating in races for Sports' Day and taking part in daily 'Jump Start Jonny' workouts. A big 'thank you' to everyone who was able to stay for the Sprint into Summer event, the children had a great time running their laps - well done to everyone involved!

The children are busy rehearsing for our Summer Show on Friday 14th June and our Graduation which will take place on Wednesday 19th June. Further information about these events will be issued soon. The 'Tiny Talking Team' discussed what songs have been their favourite songs throughout the year. All of the children then voted to decide on what songs and dances to include.

As the children are outdoors each day, we kindly ask you to ensure that they wear appropriate clothing for the weather and if it is sunny to apply sun cream prior to arrival. If you have not already done so, please provide your child with sun cream that staff can reapply throughout the day. This will be stored in your child's individual bag. Without sunscreen, your child will not be allowed outdoors in the sun for their safety. We also kindly ask that your child has a change of clothes available in their bag on their peg and for any clothes that have been borrowed from the nursery to be returned.

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.

There's Lots Going On At Loch! 😊

- Primary 4 enjoyed weekly 'Tennis' sessions with the Active Schools coach as part of their PE programme.
- Primary 2 children enjoyed the opportunity to take part in the after school 'Tennis' club with our Active Schools coach.
- Primary 4 pupils participated in the P4 Tennis Competition and Primary 2 pupils enjoyed attending the P2 Tennis Festival at Rutherglen Tennis Club.
- Weekly transition visits are taking place with our pre-school nursery children and our Primary 1 class to enhance the transition process.
- Primary 5 children participated in a 'Buddying' workshop with the Reachout Trust team, to prepare them for their role as buddies next session.
- Primary 7 children took part in an 'It's Your Move' workshop with the Reachout Trust team, to support their transition to high school.
- Mrs Graham organised an 'extreme reading challenge' over Easter to encourage reading for enjoyment. A big 'well done' to everyone who submitted photographs of their fantastic reading places!
Congratulations to Larissa Keery (P1), Archie Sohail (P2), Katie Boyle (P4) and Abeeha Hassaan (P6) who won prizes for their excellent photographs!
- Mrs Burns has started Bikeability sessions with our Primary 6 children.
- Our first Primary 1 transition event took place on 29.5.24 to welcome our new pupils to TEAM LOCH!
- All of our classes enjoy participating in our weekly assemblies. This month our focus has included a class assembly from Primary 2, discussing our school Values and Golden Rules, input from our Chaplaincy Team on 'overcoming fear' and celebrating our weekly achievements.

GOOD NEWS! 😊

The Head Teacher Awards this month were presented to:

- Katy McKean and Nicole Mitchell, both P7, for helping to tidy the PE cupboard.
- Kian Everett, Lukas MacAree, Brooke MacNeil and Mounia Salhi, all P4, for representing the school at the Rutherglen Tennis Competition.
- Primary 2 for representing the school at the Rutherglen Tennis Festival.
- Cain Parker, P2, for being very kind to others.

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

- Lucas White, P3, for using his manners and helping his peers find their resources.
- Niamh Lithgow, P2, for helping a peer to tie their shoelaces.
- Kendrick Pessu, P6, for always helping to keep the classroom tidy.

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:

- Lily Macrae, P1, for taking part in a dance competition and performing 4 dances.
- Aaron McEwan, P4, for winning 'Star of the Week' at his drama club.
- Alex Knop, P1, for playing matches with his football team.
- Jack McFarlane, P5, for winning 1st place in the group category with his Musical Theatre club and for winning 'Star of the Day' at his drama club.
- Katy McFarlane, P2, for winning 'Star of the Day' at her drama club.

Diary Dates



- Our whole school Summer Concert will be on Friday 14th June - further details will be provided.
- Our Nursery Graduation will take place on Wednesday 19th June at 9:30am.
- Our Primary 7 Graduation will be held on Thursday 20th June at 1:30pm.
- 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**) 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!

