

Lamlash Primary School and Early Years Class

NOTE FROM MRS FOSTER

Hi everyone,

Happy Hallowe'en! Today was a lovely remedy for the depressing weather and the coming of winter with the clocks going back; the children looked amazing in their various costumes and were engaging in all the activities the P6/7 had arranged for them. The Early Years Class have also had a Hallowe'en Extravaganza which has lasted all week. The little Wizards and Witches have been busy making bats and ghost pictures with their feet. The Arran High School Science Technician Mrs Toogood amazed them all with her weird experiments to make elephant toothpaste. It all sounds like our version of Hogwarts!

I am delighted to say that our new janitor, Mr George Inglis, has now started in his permanent position in Lamlash Primary School. He has had an amazing start and is already an integral part of our team. Also this week, Mrs Pamela Gaw was the preferred candidate for the post of Nurture Teacher in Arran High School and Lamlash Primary School. Mrs Gaw has already worked as a supply teacher in the school and we are looking forward to our Nurture programme restarting.

On Monday the new Tier 3 restrictions come into effect. I am glad to say that these will not change our existing procedures in primary greatly, however I would request that parents stay at the perimeters of our playground when dropping off and collecting children as we must continue to ensure the health and safety of our school community.

Next Thursday is National Outdoor Classroom Day. My fingers are crossed for good weather!

Have a lovely and safe weekend.

Mrs Foster

30th October 2020

UPDATE FROM MRS BUNTING

Today saw Lamlash Primary hosting a very alternative Hallowe'en celebration. COVID-19 has meant that the usual party has been unable to take place. I would like to take this opportunity to commend our P6 & 7 pupils for all their hard work in pulling together Hallowe'en themed games and activities and I particularly enjoyed the 'Thriller' flash mob! Well done to all involved.

This year has seen our P6/7 pupils take on a very active role within the school. They have been instrumental in relaunching the house system and in devising activities and challenges. I am really looking forward to seeing what they come up with next!

Please could I remind parents to send children to school suitably clothed for the weather? Even though on extremely wet days pupils will have access to indoor play during the interval/lunch break they are still eating their lunch in the High School and are crossing the playground to get to the canteen.

Many thanks,

Mrs Bunting



Personalised Christmas Cards

Once again this year we are giving parents/carers the opportunity to buy personalised Christmas items. We have given children the picture template and an order form to take home.

If you would like to place an order, please send in the completed picture and order form by Friday 5th Nov. The order should be paid for on ParentPay in the item 'Christmas Cards', also by 5th Nov.

Please contact the school office if you would like another copy of the template or order form.

BACK TO SCHOOL BLEATHER

The Back to School Blether is an opportunity for children and young people aged 8-17, from across Scotland, to join Education Scotland, @GayleGgorman and @stephenheppell to share their experiences since returning to school buildings

<https://professionallearning.education.gov.scot/learn/events/2020/october/back-to-school-blether/>

#SheCanSheWill

Today sees the end of Girls in Sport week and we have been delighted to take part in a number of activities supporting the whole school to be active. The flash mob today was a definite highlight!

POSITIVE PLAY

At wet break/lunchtime we will be continuing to promote positive play and from Monday there will be three options of activities at wet break. These options are following feedback from the pupils on what they would like to do. In the hall there will be a colouring/art station and a DVD station. In the primary one open area there will be a reading area.

When pupils go outside we have invested in lots of wellies so if they are coming to school and it is wet and they want to go on the grass we can lend them wellies if they don't have their own (all fully sanitised and isolated).

We are continuing to remind the children that wrestling and frightening games are not permitted in school and ask you to reinforce that message at home. Any child hurting another will have a 5 minute time out in the playground with the playground supervisor to reflect and give some space and a time to calm down before resuming play again.

SCHOOL MEALS

In addition to our current menu, fresh fish and chips will be available every Friday.

HAND SANITISER

A reminder that we use a lot of hand sanitiser and water/soap in the school and that the government advice is to use hand cream at home to help skin stay healthy.

EARLY YEARS CLASS NEWS

Some of our EYC children told us what they have been doing this week:

William – “I watched a lady do a spell, she made elephant toothpaste, it was so, so, big”.

Hanna – “I learned about different owls, the tawny owl, barn owl. They eat mice and turn their heads round and round to see. I can write a letter H”.

Oliver – “I learned to use a hole punch. I put holes in things. Inside the pressy bit is a very sharp bit. You press the pressy bit up and down to make the hole”.

Piper – “I was in the woods it was doing lots of rain. I didn’t need an umbrella cos the leaves on the tree save you from the rain”.

Isla – “I made a flying bat. I know that they come out at night and can hear really well”.

Codeigh – “I made slime, I looked at all the ingredients and mixed and mixed to make the slime. It was really sticky”.



NEWS FROM P1/2



Pushing and pulling forces



In Primary 1/2 the children have started a new Science topic this term with Miss Shaw. On Tuesday they explored their classroom to see what they could find to push and pull. The pictures highlight that they found lots! I wonder what examples of pushes or pulls they can find at home?

As part of their literacy work, we have been learning how to write instructions. This week we were writing instructions to make a jam sandwich - which made many of the class hungry and desperate for their lunchtime! I will be challenging the children to make a jam (or other filling choice) sandwich over the weekend and asking them to share the results on Seesaw!

P4/5 this week learning how to play Badminton with Lauren Gilbert, Active Schools Coordinator,



and all dressed up for Hallowe'en!



It's been a very busy week for the P6 and P7 who have been planning Hallowe'en and House activities. For Hallowe'en they planned a flash mob to 'Thriller', and for the House activities they planned a Funky Pumpkin, Dodgeball and Protect the Egg. The final scores will be added to the House totals. A real team effort, well done!



FANTASTIC COSTUMES FROM P1/2 AND P3!



Wicked Witch working on the Web!



As a school we try to be champions in the education world for all things rural, including supporting surveys and research looking at issues that are specific to us. One that we are involved in as a school is with the University of Edinburgh and their Covid life studies i.e. how has the coronavirus pandemic affected people's lives in Scotland. Following a number of discussions, they have realised a Covid Rural Life study to capture the effect it has had on those of us who live rurally. The rationale behind this is that too often our voices can be lost as there are fewer of us that live rurally, in amongst bigger surveys where there are large numbers of urban based participants. I have agreed that as a school we will help put out the link to the rural survey and ask our parents and the community to take the time to respond so if you can, please do so and help us give some weight to the rural voice.

<https://www.ruralcovidlife.scot/>