

Lamlash Primary School and Early Years Class

UPDATE FROM MRS FOSTER

Hi everyone,

It seems as though there is light at the end of the tunnel, with the long anticipated return to school for some of our pupils. We are very much forward seeing our Early Years and Primaries 1 – 3 on Monday. The building has been very empty and far too quiet!

Obviously I would have loved the whole school to come back and I will continue to monitor the progress of Primaries 4 – 7 though See-Saw and in conversation with Miss Macdonald and Mrs Southwick. I am pleased that engagement is, in general, still very good at these stages. Hopefully it won't be too long until we can get back to 'normal'. In the meantime, I would ask you to bear with us; our P4-7 teachers will be sharing Hub duties and it will not be possible for them to supervise the home learning as closely on the days that they are in school. It may take a bit longer to respond, but feedback will be given and I'm sure that they will let you know about this.

Our playground improvement is continuing with very ambitious planting plans from our pupils and the addition of a 'trim trail' in the next few weeks. This is what I used to call 'monkey bars' when I was wee. You probably won't see me going head over heels, but I am looking forward to a shot when I am sure that no one is watching! The equipment is being professionally installed by an accredited company, and as such is a considerable investment for our school. We will add to the trail as budget allows.

All of our staff have been given Covid test kits and will have the option to test themselves twice a week from Monday onwards. I know that this will give everyone in our school peace of mind.

I hope you have a lovely and safe weekend.

Mrs Foster

Date: 19th FEBRUARY

UPDATE FROM MRS BUNTING

Dear all,

I hope you all continue to be safe and well. I am delighted to confirm that all Early Years and Primary 1-3 pupils will be returning to face-to-face learning from Monday. It will be lovely to see them all back in school, as I know that for many of you the last two months of home-schooling whilst working from home has been exceptionally challenging. Thank you for all you have done to support your children during these difficult times.

The emphasis on their return will be about rebuilding relationships – both with peers and with school staff. For children to be ready to learn it is vitally important that these relationships are secure and restored as quickly as possible and for young children this is predominantly through play. Over the last week, Mrs Marriott has been very busy redesigning the P1/2 classroom to take this into account.

Mrs Gaw and Mrs Gregg (Nurture) will be restarting their Nurture Group in the Primary School to help with the transitioning back into school; Mrs Gaw will then be working with the Pre-school children in our EYC developing school-readiness and Mrs Gregg will continue to support pupils in class.

In addition, I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new classroom assistant, Michelle Mcfedries, who will be starting with us full-time from Monday. Michelle brings with her a wealth of experience from her previous employment as a Classroom Assistant in other North Ayrshire primary schools.

At present we have no further information about P4-7 pupils returning to the classroom. Another announcement is due from the First Minister on Tuesday, 2nd March which will hopefully clarify things further.

Meanwhile, I wish you all a relaxing weekend and hopefully the weather will start to improve so that we can take full advantage of our outdoor spaces.

Mrs Bunting

EARLY YEARS CLASS NEWS

It's been another busy week in the EYC listening to stories, making pancakes, looking for faces in the trees, exploring our local environments and sharing our personal achievements.

Mairi, Jacqui and I are feeling very excited about seeing everyone again on Monday. We have been making a few exciting changes to the playroom to enhance our play and learning experiences.

As usual we will be taking part in many outdoor learning activities so please can you ensure your child is dressed for the weather. We will also continue to have a well ventilated playroom so would advise an extra layer on particularly cold days.

Have a lovely weekend and we shall be ready and waiting to welcome you all back to the EYC on Monday.



P1/2 NEWS

Primary 1/2 have spent the last couple of weeks working on the story 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy and by the end of the week they will have hopefully all written their own versions of the story! So far, instead of the moon, Baby Bear has flown to places such as unicorn land, a football field, a forest and even the Empire State building! It's been great to see how the children have been continuing to develop their imagination and writing skills at home and lots of them have been meeting their writing targets! Way to go!

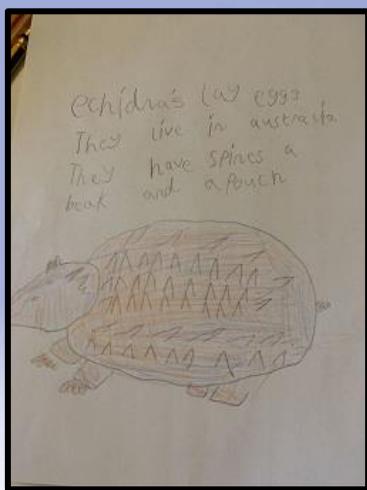
Rainbow challenges have continued to be popular and this week it was all themed around pancakes! We started with the story Mr Wolf's Pancakes, and if you haven't read this before, I do highly recommend it, it's a great story! We've seen some budding chefs cooking their pancakes at home and making me feel very hungry!

We've been scientists at home this week; exploring our topic of water and investigating what dissolves in water. This is something that we will be continuing with in school when we return.

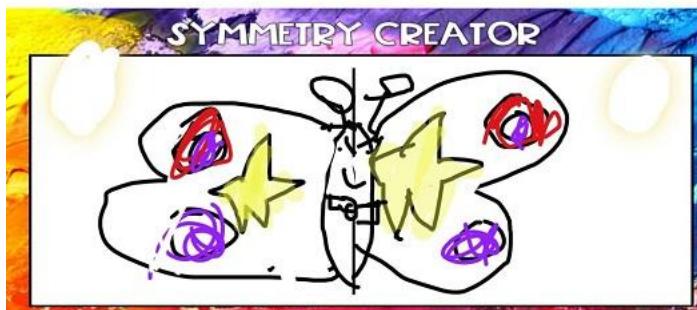
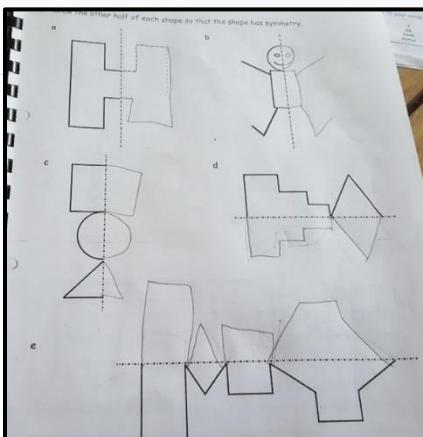
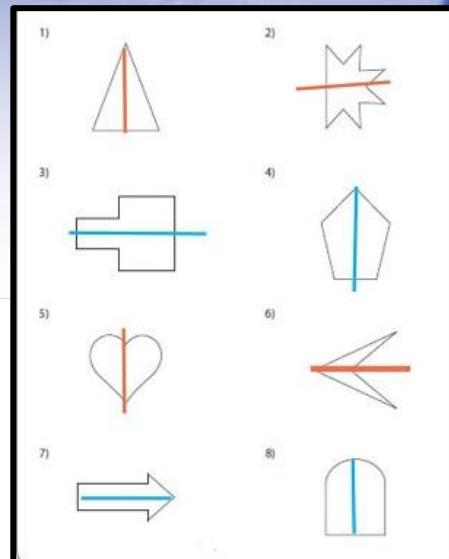
And on that note I would just like to say a huge thank you to all P1/2 pupils and their parents who have helped them access their learning at home. It has been amazing to see the great learning continue but I cannot wait to have you back in class on Monday!



P3 NEWS



Primary 3 have continued learning about animals from Five Sisters Zoo which has included learning about Echidna's and classifying animals. They have also been animal and spring spotting on walks in the village and been learning about symmetry.



Task 1: What kind of vertebrate?

In the video today we discussed some of the different vertebrate groups. Try matching the photographs below with the correct group (these are also listed below). ☺

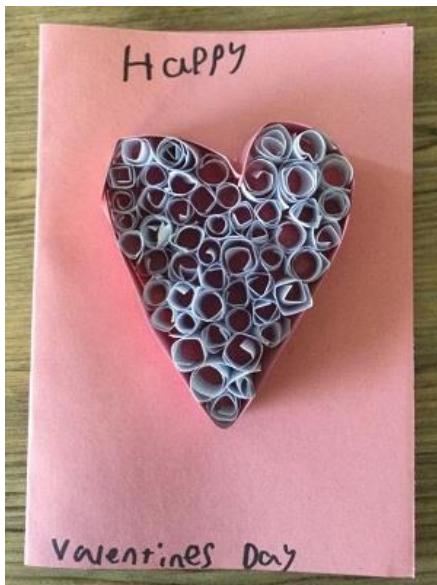
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Asian Short Clawed Otter	mammal	Sulcata Tortoise	reptile
			
White's Tree Frog	amphibian		
Black Hornbill	bird		
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P4/5 NEWS



It's been a very busy, productive week in P4/5 again. Last week, we had themes of instructions and Valentine's Day. We learned about writing instructions in Literacy. We then had a choice of Valentine's Day themed instructions, to complete art and baking tasks. As can be seen from the photographs, we are very good at following instructions.





P6/7 NEWS

P6 and 7 have had a busy couple of weeks. They have been doing lots of planning to be able to produce an extended piece of writing. Developing descriptive writing looking at characters along with the settings to use in their stories. They have produced some amazing ideas and planned out their story on storyboards, story mountain planners and story maps. I really enjoy reading the stories and seeing where they are going to take them.

In Numeracy they have been doing lots of thinking looking at 2D shape and 3D objects. I can hear the 'oh no not again' when I say the words faces, edges and vertices. They have done really well with this.

Hopefully the topic we are looking at is inspiring curiosity into how Scotland evolved. We have looked at significant people past and present, battles, invasions and Kings and Queens. Pupils have found out Kings and Queens did not last very long in Scotland.

In French pupils are looking at foods and things they like and dislike, pupils have been taking part in puppetry activities in drama and connecting with class mates through vscene.

It is not all work work work, pupils have been outside enjoying the varied weather, still lots of baking going on and different activities to help us get through the week.

Keep going P6 and 7 you are all doing great work.

Qu'est-ce que tu aimes boire?

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jus de pomme

jus d'orange

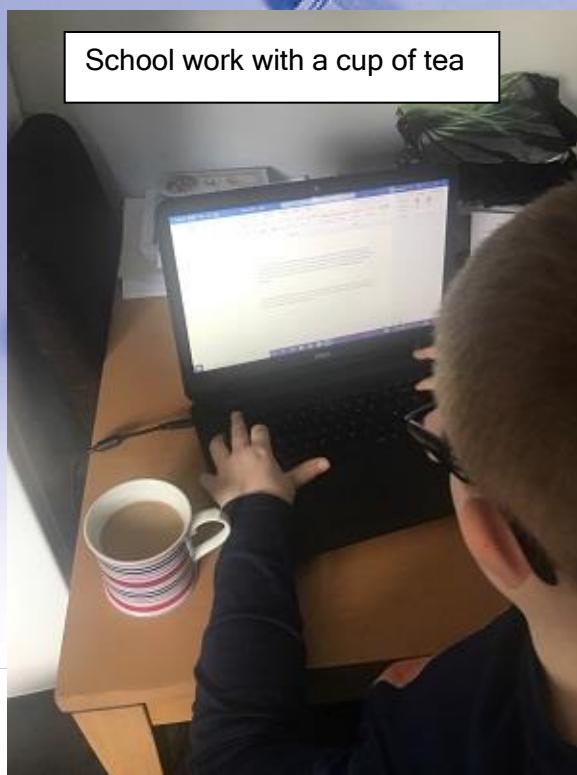
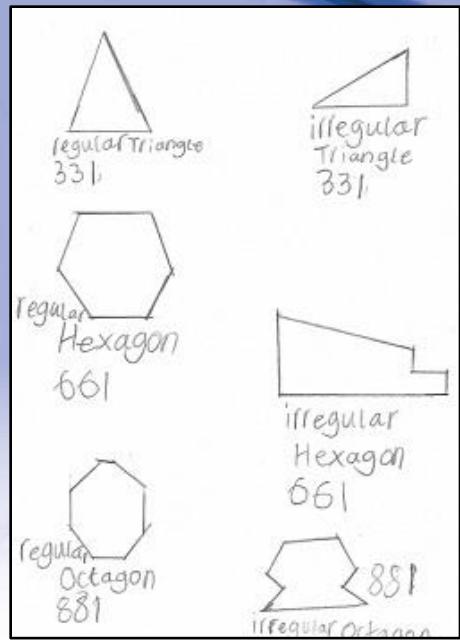
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She woke her up as she attempted to lift her, "I'm so sorry Chloe I was trying to lift you to your bed." Sophie pleaded. "It's fine Sophie stop being such a worry bucket" Chloe replied. Let's make some breakfast Chloe stood up still half asleep and thought to herself I could go for toast and scrambled eggs. Chloe asked Sophie "Is scrambled egg and toast alright?" That is great thanks Sophie replied. Chloe grabbed the eggs from the fridge and then grabbed the milk and butter. She cracked the eggs into the red mixing bowl and poured in a drop of milk. She grabbed her purple whisk and mixed it together and seasoned the eggs with salt and pepper she placed the bowl into the microwave and set the timer for 5 minutes. As the eggs were cooking she grabbed four slices of bread and put them in the toaster. She scraped the butter knife along the tub of butter and sat it on the counter top.

The toast popped up and the microwave timer pinged. She buttered the toast first and let the eggs sit for a minute to cool. She put the freshly buttered toast on a plate and separated the eggs into two bowls and sat everything on the kitchen table. Sophie sat down and said "you can actually cook?" Chloe said very funny but yes I can. They sat and enjoyed their meal by the time they were finished Chloe was studying for her degree in forensics. Sophie had to go to work at her small cafe in the main part of the city. After Chloe had done enough work. Sophie was back home.



The pupils that are in school each day have been keeping the teachers on their toes with lots of work and lots of giggles.

A break from the work on Wednesday was lovely, firstly because it was dry and then because it was lovely being out in the fresh air.

Tired legs on Thursday, or maybe just me. A great day.



"Hi all, I just wanted to say what a fantastic job you've all been doing with your drama activities. Here's a link to a free stream of Frozen - A Musical Spectacular! I hope you enjoy it as much as I did. Miss Smith. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=BgL3vp8bEK0&safe=active>"



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