

# Lamlash Primary School and Early Years Class

28th August 2020

## NOTE FROM MRS FOSTER

Hi everyone,

The last couple of weeks certainly seem to have flown past! Everyone in the school is adjusting to working to more rigid routines and I continue to be impressed with how our young people are coping with this.

This week the pupils picked School Captains and Vice Captains for Blue, Red and Yellow Houses. Congratulations to Captains Poppy (Blue), Warran (Red) and Kacper (Yellow) and their Vice Captains, Brandon, Louie, Chloe and Shaila. I know that they will be a formidable team and it will be exciting to see their leadership skills develop as the weeks go by. They will lead their Houses in team activities and will support staff with tasks in the school.

The weather is starting to change and we have anticipated this by ordering more waterproof clothing to ensure that our pupils are kept dry when they go out to play at breaks and at lunchtime. I know that the rest of this newsletter will be about the range of activities that they can get involved with when they are in our playground, so I won't say too much more about this.

I hope you all have a safe and happy weekend and look forward to seeing our pupils when they come back on Monday.

## EARLY YEARS CLASS NEWS

All the new recruits have settled well, the children are thoroughly enjoying the outdoor environment and are not fazed by anything the weather throws at them.

Some wonderful learning has been observed during outdoor experiences, using puddles to explore weights and depth, developing their Health & Wellbeing - physical skills, climbing and balancing on logs in the woods; lots of mindfulness activities.

Children have been naturally developing their teambuilding skills, making dens, building obstacle courses, helping and encouraging each other and problem solving.



## School Playground

During lockdown and the summer months a team of volunteers worked on the playground and field area to make it special for the pupils coming back after such a long break.

A team of volunteers led by Duncan built a shelter, structures and outside classrooms on the field area. A massive thank you to Duncan, Vikki, Billy, Nick, Marc, Alistair, Conor, Archie, Jamie, Alessio and Roger for their time and hard work.

This whole task would not have been possible without the amazing businesses on the island who donated materials and gave discounts to make it all happen. Thanks to  
Armitage Groundworks – Rachel and Struan  
Sliddery Supplies - Midge and Willie  
Cladach Sawmill - Gavin & Tracey  
Murchie's Sand & Gravel – Donald and Susan  
John Thomson - Alison and Jenna  
Mackenzie logs – Alastair and Hazel  
Forestry – Scott and Swampy

Alongside the building work a team of volunteers came down to help weed and paint to make the playground bright and colourful. Thanks to Anna who painted a lot of the brick wall, Aldona who weeded most of the planting beds, Rachel Bourne who organised and sourced materials from local people, Rachel's dad Roger Nicholls for digging out the sensory walk and stripping all of the palettes, Suzie, Crawford, Fiona and Robert for painting the shelter and the Parent Council supplied the line marker paints so we could paint lots of games and activities onto the playground, and Caroline McArdle who was involved in the initial planning stages.

Thanks to Shiona McGarrigle, Hazel Gardner, Sharlene Little, Helen Hird, Lucy Marriott for giving up time to come and help paint and lastly a thanks to Orca Crafts who donated all paints and gravel, Big D's Kildonan who donated 3 of the coloured sails. Emily Bourne's grandparents who made a donation to purchase more coloured sails. Alan Coutts who donated bricks for sensory walk, Lorraine and Alistair who donated the tractor tyre and Kev Fearon who donated palettes.

A real team effort by the community to make this happen. Thank you to everybody who helped.

Still some parts to finish off, more seating is being made, the playground is to be finished off on dry days and interactive areas such as music wall, bug and digger area, sand pit, pirate ship, kitchen, mud kitchen and workbench when we are allowed these.





### P7 House Captains & Vice Captains

Hi my name is Kacper I am Captain of the yellow house. I would like to develop sporting opportunities where each house can compete against each other.

Hi my name is Shaila I am Vice Captain of the yellow house. I would like to support Kacper in developing sporting opportunities.

Hi my name is Warran I am Captain of the red house. I would like to develop STEM activities for all pupils and I would like to develop a high level of sport participation in our house.

Hello I am Chloe, Vice Captain of the red house. I would like to lead on STEM activities for pupils in our house.

My name is Poppy, I am Captain of the blue house. I would like to set up more creative activities and opportunities for blue house.

Hi I am Brandon, Vice Captain of the blue house. I would like to develop a range of sports teams in the blue house alongside Louie.

Hi my name is Louie and I am Vice Captain of the blue house. Alongside Brandon I would like to develop sporting opportunities across the blue house and organise tournaments between the 3 houses.



### Clarsach Tuition

Reminder to parents of P5-7 children. If your child is interested in taking part in Clarsach tuition, please email the school.

### Flu vaccine

The Flu vaccine will be available for all school children later in the year. Consent letters are being sent home today. For further information please see the NHS website [www.nhsinform.scot/childflu](http://www.nhsinform.scot/childflu)

## **Coast Centre Re-naming Research**

COAST are thinking about changing the name of the Octopus Centre and are looking for your opinion. Please see the attached letter and access the survey via the link  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6WHDCVR>

Your answers will remain completely anonymous, no personal or identifiable details will be collected and your IP address will not be recorded. The survey will close on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Social Media**

A reminder to all that photos that are put on the school's Seesaw, Twitter and Facebook should not be downloaded and then shared again on social media if any other children, beyond your own, are in that picture. Though parents may give the school permission to use their child's picture, that permission does not extend to others also doing so. As you will know from the GDPR forms we seek specific consent for each and every organisation that may want to use your child's photo and this is to protect all children. If you re-post that breaks the protections that we have put in place.

### **School Photographer**

The School Photographer will be with us on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September to take individual, family and class photos.

### **Data Forms**

These should be returned to the school office by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Covid Guidance**

Attached to this newsletter is guidance on Covid 19 in English and Polish language for households with possible coronavirus infection.