



August 2024 Newsletter

Welcome Back! 😊

It has been lovely to see everyone back together again after the summer holidays! We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to the year ahead.

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

Welcome to Ms Swandell and Miss Millar who have joined the teaching staff this year.

The classes and staffing for session 2024 -2025 are as follows:

Primary 1 - Mrs Munro

Primary 1/2 - Mrs Roy

Primary 2/3 - Ms Swandell and Mrs Henderson

Primary 3/4 - Mrs Graham (currently Miss Millar)

Primary 4 - Miss Stewart

Primary 5 - Mrs Barrett and Mrs Henderson

Primary 6 - Miss Simpson

Primary 7 - Mrs Smith

Mrs Burns, Mrs Campbell and Mrs Bloomer will be working across all classes. Mrs Burns and Mrs Campbell will also work within our Sunshine Room.

Our Nursery Staffing for session 2024 -2025 is:

Nursery Team Leader - Mrs Thomson

Early Years Workers - Mrs Barrett, Miss Dowling,

Miss Equi, Mrs Evans, Mrs Gilchrist, Mrs Main,

Mrs McKee, Miss McKenzie

Early Years Support Assistant - Mrs Everett

Our Support Staff for session 2024 - 2025 are:

Team Leaders - Mrs Robertson and Mrs Byrne

Support Staff - Miss Chisholm, Mrs Docherty,

Miss Marshall, Mrs McCaffrey, Mrs McDonald,

Miss McMillan, Mrs Peters, Mrs Pettigrew and Mrs

Ritchie

After 12 years at Loch PS, Miss Harrington will be leaving us on 20th September to take up the post of Depute Head Teacher within a new school. Miss Harrington's move will certainly be a sad day for everyone and we will greatly miss her but we are extremely proud of her achievement in gaining a very well-deserved promoted post! The recruitment process for the Principal Teacher post at Loch PS is currently underway.

School hours are as follows:

- School day: 9:00am - 2:55pm
- Break: 10:30am - 10:40am
- Lunch: 12:10pm - 12:55pm

Nursery hours are as follows:

- Nursery day: 9:00am - 3:00pm
- Lunch: 11:30am - 12:00noon

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 TEAM LOCH. Parents/carers can purchase the uniform from most supermarkets/high street stores or badged items can be ordered on the website -

www.schoolwearmadeeasy.com

Please note badged uniforms are not required.

This session we have also introduced a nursery

uniform which consists of a plain yellow polo shirt

This can be worn with leggings/trousers/shorts.

We also kindly ask for donations of any school

uniform items such as polo shirts, jumpers,

shirts, cardigans, trousers, skirts and pinafores

that your child may have grown out of that are in

good condition for our school uniform donation

box. Families who require support with uniform

are encouraged to contact the school and we will

do our best to help.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO NAME ALL

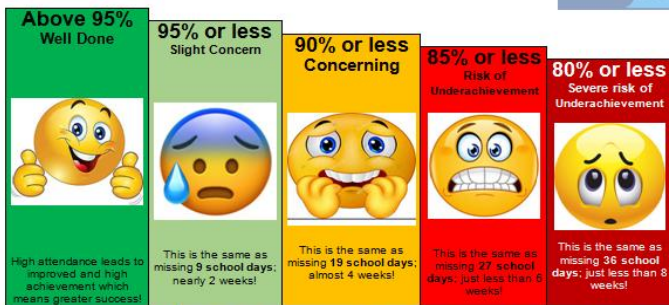
BELONGINGS AND ITEMS OF CLOTHING.

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.

'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/nursery with a snack/packed lunch. Thank you to everyone for your help and support with this matter.

School Improvement



As a result of our consultation with staff, parents/carers and learners, our School Improvement Plan priorities for this session are:

- To raise attainment in Literacy.
- To raise attainment in Numeracy.
- To ensure the wellbeing of all (with a focus on Health and Wellbeing, Nurture, Rights Respecting Schools, Equalities and Sustainability).

Our maintenance agenda priorities include:

- To continue to promote excellent pupil attendance.
- To enhance and promote increased parental engagement opportunities.
- To continue to enhance pupil engagement and motivation for learning by using a range of teaching approaches including outdoor learning and STEM, encouraging children to develop skills for learning, life and work.
- To continue to enhance children's engagement and motivation for learning in nursery by using responsive planning and a range of approaches including outdoor learning (Forest Adventures) and STEM, encouraging the children to take a lead role in their learning to build skills for learning, life and work.

More information on our priorities along with our Standards and Quality Report can be found on our school website. We will continue to self-evaluate our progress in consultation with all stakeholders throughout the session.

Photograph Permissions



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

Vision and Values

At Loch Primary School and Nursery Class, it is important for all stakeholders to work together to ensure the best possible outcomes for our learners.

Our school **Vision** is: **TEAM LOCH**

Together

Everyone

Achieves

More

Learning

Opportunities

Create

Happiness



Our school **Values** that we all strive to be are:

Nurturing, **Happy**, **Welcoming**, **Achieving**,
Respectful and **Inclusive**

Our **Aims** for our learners are:

- Everyone feels happy, healthy and nurtured.
- Learners are supported and challenged to achieve success across the curriculum and reach their full potential.

School Chaplaincy Team

Our Chaplaincy Team continues this year with Aquila Singh and Ross Murray (Reachout Trust). Laura Hutchinson, Jamie Gurling and Euan Cairns also join the Reachout Trust team this session. Together they will provide input at assemblies throughout the year focusing on different themes through different Bible stories. The themes include: Starting Well, Harvest, Remembering, New Year, We Can Make a Difference, Easter, Overcoming Fear and Moving On. All dates and themes are detailed on the school website. The team will also carry out various workshops throughout the year including 'Boomerang' (P5), 'Christmas Unwrapped' (P6), 'Easter Code' (P7), 'It's Your Move' (P7) and 'Buddying' (P5). If you have any other questions about this programme or you do not want your child to participate, please contact the school office on 0141 634 7217.

Nursery Update



We are delighted to welcome all of our returning children and our new starts to our nursery! It has also been lovely to see the children returning in their new uniforms! We have been busy settling back in and our pre-schoolers have been supporting their new friends and helping them to learn the nursery rules and routines such as snack, hand washing, toothbrushing, tidy up time, using kind hands, and helping others.

Within the nursery, we encourage the children to make choices about their own learning and to develop their independence skills. This month we will be focussing on children's health and wellbeing through the topics of 'All About Me' and 'My Feelings'. We would greatly appreciate if parents/carers could provide the nursery or email a photograph of your family to gw14lochpsoffice@glow.sch.uk. This will allow the children to talk about their families with their keyworkers and peers and we can then create an 'Our Families' wall display.

Please remember to check our wall displays regularly as these will be frequently updated. We would appreciate any feedback you wish to make by filling in one of our green speech bubbles! We love to share parent/carer feedback with the children!

Last session we piloted 'The Monthly Natter' for parents/carers. This is a chance for you to come along and meet with other parents/carers and staff to discuss views on the nursery and how we can work together to drive forward improvement.

Our first meeting will take place on Monday 9th September at 2.15pm, we hope you are able to join!

We will be restarting our Forest Adventures on Tuesday 3rd September. Each term a group of children will be given the fantastic opportunity to take part in a 5 week programme of learning in the forest area close to the school. More information will be provided from your child's keyworker.

As you know, Outdoor Learning is encouraged every day at Loch PS Nursery, therefore we kindly ask that your child has a change of clothes available in case they get wet or muddy during outdoor play and that they are wearing appropriate clothing for playing outdoors in all weathers. During sunny weather we kindly ask you to apply sun cream to your child prior to arrival at nursery and to provide your child with sun cream that staff can reapply throughout the day if required. Your child's sun cream will be stored within their individual bags. Please ensure that all of your child's clothing items and belongings are clearly labelled with their name.

GOOD NEWS!



The Head Teacher Awards this month were presented to:

- Cian Cunningham, P5, for working hard and showing a positive attitude.
- Primary 6, for being excellent buddies to our Primary 1 pupils.
- Halle Leonard, P6, for being a fantastic helper to the younger children.

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

- Kyle Beaul, P6, for being very helpful and supporting a new P1 pupil.
- Kyiana Collins and Carris Hinshelwood, both P7, for being good helpers in the playground and playing games with others.
- Olivia Dumbreck, P5, for helping the younger children with their trays at Breakfast Club.

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 us during our school assemblies on a Friday. This month we have heard from:

- Crystal Codona, P3, for achieving her red belt in her first karate grading.
- Daisy Cartwright, P5, for passing her Level 1 Swim Skills assessment.
- Alex Knop, P2, for playing matches with his football team.
- Katy McFarlane, P3, and Jack McFarlane and Callum McConnell, P6, for taking part in the library's Summer Reading Challenge.

Parents Portal App



Parent Mail, will no longer be in use from September as we will be moving to Parents Portal. If you have not already done so, please ensure you download the Parents Portal app. You will be able to receive information, report absences, respond to permission slips and book Parents' Evening appointments using this app.

Advertisement for the Parents Portal App. It features the text 'parentsportal.scot' and 'Get the App!' in a green header. Below this, there are three icons: the Apple App Store logo with a QR code, a smartphone displaying the app interface, and the Google Play logo with another QR code.

Diary Dates



- The school will be closed on Friday 27th and Monday 30th September for the September Weekend holiday.
- The school closes for the October Week on Friday 11th October and children should return on Monday 21st October.
- The school will be closed to children on Monday 11th November for an inservice day.
- The school closes for the Christmas holidays on Friday 20th December at 2:30pm. The school will re-open on Monday 6th January 2025.

Please check our school website regularly and if you do not already do so, please follow us on 'X', formally known as 'Twitter', (**@LochPrimary**) as we will post regular updates and important information here.

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