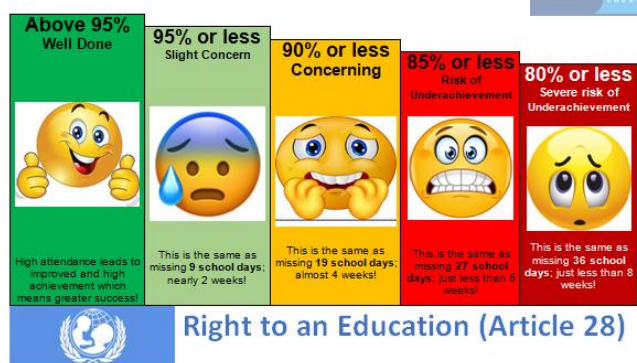


December 2024 Newsletter

Attendance and Time-Keeping

Attendance at school is crucial to supporting children's progress, wellbeing and attainment. Your child's attendance rate has an impact on their attainment and achievements:

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



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 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. Further advice on how parents/carers can support better attendance can be found in our parent information leaflet on our website - http://www.loch-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk/index_177_2002852574.pdf

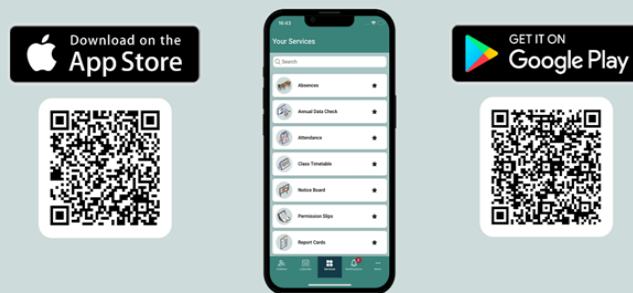
We encourage all parents/carers to monitor your child's attendance. Please log on to Parents Portal using the link www.parentsportalscot.com to check your child's attendance so far this session.

Parents Portal App

Parents Portal is our main form of communication. Please ensure you download the Parents Portal app. You will be able to receive information, check your child's attendance, respond to permission slips and book Parents' Evening appointments using this app. If you are having trouble downloading this app, please contact the school office for support.

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Get the App!



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

School Improvement



- Mrs Henderson participated in 'Talk for Writing' training to further develop our writing work within the school.
- Miss Simpson attended an Education Scotland Attendance Working Group, looking at how to promote excellent attendance across all schools.
- Miss Simpson attended the Head Teachers' Early Learning and Childcare Forum to keep up-to-date on all of the latest developments within Early Years.

Thank You!



We would like to say 'thank you' to everyone for your kind donations and sponsorships this month and for continuing to help support the school and identified charities. We have raised:

- £1089.20 from our sponsored Dance for 'Children in Need'.
- £2083.47 at our Christmas Fayre which will go towards our school funds. A big 'thank you' to Mrs Smith, Mrs Roy, Mrs Munro and our P5-7 After School Craft Club for making all of the fantastic crafts to sell at the fayre!

We would also like to thank our fabulous Parent Council ('Friends of Loch') for all of their support and fundraising this year. They have supported all of our events throughout the year and supplied lots of treats for the children! A big 'thank you' for everything!

Nursery Update



December has been a very fun month within our nursery. We have been busy preparing for Christmas and rehearsing for our Nativity which took place on 16.12.24. All of the children worked very hard when rehearsing their parts and learning the songs and dances. We are so proud of all of the children for taking part and putting on a fantastic show!

This month we have also participated in a range of exciting learning experiences. Through conversations and consultations with the children, we have developed our role play area, creating a shop and café. This has allowed the children to bring real life experiences into their play! We have also been busy creating a loose parts area within our nursery, allowing the children to develop their imaginations and creativity skills.

This month our 'Book of the Month' has been 'The Gingerbread Man'. The children have enjoyed learning about this story and further developing their Literacy skills through their participation in a range of storytelling activities.

Our 'Rhyme of the Month' has been 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star'. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning this rhyme and performing it at our Nativity!

The children continue to have access to the outdoors each day. To support us with this, we kindly ask you to ensure your child is wearing appropriate clothing to nursery to enable them to stay warm and well when out in the colder weather. This also ensures they will continue to enjoy the fantastic experiences on offer. 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 for any reason 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 1 - Primary 7 enjoyed a whole school trip to see the 'Mother Goose' pantomime at Hamilton Town House on 3.12.24.
- Primary 6 enjoyed participating in the 'Christmas Unwrapped' workshop with the Outreach team and pupils from St. Anthony's PS on 4.12.24.
- Primary 1 and Primary 1/2 enjoyed participating in the Supporting Families parent/carer Christmas Craft sessions on 4.12.24 and 6.12.24.
- Our very successful Christmas Fayre took place on 5.12.24.
- Primary 7 participated in Carol Singing performances at Rutherglen Arcade, Tesco Dalmarnock and Tesco Burnside on 10.12.24 and 12.12.24. This was greatly enjoyed by everyone!
- We enjoyed a delicious Christmas Lunch on 11.12.24!
- Our fantastic Primary 1-7 Nativity and Christmas Concert took place on 13.12.24 where all of our children participated with enthusiasm and excitement!
- Our fabulous Nursery Nativity took place on 16.12.24. The children were amazing during their performance!
- All of our classes enjoy participating in our weekly assemblies. This month our focus has been on preparation for the 'Bridgeton Burns Competition', Nativity and Concert preparation and celebrating our weekly achievements and awards!
- Our Award Winners continue to enjoy their Hot Chocolate Fridays with the Head Teacher!

GOOD NEWS!



The Head Teacher Awards this month were presented to:

- The P5-7 Christmas Craft Club, for their fantastic crafts and participation in preparation for our fayre.
- Mollie Lowe, P4, for showing a positive attitude towards her learning.

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

- Georgia Wright, P3, for being a super friend!
- P6-7 Enterprise Committee, for organising a fantastic Christmas Fayre!

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:

- Jack McFarlane, P6, for being 'Star of the Week' at Drama.
- Alfie Hart, P2, for taking part in a Tae-Kwon-Do class.
- Olivia Dumbreck, P5, for scoring the most goals at her football club.
- Gary Allison, P3, for the best duo costume ever.
- Carris Hinshelwood, P7, for taking part in dancing competitions.
- Niamh Lithgow, P3; Georgie Mackinnon, P3; Katy McFarlane, P3; Callum McConnell, P6; Jack McFarlane, P6; and Ciaran Lithgow, P7, for performing in a SODA show.
- Harry Devlin, P4, for participating in a football tournament.
- William Devlin, P2, for his achievements in Dance.
- Katy Boyle, P5, for placing 1st and two 2nd places in her Irish Dancing Competition.

Bridgeton Burns Competition 😊

On 6.12.24 we participated in the annual Bridgeton Burns Competition at St. Mungo's Academy in Glasgow. We are so proud of the 29 pupils who participated and represented our school! A massive well done to:

- Mya Ballard, P4, who came 3rd place in the P4-5 Solo Verse category.
- The P1-4 Choral Verse Group who came 2nd place in their category.
- The P5-7 Choral Verse Group who came 3rd place in their category.

Diary Dates



- Christmas parties will take place on the following dates:
 - *Primary 4 and Primary 5 (including P4 pupils from P3/4) - Tuesday 17th December at 1:15pm.
 - *Primary 6 and Primary 7 - Wednesday 18th December at 1:15pm.
 - *Primary 1 - 3 (including P3 pupils from P3/4) - Thursday 19th December at 1:15pm.
 - *Nursery - Thursday 19th December.
- The school closes for the Christmas holidays on Friday 20th December at 2:30pm. This will be a non-uniform day. The school will re-open on Monday 6th January 2025.

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