



May 2025 Newsletter

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance at school remains a key priority here at Loch Primary School and across the Cathkin Learning Community. Attendance is crucial to supporting children's progress, wellbeing and attainment. Your child's attendance rate has a significant impact on their attainment and achievements. Did you know, within a full school year the following percentages show you the number of days lost learning:

95% - 99%	Up to 10 days absence (2 weeks)
90% - 94%	Up to 20 days absence (4 weeks)
85% - 89%	Up to 30 days absence (6 weeks)
80% - 84%	Up to 38 days absence (7½ weeks)
Less than 80%	More than 39 days absence

Why is good school attendance so important?

- All children have a right to an education and the legal responsibility to provide children with an education lies with their parents/carers.
- When children are absent from school, whatever the cause, this disrupts their learning and can have a significant impact on their future life opportunities.
- In particular, poor attendance can affect attainment levels, relationships with peers, wellbeing and emotional resilience.

Being at school on time each day is also crucial to your child's progress and learning. Did you know that being 15 minutes late every day, will result in your child missing approximately 50 hours of teaching per year?

We understand that everyone can on occasion run late. However, regular lateness can have a serious impact on children's learning and wellbeing, and we greatly encourage everyone to try their best to be at school on time for the bell ringing at 9:00am to ensure your child can make the most of their education.

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

School Improvement

- During the inservice day, all staff participated in 'Emotion Coaching' training at Cathkin PS.
- Miss Simpson and Mrs Munro have met with all teaching and nursery staff to discuss Forward Plans for term 3 as well as the progress, attainment, achievement and any additional supports required for all children.
- Mrs Munro attended the 'ICT Coordinator's Meeting' on 6.5.25 to keep abreast of the latest digital developments within SLC.
- Mrs McKee attended the final 'Supporting Mathematical Development' training session to enhance our Numeracy provision within the nursery.
- Following the initial year of our reviewed 'Promoting Positive Relationships Policy', staff are currently reviewing it's strengths and development needs. Our Pupil Council also participated in a review task, highlighting what they like and what they would like added.

- Miss Simpson attended the Cathkin Learning Community Meeting on 13.5.25, working collegiately with colleagues to review our priorities and next steps.
- Miss Simpson met with Mairead Maxwell (Early Years Locality Manager) to discuss the progress of our nursery this session.
- Miss Simpson attended the 'Child Protection Coordinators Meeting' on 29.5.25 to keep abreast of new legislation.

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.

Parents Portal App



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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Health Week



During the w/c 26.5.25 all children from nursery to Primary 7 participated in our annual 'Health Week'. The children participated in a range of activities including:

- Sprint Challenge
- STEM/team building sessions
- Yoga and Dance activities
- OPAL playground games
- 'House' challenges to earn points
- Sports Day events led by Active Schools coaches
- Bikeability activities (P6)
- PE activities
- Visits to the Sunshine Room
- Mindfulness activities
- Outdoor learning activities
- Wellbeing activities

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

'Fun in the Sun' Event



On Friday 30th May 2025, our Enterprise Committee and Outdoor Learning Coordinator planned an amazing 'Fun in the Sun' event where everyone was able to participate in a range of exciting activities. Activities included 'Hook a Duck', 'Splat the Rat', 'Sponge the Teacher', 'Tombola', 'Glitter Tattoos' and lots more! Everyone who attended had lots of fun and due to everyone's kind donations, we raised a fantastic £1800 for our school funds. We would like to thank everyone for their generosity and attendance at the event! We would also like to say a big 'thank you' to Mrs Smith, Miss Simpson, Mrs Campbell, Mrs Roy, Mrs Munro and all of the staff who very kindly organised and ran this fantastic event!

Nursery Update



May has been a fun and busy month at our nursery. The children have been enjoying stories, songs and role play activities to help our children moving to school to prepare for their transition. The children have already had visits to their new primary schools and they have really enjoyed these visits!

This month, we have prepared a 'The Colour Monster Goes to School' home-school link bookbag and all of our pre-schoolers will have the opportunity to take this home with them for a few days. We hope you will find this resource useful in sparking conversations, encouraging your child to share their feelings about starting school and support them through this next big step in their learning journey.

For those not going to school yet, we are continuing to issue our 'SIMOA the Elephant' home-school link bag to encourage the children to risk assess and think about their own safety. We will also be issuing our 'Book of the Month', "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" which has been very popular in our nursery! Please let us know what you think about the various home-link resources by either filling in the feedback forms provided and encouraging your child to draw a picture or by emailing a photograph to gw14lochpsoffice@glow.sch.uk. We kindly ask that you return the bags after your allocated time so that the bags can be issued to the next child in the group.

We are now busy rehearsing for the summer concert on Friday 13th June and our graduation which will take place on Wednesday 18th June. The 'Tiny Talking Team' discussed what songs have been their favourites throughout the year and all of the children then held a vote to decide on their favourite songs and dances to include in our performances.

The children have all been enjoying the lovely weather and we have been making the most of our outdoor learning area, planting seeds in the garden, and these are now beginning to sprout. We will be learning how to take care of them over the next few weeks and hopefully our seedlings will grow into beautiful strong plants.

With the weather changing daily and with hopefully more sun, we kindly ask you to apply sun cream to your child prior to arrival to nursery and to provide your child with sun cream that staff can reapply throughout the day. Each child should have their own sun cream, and these will be stored in their individual peg bags or the suncream basket in the cloakroom. As the children are outdoors each day, it is important to ensure they remain safe in the sun!

We also kindly ask that you provide a change of clothes for your child if possible, in case of emergency, and that any borrowed items are returned to the nursery as soon as possible. Donations of clothes that your child has outgrown would be greatly appreciated for our pre-loved rail which is available in the cloakroom to encourage recycling and sustainability.

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 1 and Primary 5 continue to enjoy participating in their Active Schools Multi-Sports After School Clubs.
- Primary 7 enjoyed their class trip to Wagamamas on 6.5.25.
- Primary 1 transition for August 2025 is underway for the new session:
*Loch PS Nursery Class and Springlaw Nursery have been to visit Loch PS for a playground visit and a short assembly with Miss Simpson. Our Primary 5 buddies have been on hand to support them!
*All new children due to start Primary 1 in August had their first visit to their new class on 21.5.25.
- Dress Down Day took place on 9.5.25 - a big 'thank you' to everyone for their very generous donations for the tombola stall at the 'Fun in the Sun' event.
- Primary 7 enjoyed a visit from Cathkin High School (CHS) staff for a Spanish lesson on 13.5.25.
- Primary 3/4 enjoyed their class visit to the Sealife Centre on 14.5.25.
- Mrs Burns has started Bikeability sessions with our Primary 6 children.
- Our 'Friends of Loch' meeting took place on 19.5.25.
- Primary 2/3 enjoyed their class visit to Dynamic Earth on 28.5.25.
- Miss Simpson attended the S1 awards ceremony at CHS and was very proud to hear about the achievements of our former pupils.
- All of our classes enjoy participating in our weekly assemblies. This month our focus has included input from our Chaplaincy Team, Committee feedback and celebrating our weekly achievements.
- Our Award Winners continue to enjoy their Hot Chocolate Fridays with Miss Simpson.

GOOD NEWS!



The Head Teacher Awards this month were presented to:

- Primary 5 for being excellent Buddies to our pre-school children.
- Brody Greig, P5, for being very kind and caring towards younger children.
- Maisie Pimlott, P5, for being very kind and supportive of other pupils.

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

- Steven Callistrat; Lacey Crichton; Harry Devlin; and Jorgie Jamieson, all P4, for exceptional behaviour at the Tennis Tournament.
- Hollie Redmond, P5, for offering to pick up litter in the playground.
- Blake McMillan, P6, and Kendrick Pessu, P7, for being excellent helpers at the Sports Day and House Day.

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:

- Jack McFarlane, P6, for winning 1st place group performance in Drama.
- Katy McFarlane, P3, for winning 3rd place in her duos and 1st place in her group Drama competition.
- Emily Bell, P6, for placing 5th in her Hip Hop Dance competition.
- Cydeny Codona, P1; Phoenix Calder, P2; and Crystal Codona, P3, for earning their next level belts at Karate.

Diary Dates



- Cathkin High School 2-day visit will take place on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th June.
- Our next Primary 1 transition visit will be on Wednesday 11th June at 9:30am.
- Stonelaw High School 2-day visit will take place on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th June.
- Our whole school Summer Concert will be on Friday 13th June at 9:30am and 1:30pm.
- Our Nursery Graduation will take place on Wednesday 18th June at 9:30am.
- Our Primary 7 Graduation will be held on Thursday 19th June at 1:30pm.
- The school will close for the summer holidays on Wednesday 25th June 2024 at 1:00pm.

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