

Lochdonhead Primary School Newsletter

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DEAR PARENTS

ABSENCE AND ILLNESS

LAST TERM

BASKETBALL

Happy New Year to you all!

I hope you had a lovely relaxing time over the festive period and, like me, are raring to get started into the new term.

We have had a very busy Christmas term as you can see from some of the events shown.

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.

For point of reference, the telephone number for Lochdonhead Primary School is 01680 812473, Ulva Primary School is - 01688 500 246 and my mobile number is 079029 44626/07786685227.



Susie Carmichael,
Head Teacher

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.

ONLINE PAYMENTS FOR LUNCH

This is just a gentle reminder to highlight the online system for paying for lunches. We will have to be very rigid about issuing reminders as we do not have any facility to provide credit. Please pay for your child's lunch on a Monday morning for the week ahead.

90KG RICE CHALLENGE

We have some 1kg bags of rice that are on special offer, Buy One Get One Free. Pick up a bargain - 2 bags for £3 while stocks last!



In PE, the pupils of Lochdonhead and Ulva have been working together on their basketball skills.

"I learned how to dribble the ball and I learnt how to dodge people and how to work as a team." - Callum

"I learned new movements and teamwork." - Nouille

CHILDREN IN NEED

To raise money for Children in Need, we enjoyed a dress down day.



HALLOWE'EN PARTY

"I dressed up as a cat. We made cupcakes at home for the party and we played games." - Sara

"I was dressed up as Spiderman. We danced and when the music stopped we had to stand still - it was really fun!" - Joseph

STAFFING

We are delighted to welcome Sarah Dickinson as our Clerical & Classroom Assistant to Lochdonhead Primary.

HEDGEHOG HOUSE BUILDING

Jan Dunlop came to the school to help us build hedgehog houses. We wanted to make these to provide a safe place for the hedgehogs to hibernate in over the winter.

We used our technical skills to screw the house together and then we found a good spot in the school garden for it.



"I drilled holes to make a hedgehog house and we got lots of leaves and put them inside." - Nouille

After Jan's visit we created our own hedgehogs and their habitats that included all the elements that a hedgehog needs to survive.



P5 & 6 DIGITAL LEADERS WORKSHOP

Pupils from Primary 5 and Primary 6 met with the cluster pupils at Salen Primary School for a Digital Leaders workshop. The children learned about we-do, co-do coding and using stop motion to make a movie.



THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY CAFE

The community cafes are a wonderful way of establishing ourselves into the heart of this wonderful community as well as providing the school with much needed school funds. We had a very exciting 'Thanksgiving' themed community Café on Thursday 22nd November.

"I was welcoming the visitors to the café." - Joseph

"I served tea and coffee and I made chocolate crispy cakes. Helen Dewar made and donated delicious cakes." - Callum

"We made cakes and Nouille and I iced them. Helen and I made pumpkin pie which was really good. I also made 2 turkeys for displaying around the school and we sold lots of Christmas crafts." - Sara

"I am thankful for joining the school." - Leo

We thank you all for your continued support with these.



PANTOMIME TRIP

Pupils from Primary 5 - Primary 7 joined pupils from Ulva, Tobermory and Dervaig for the Pantomime Trip to Glasgow on 6th and 7th December.

They did amazingly with the extended stay due to cancelled ferries, and all the children on the trip received compliments from the public on their behaviour! Well done children!

"We stayed in the hostel. I was in a room with Issy and Kate. I loved the panto because it was funny and we had a good view." - Sara



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Friday 14th December was Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. We wore our funniest and glitziest jumpers to school to raise money for Save the Children.



CHRISTMAS SHOW & PERFORMING AT AN ROTH

What a brilliant Christmas Show on the evening of Tuesday 11th December in the Craignure Hall. The children performed and sang so beautifully.

"This was my first nativity play and we made all the main characters with cardboard. I played keyboard and violin." - Sara

"I played keyboard and I was a bit nervous." - Nouille

Earlier on that day the pupils from both schools were warmly welcomed by Musical Minds at An Roth.

"I played the violin. I enjoyed it and I think the audience enjoyed it too."

- Leo

The pupils performed so confidently - well done to you all!



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Thursday 13th December, both schools got together for a delicious Christmas Lunch prepared by Miss Helen!



CHURCH SERVICE

Thank you so much to Cathy MacLean for delivering a wonderful Christmas Nativity Church Service to both schools on the last day of term.



"I made a Christingle. I put a candle into an orange to represent the world." - Sara

THE TERM AHEAD

MARY POPPINS RETURNS

On Friday 18th January, we are very excited to be attending a special screening of Mary Poppins Returns at the Screen Machine in Tobermory.



BURNS PARTY

On Friday 25th January, the pupils will be going to Ulva Primary to have a joint school party to celebrate the life and times of Robert Burns. They will be offered Haggis to try if they wish and will be having a wee ceilidh where they will enjoy some Scottish dancing.



DD MIX

We are delighted to be offering the children joint school DDMIX (Diverse Dance Mix) sessions in Salen Church this term. We are sure they will enjoy this dance fitness programme.

"Movement to music makes children come alive and changes the way they feel. With the DDMIX program, kids get an exciting and diverse learning experience that is physical, aerobic and high time on task.

These benefits should be enjoyed by every child. Dance fitness can stimulate the child's interest in sport, in the arts and give them the confidence to explore their own creativity in other fields."

Dame Darcey Bussell DBE
Creator of DDMIX

DDMIX
DIVERSE DANCE MIX

Arabic	Line Dance	Chinese
1960s	Hand Jive	1970s
Tango	Japanese	Greek
1980s	Flamenco	1990s
Salsa	Charleston	Waltz
African	Miami Disco	Irish
Samba	Bollywood	Scottish

WWW.DIVERSEDANCEMIX.COM

PE KIT

Can pupils please ensure that they have a PE kit in school. They need a t-shirt, shorts, socks and trainers/gym shoes, all named. If your child has long hair, can they please have a band to tie it back. We would appreciate it if pupils could keep jewellery to a minimum on a PE day.

SWIMMING

We will be starting our next 6 week block of swimming on 4th March. Please see diary dates below for swimming dates.

PARENT COUNCIL

Elissa Fenwick is the Parent Council Chair and Secretary. The next parent Council meeting for this term will be organised soon.

unable or have difficulties in accessing the internet and wish to receive updates in paper or email format please let us know.

The blog address is <https://lochdonprimaryschool.wordpress.com/>

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 come in to share any skill, assist in any project, wish to help in class in any way, please let us know. We would really welcome your help.

REPORTING

We will continue to be using the Evidence for Learning App to allow you to follow your child's progress through their online learning journal. If you need help with accessing this please let me know.

We will send out a full written report in May.

SCHOOL BLOG

We are really pleased with the feedback we are getting from you about our school blog. We would really love if all our parents could "follow" us as you will then automatically receive notifications when new information is added.

We use the blog like an online newsletter and we update it as events, news and activities happen. There are also dedicated information pages where we will post about classroom activities and share the curriculum overviews for each term. We now also have a school Facebook page, there is a link to this on our blog page.

If you have any questions or suggestions about the information that is available on the blog, or information that you would like to see, please get in touch. If you are

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

7.1.19 - Schools open
15.1.19 - DDMIX
18.1.19 - 'Mary Poppins Returns' in Tobermory
22.1.19 - DDMIX
25.1.19 - Burns Party at Ulva School
29.1.19 - DDMIX
5.2.19 - DDMIX
8.2.19 - Schools close
11.2.19 - 13.2.19 - In-service
14.2.19 - Schools open
19.2.19 - DDMIX
4.3.19 - Swimming
5.3.19 - DDMIX
11.3.19 - Swimming
15.3.19 - Health Day
15.4.19 - Swimming
29.4.19 - Swimming
13.5.19 - Swimming
14.5.19-17.5.19 - P6/7 Residential
20.5.19 - Swimming
7.6.19 - Sports Day
10.6.19 - 14.6.19 - P7 Induction week
28.6.19 - Schools close
13.8.19-14.8.19 - In-service
15.8.19 - Schools open