

Lochdonhead Primary School Newsletter

Winter Term 2022

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DEAR PARENTS

ABSENCE AND ILLNESS

Welcome to our winter term at Lochdonhead Primary School. I hope you enjoyed your October break. We have a very busy and exciting term ahead.

This newsletter gives just a taste of what our school has been up to, for much more information please visit our blog on

<https://lochdonprimaryschool.wordpress.com>

Do not hesitate to contact the school if you want to chat over any areas of concern. Also be assured that no matter which school I am in, I can be contacted at any time.

My mobile number is 079029 44626/07786685227.



Susie Carmichael,
Head Teacher

Individuals should not attend school if they feel unwell.

If your child is absent from school it is important that the office is contacted on the morning of absence before 9:15am if possible. This procedure is in place for the safety and security of pupils. You will receive a telephone call or text message if no call is received. Please inform the school office as soon as possible if your mobile telephone number changes. Thank you.

COVID-19

Symptoms of COVID-19 can include: a high temperature or shivering (chills); a new, continuous cough; a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste; shortness of breath; feeling tired or exhausted; an aching body; a headache; a sore throat; a blocked or runny nose; loss of appetite; diarrhoea; feeling sick or being sick.

The symptoms are very similar to symptoms of other illnesses, such as colds and flu.

What to do if your child has symptoms

Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and they either:
have a high temperature

do not feel well enough to go to school, or do their normal activities
They can go back to school when they feel better or do not have a high temperature.

If your child has mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or mild cough, and they feel well enough, they can go to school.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

All pupils from P1-P5 are eligible for free school meals.

Helen Ramage our Catering Manager will provide a lunch menu for 4 weeks. If you would like to order a school lunch please contact Danielle Grimley at the office. We request that any payment is made online.

LAST TERM

DANDELION CELEBRATION

The children harvested our potatoes so that they could be used by Ms Helen to make lunch on Thursday 8th September. The potatoes were also used by the pupils for various maths activities i.e. counting and size order.



We filled 3 plant pots full

TOBERMORY FLOWER SHOW

We were delighted with the pupil's enthusiasm and confidence when contributing towards the Tobermory flower show and the results of their creativity. Effectively contributing to a community event helps their role as local citizens and establishes a sense of belonging, which contributes to their health and wellbeing.

The pupils work looked bright and colourful on the walls and on the tables and were gratefully received. Lochdonhead pupils were successful in their achievements.

Hannah P4 received a first and a best overall in the children's exhibition with a beautiful creation of a miniature garden, which she made at home and took along herself. She won a Tackle and Books voucher and a shiny silver cup!

Autumn won the competition for the best crown made out of flowers and fruit which they scavenged for in the school grounds, with Miss Jarvis on Friday. Isla was second and Hannah was third. All pupils should be proud of their efforts.

In the Jubilee art themed competition all our P1 pupils were placed. Skyla received a book voucher as a prize for coming first. Laila was second and Autumn was third. Isla was second in her age category and Mya was second. Tyler received a third. Well done to all!

An additional thank you for Hannah and Isla for bringing in something they had grown for the show.



CHURCH VISIT AND LOCAL MOD

On Friday 9th September we went to Tobermory to visit Tobermory Church as part of our 'Places of Worship' in RME. In the afternoon we performed with pupils from other island schools on the beach at the Local Mod.



BLYTHSWOOD SHOEBOX APPEAL

Thank you so much to the pupils, their families and the staff- 9 boxes donated to The Blythswood Shoebox Appeal from Lochdonhead Primary School. These gift boxes are greatly appreciated by all recipients.



FOOD TECHNOLOGY

We have been making delicious food with Ms Charlier in Food Technology. We gathered our own fruits and made a gorgeous pear and apple crumble - yummy!



RALLY VISIT

On 6th October we were delighted to welcome Neil McHaffie and Cameron MacLean who came to visit the school with Cameron's rally car. They also very kindly gave us all a lovely hoodie to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Mull Rally.



THIS TERM

ARMISTICE DAY

We will be joining in the 2 minute silence on Friday 11th November to remember those who have lost their lives in wars. Poppies will be available from the school with all donations to Poppy Scotland.

CHILDREN IN NEED

The children would like to celebrate Children In Need Day on Friday 18th November. The children are having a 'Come dressed how you like' day. They are also welcome to bring a donation. We will be participating in mood boosting activities on the day.



THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY CAFE

We will be having a Thanksgiving Community Café at the school on Thursday 24th November. We look forward to seeing you there.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER & CHRISTMAS LUNCH DAY

We always enjoy Christmas Jumper Day. This year it is on Thursday 8th December. We are also hoping to offer the children a cooked Christmas lunch on that day. I will send more information home nearer the time.

CHRISTMAS SHOW AND PARTY

We are planning to enjoy our Christmas show in the Craignure Hall in the evening of Tuesday 20th December. Further details will follow.

The Christmas Party will be at school in the afternoon of 21st December, hopefully Santa will be able to pay us a visit 😊

REPORTING

We will be continuing with 'Seesaw' as a reporting tool. If you need any assistance with this please let us know.

We will send out an interim report in December followed by parental consultations. We will then send out a full written report followed by parental consultations in May.

WORKING WITH PARENTS

As you know we are very keen indeed to involve you in any way we can in the working life of the school. If you would like to volunteer to run any lunchtime or after-school clubs we would love to hear from you.

For more information about our learning, and many more photos, please visit our blog on

<https://lochdonprimaryschool.wordpress.com>

PARENT COUNCIL

Our office bearers are:

Chair - Elissa Fenwick

Secretary - Alison Holland

Social Media Secretary - Elissa Fenwick

Treasurer - Danielle Grimley

Thank you all for your continued support to the school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

24.10.22 - Schools open

31.10.22 - Hallowe'en Party

11.11.22 - Armistice Day

18.11.22 - Children in Need

24.11.22 - Thanksgiving Community Cafe

25.11.22 - Schools close

28.11.22 - In-service

29.11.22 - Schools open

8.12.22 - Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas lunch

8.12.22 - Parental consultations

20.12.22 - Christmas Show

21.12.22 - Christmas Party

22.12.22 - Schools close

9.1.23 - Schools open