



Staffing/Good News



Mrs Graham has now started her maternity leave and we are delighted to share that she has had a beautiful baby boy! Both Mum and baby are doing well, and we can't wait to see them soon! Massive congratulations!

Miss Gilliland will now be covering Primary 2/3 on a Tuesday afternoon and all day on a Wednesday and Primary 7 on a Thursday afternoon and all day on a Friday.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Hall to our teaching staff team. She will be working in Primary 4 in the absence of Mrs Kennedy.

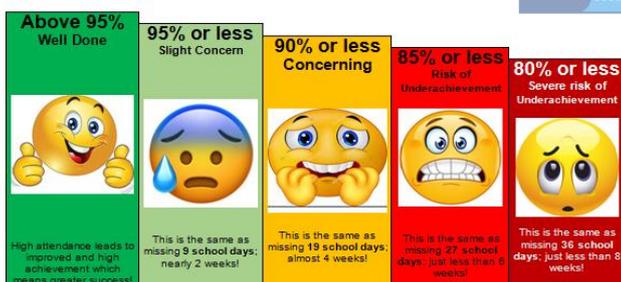
Health and Safety

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.

Attendance and Time-Keeping

Attendance at school remains a key priority 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.

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



Right to an Education (Article 28)

What parents/carers can do to support your child's school attendance?

- Promote good habits at home to encourage good attendance.
- Work in partnership with the school to support your child's attendance.
- Be on time for school, even missing 10 minutes every day adds up and can negatively impact learning.
- Always let the school know before 9.30am if your child won't be in and what the reason for the absence is.
- If you are worried about your child's attendance at school or the school have contacted you to raise awareness of attendance concerns, contact the school immediately to discuss supports available.

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.

Uniform Donations



Our supply of spare clothing is running very low. If your child comes home with a change of clothes due to an accident or getting wet/muddy, we kindly ask you to wash and return the clothes to school as soon as possible to allow us to continue to be able to provide this support. We also kindly ask for donations of any school uniform items such as polo shirts, jumpers, shirts, cardigans, trousers, leggings, skirts and pinafores that your child may have grown out of that are in good condition for our school uniform supplies. Many thanks for your support with this.

School Improvement

- Miss Simpson attended Child Protection training to keep up-to-date with new procedures.
- Tracey McDermott (SLC Head of Area) visited our school to meet the staff and children and see the good practice taking place.
- All Class Teachers participated in peer observations of writing lessons to share good practice and ensure continuity and progression across all stages.
- Miss Simpson attended the Cathkin Learning Community Meeting, working with colleagues from across the schools to share good practice and keep abreast of all new SLC initiatives.
- Mrs Munro attended 'Leading Curriculum Change' training to support our work in this area.
- Miss Simpson and Mrs Munro met with all Primary 2/3 and Primary 5 children to participate in Learner Conversations, looking at their work and hearing all about the great learning taking place in these classes!

Parents Portal App

If you have not already done so, please ensure you download the Parents Portal app. You will be able to receive information, respond to permission slips and book Parents' Evening appointments using this app.



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World Book Day

World Book Day took place on 5.3.26 with all children enjoying a range of activities to celebrate this special event and to promote reading for enjoyment and relaxation.

Activities included:

- * Dressing in pyjamas.
- * Dedicated reading time to promote reading for enjoyment.
- * Book swaps between classes.
- * Library visits.
- * Creating book reviews/designs.
- * A special themed 'World Book Day' lunch menu.
- * A parent/carer 'Bookbug' session in the nursery.

All children received a book token to use in a range of participating shops.

This was a fantastic day, greatly enjoyed by all! A big 'thank you' to Mrs Barrett, our Literacy Coordinator, for organising this fun event!

Red Nose Day Celebration



The Charity Committee are asked to decide which charities we will support throughout the year. Each year we endeavour to support a local, global and national charity. This year's Charity Committee of Primary 3/4 and Primary 4 decided that this term they would like to support 'Comic Relief'. On 20.3.26 we dressed in red clothing, enjoyed some fantastic joke telling performances at assembly and took part in a sponsored Red Nose Day 'dance-a-thon' disco! A big 'thank you' to everyone who donated. A fantastic £1229.22 was raised for Comic Relief.

THANK YOU
for supporting Red Nose Day

Nursery Update



March has been lots of fun in our nursery and the children have been really enjoying lots of outdoor play in all weathers where we have been noticing all the plants beginning to grow in the garden! Over the next few weeks, the surface of the outdoor play area is being replaced and we won't have access to our outdoor area. The children will still be taking part in outdoor play each day as we will have access to the school grounds and the MUGA pitch and staff have planned lots of neighbourhood walks and trips to the library and local play areas! We look forward to having our outdoor area revamped!

March's 'Rhyme of the Month' has been 'Fill a Bucket'. We have been carrying out lots of activities within the nursery to encourage the children to think about helping each other and being kind. If your child is given a 'Bucket Filling' sticker, please ask them what they have done to receive it, as this will reinforce their positive behaviour and work!

Our 'Book of the Month' has been "We're Going on a Bear Hunt"! The children have really enjoyed participating in role play activities and retelling the story in their own words. Please let us know what you think about the bookbag/rhyme by either filling in the feedback form or by emailing us a photograph. We kindly ask you to return the bookbag after your allocated time to allow us to issue the bag to the next child.

Each month the 'Tiny Talking Team' meet to discuss what is happening within our nursery and share feedback and ideas of what they would like to develop or do. This month the children have been organising our Easter celebrations. Our Easter Party will take place on Thursday 2nd April. Keep an eye on our noticeboard to find out what we decide to do for our celebrations!

This term's 'Forest Adventures' group is well underway with the children having lots of fun during these sessions! The children have chosen to focus on the "Stickman" story and den building. Parents/carers of the children currently taking part were invited to come along to the final group session on 30.3.26. Thank you to everyone who attended!

Parental Engagement Week took place w/c 9.3.26. During this week parents/carers were invited into the nursery to participate in a 'Stay and Play' session as well as a 'Bookbug' session and a 'Nursery Natter' session. We even enjoyed a visit from the bear for our very own bear hunt! Thank you to all of the parents/carers who attended!

The children continue to have access to the outdoors and water play each day. To support us with this, we kindly ask you to provide a change of clothes and indoor shoes (if possible). We are hopeful that we will see more sunny weather in the coming weeks. If it is sunny we ask you to apply sun cream to your child prior to their arrival at nursery. We also ask that you provide sun cream for your child that staff can reapply throughout the day to ensure their safety in the sun.

Our nursery will close for the Spring break on Thursday 2nd April at 2.30pm and will reopen on Monday 20th April. We hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing break!

GOOD NEWS!



The Head Teacher Awards this month were presented to:

- The Bridgeton Burns Club Prizegiving Attendees for representing Loch PS very well!
- Lucy Potts, P7, for always demonstrating a positive, hardworking attitude.
- Lucas Arnold, P7, for displaying a mature and responsible attitude.
- Ruaridh Barton; Daisy Cartwright; Kaiden O'Raw; and Mounia Salhi, all P6, for representing Loch PS at the SLC Euroquiz.

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

- Freya McDougall, P5, for always being a kind friend.
- Amber Smith, P1, for having a positive attitude and encouraging her friends to do their best.
- Callum McConnell, P7, for showing exceptional kindness.
- Alexis Orr, P4, for being an incredibly kind friend.

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:

- Harper Taylor, P3, for being 'Student of the Week' at Karate.
- Alex Knop, P3, for getting a medal for scoring a goal at football.
- Niamh Lithgow, P4, for being 'Star of the Week' at her Drama club.
- William Devlin, P3, for placing 3rd and 5th at his Dance competition.
- Cydney Codona, P3, for being 'Student of the Week' at Drama and winning a medal at Gymnastics.
- Reuben Pimlott, P2, for winning a trophy at football.
- Reece McLaren, P3, for winning medals at his football tournaments.

There's Lots Going On At Loch!



- The Bridgeton Burns Club Prizegiving took place on 27.2.26 with our winning pupils attending to receive their prizes.
- Primary 6 children and their parents/carers attended a residential information session for their P7 trip in January 2027.
- Primary 6 are continuing to successfully lead some fantastic lunchtime 'Side Kicks' sports clubs with P2/3 and P3/4!
- Primary 4 and Primary 5 are continuing to enjoy weekly Dance sessions led by Cathkin High School Dance Leaders.
- Primary 2 and 3 have completed their 'Multi-Sports' after school club with the Active Schools team.
- Primary 5-7 children are enjoying their weekly Dance after school club in preparation for the SLC Dance Festival.
- Campus Cops visited Primary 7 to discuss the role they play within Cathkin High School.
- Childsmile visits took place in our nursery on 6.3.26.
- Mrs Smith attended the Rutherglen 900 meeting to hear about the next projects we will be participating in including a litter pick and planting activities.
- Primary 5, 6 and 7 participated in fantastic Smart STEMs 'Agri-Tech in Action' workshops on 11.3.26.
- Committee Time took place in all classes w/c 18.3.26.
- Our Nursery Parents' Evenings took place w/c 23.3.26.
- Representatives from Primary 5, 6 and 7 attended the SLC Conference of Schools Sustainability Event at Hamilton Palace Grounds on 25.3.26.
- Our School Parents' Evening took place on 26.3.26.
- Primary 7 participated in the Reachout Trust 'Easter Code' workshop at St. Anthony's PS on 26.3.26.
- Representatives from Primary 6 attended the 'Euroquiz' competition on 26.3.26.
- All of our classes have continued to enjoy participating in our weekly assemblies. This month our focus has included input from the Reachout Trust team about 'Easter', updates from our committees, and celebrating our weekly achievements.

Diary Dates



- Our Primary 3/4 and Primary 4 Parents' Evenings as well as our Primary 3/4 class showcase will be rearranged to after the Spring break. Keep an eye out for further communication.
- **The school will close at 2:30pm on Thursday 2nd April 2026 for the Spring break. This will be a dress down day with the theme being 'comfy clothes' for Health Week.** The school will reopen on Monday 20th April 2026.
- The school will be closed on Monday 4th May 2026 for the May day holiday.
- The school will be closed to all children on Thursday 7th May 2026 for an Inservice day.
- The school will close for the May weekend on Friday 22nd and Monday 25th May 2026.
- The Scottish Government has now formally approved South Lanarkshire Council's request for an exceptional school closure on Monday 15th June 2026, in recognition of the Scotland men's national football team's success in the World Cup and the additional public holiday previously agreed by the Council. This means that all SLC schools including Loch Primary School and Nursery Class will be closed on this day.
- The school will close for the summer holidays on Thursday 25th June 2026 at 1:00pm.

PLEASE NOTE - on return from the Easter holidays, the school meal price for Primary 6 and 7 pupils will increase to £2.71. The price of milk will remain the same at 30p.

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Facebook Group



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