

18th September 2020

Lamlash Primary School and Early Years Class

NOTE FROM MRS FOSTER

Hi everyone,

The last six weeks of term have flashed past and it's hard to believe that the October holidays are almost upon us. I have already commented on how impressed I am that the vast majority of our pupils have adapted very well to the routines of school; excellent learning is evident in every classroom, whether that be indoors or outside. Teachers continue to share and discuss this on 'Seesaw'.

If you are following the news you will probably be aware, as I am, that instances of positive Covid cases are rising. I would like to pay tribute to the staff, our janitor and our cleaner for the efforts they are making to ensure our building is clean and safe. I would also like to reassure you that teaching staff have been planning and preparing thoroughly for any contingencies that may arise, though I hope that this will not be necessary.

Today the new House Captains are presenting their pupil leadership ideas to the senior leadership team. I am really looking forward to hearing what they have to say; what a lovely positive way to end the week! I'm sure they will give us lots to think about – we will share their plans in the next newsletter.

Have a lovely and safe weekend,

Mrs Foster

UPDATE FROM MRS DICK

The highlight of my week has most definitely been getting out and about in the primary playground and seeing our pupils running around, using chalk, outdoor learning and making use of the outdoor classrooms spaces. In early years I nearly became involved in a water fight with the hose (thanks Heidi for rescuing the situation) but in truth I was so pleased to see them all out having so much fun and learning about quantities that different types and sizes of containers can hold.

The weekend is coming and I hope you all manage to get out and about at some point to enjoy the weather that we have been promised - nothing better for everyone's health and wellbeing.

Have a good weekend

Mrs Dick

Seesaw

Please can all parents remember to check the Seesaw family app or Seesaw webpage regularly. Teachers are using the messaging feature as a way of communicating with parents and homework is often explained via Seesaw. If anyone has any problems accessing this, please contact the school office.

EARLY YEARS CLASS NEWS

In the Early Years Class we are continuing to enjoy our outdoor learning environment. We have discussed the weather and become daily forecasters. We have developed our gross motor skills, stamina and confidence whilst walking and balancing along the large log, climbing the climbing tree and crawling under the bridge log.

We have also been looking at the life cycle of a bramble. We picked some, tasted them fresh from the bush, then in muffins. We also crushed and mushed them to use for painting and tie dying material.

As the seasons change we shall continue to explore and enjoy our environment.

P1/2 NEWS

Primary 1/2 have spent much of this term learning about emotions through the book 'The Colour Monster.' As part of this we have been creating colour poems this week. The children have been exposed to the new words 'noun' and 'adjective'. If you walk past our classroom during literacy time you may just see us dancing out our actions to help us remember these!

Some of the P2s have worked especially hard and I will share with you a snippet of some of their poems.

Erin:

Red is sweet apple.

Orange is yummy orange.

Purple is juicy grapes.

Jamie:

Blue is cold sea.

Purple is yummy grapes.

Emily:

Orange is bumpy leaves.

Yellow is hot sun.

Green is wet grass.

P6/7 NEWS

P7 House teams are proposing to set up activities after the October holiday. More information to follow.

P6 pupils are taking on the responsibility of the garden area and allocating areas to each class, there will be lots of planting happening over the next few months linked to house activities.

The Way through the Woods (Rudyard Kipling)

HEY shut the road through the woods

Seventy years ago.

Weather and rain have undone it again,

And now you would never know

There was once a road through the woods

Before they planted the trees.

It is underneath the coppice and heath,

And the thin anemones.

Only the keeper sees

That, where the ring-dove broods,

And the badgers roll at ease,

There was once a road through the woods.

Yet, if you enter the woods

Of a summer evening late,

When the night-air cools on the trout-ringed
pools

Where the otter whistles his mate,

(They fear not men in the woods,

Because they see so few.)

You will hear the beat of a horse's feet,

And the swish of a skirt in the dew,

Steadily cantering through

The misty solitudes,

As though they perfectly knew

The old lost road through the woods.

But there is no road through the woods.

Reminder

Now that we are into Autumn, please ensure children wear jackets and footwear suitable for the weather.



Maths Week Scotland runs from 28th September to 4th October 2020, and we at Lamlash Primary school are getting involved!

But just what is it? Maths Week Scotland is a celebration of the importance of maths in our everyday lives. Its aim is to raise the profile of maths and highlight its importance in everyday lives. You can find out more on the website <https://www.mathsweek.scot/> and by following the hashtag #MathsWeekScot on Twitter.

During the week we will be taking part in maths challenges in our classes as well as sending home some 'can do' activities via Seesaw. P6/7 and P4/5 are also registered to take part in the Sumdog contest that runs from 25th September to 1st October.

Let's get involved!

Two free online trainings you may be interested in:

The first, on autism, is 10 modules and is a certificated course. The modules cover what it is to mask, how to get under that mask, adjustments that are made at a school level and the next steps of 'Stop, Start, Continue, Change'

<https://elearning.creativeeducation.co.uk/courses/understand-autistic-masking/#learndash-course-content>



[Understand Autistic Masking - YouCan: Online Professional Development for Teachers](https://elearning.creativeeducation.co.uk/courses/understand-autistic-masking/#learndash-course-content)

Your Trainer – Jodie Smitten. Jodie Smitten is an independent children's well-being practitioner specialising in autism. Jodie has many years of experience in working alongside autistic children and their families, advocating for identification, educational adjustments, changes in parental approaches and positive self-identity

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The second, on wellbeing, is delivered by Parent Network Scotland and is the Wellbeing Toolkit. The course covers the importance of self-care and an understanding of emotional flooding. It will discuss how to form closer relationships in families that are nurturing and healthy and the challenges of managing difficult emotions.

<https://www.parentnetworkscotland.com/wellbeing-toolkit-2020>