

Lamlash Primary School and Early Years Class

UPDATE FROM MRS FOSTER

Hi everyone,

I will start by stating the obvious: I am delighted that we will all be back together as a school next week! It has been lovely to see P1 -3 back in class along with our Hub pupils and there has been a really positive, busy ethos. However, it will be a special moment when the P4-7 return and our school returns to 'normal'.

It's been interesting to speak to the children in the Co-op and out and about who are really looking forward to getting back. There can be no doubting the importance of social interaction that does not take place in front of a screen. That said, we will have to adhere to strict safety guidelines. Details of these have already been given to you but if you need more information, please let the school know.

I continue to be impressed with the resilience of our young people, in general they have returned with a very positive attitude. Our focus from next week is firmly on reconnecting and being 'appropriately included'. Nurturing approaches have been embedded to ensure a smooth transition at this difficult time.

I'd like to acknowledge and thank both our teaching staff, who have risen to the challenge of preparing for face-to-face lessons and taking on the Hub rota, and the catering, janitorial and cleaning staff have also gone the extra mile to ensure that things go smoothly and safely next week – it really has been a great team effort! I would also like to thank Arran Outdoor Centre and Martin Wood who have been a tremendous support this term.

In conclusion, I'm hoping that my usual sign off in these newsletters will be the last and that at the next time of writing I do not need to mention lockdown or learning from home. I'm very much looking forward to Monday (and I don't usually say that!).

Have a lovely and safe weekend,
Mrs Foster

Date: 12th March

UPDATE FROM MRS DICK

Spring is definitely here and I am very much looking forward to all our school being back together again on Monday. Though it is tempting to list off the things we still can't do, let's focus on what we can, and that we are all here and well to enjoy them. I am looking forward to dodging the football as I cross the grounds, hearing who has chosen what for snack or lunch, seeing the art work the pupils have been doing. The focus when we return is not who has done what during lockdown, or finding fault or challenges. It is on being back together again, renewing friendships and learning how to work as a group as we slowly pick up pace again as we head to Easter and beyond. Ms MacDonald has been planning some whole school Easter activities to do and with the weather hopefully improving (please block out the sound of the wind as you read this) we hope to be out and about in the grounds.

This last week we celebrated International Women's Day and many thanks to all ages who were willing to stand in front of the camera and speak about being a woman today and their hopes for the future.

Kind regards

Mrs Dick

UPDATE FROM MRS BUNTING

Dear all,

I hope you all continue to be safe and well.

I am delighted to confirm that, following the First Minister's statement, all Primary 4-7 pupils will be returning to face-to-face learning from Monday, 15th March. It will be lovely to see them all back in school!

In the interim the EYC and P1-3 pupils have been embracing a return to normality and have been making full use of both indoor and outdoor spaces. We have been very fortunate with the weather last week – cold, but dry – which has helped to contribute to the positive outdoor experiences. Pupils are very obviously enjoying the opportunity to play and rekindle friendships and I am delighted that our P4-7 pupils will also have this opportunity prior to the Easter holidays.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Bunting

Counselling for primary school children

In addition to the counselling we currently offer for those age 10 +, we are able to tap into counselling via Exchange Counselling for those aged under 10 through the school and Mrs Dick. Once a referral is made the rough procedure is as follows:

1. Contact the school to arrange a suitable day/time to hold a parent meeting.
2. Contact the parent to invite them to an initial meeting (this can also be done via telephone) and school staff are welcome to join.
3. Meet the parents at the school - These meetings are being conducted over the phone at the moment due to Covid-19.
4. Meet the child to complete a resilience assessment and create an agenda for support.
5. Work with child for up to 6 sessions (8 in total with assessment and end meeting).
6. Meet the parent to provide a summary of progress and outline a plan of continued support (this might include activities that parents can complete with the child and similar for school staff).

We know there is a need for support during these circumstances and therefore North Ayrshire are running two virtual group programmes whilst restrictions are in place that we can sign children up to take part in, with parental consent.

One programme focuses on dealing with transition and change and is aimed at p.7 (Adventure Programme).

The second programme promotes positive relationships, friendship skills and the impact of isolation (Friendship Shield).

Both programmes will be facilitated by 2 members of the Exchange Team and will run for 4 weeks.

Here is some more information:

The Friendship Shield (Building Friendships)

This programme targets the necessary resources and essential skills for building positive relationships (autonomy, self-esteem, empathy, social competence, problem solving and conflict resolution). The narrative facilitates personal growth within the area of connecting to others during this prolonged period of isolation/lockdown.

The Adventure Programme (transition and change)

This programme has been designed to strengthen 5 critical resilience resources of psychological wellbeing which are important in times of turmoil and change (felt security, optimism, self-regulation, confidence and social competence). The sessions will be activity based and will help the child communicate their inner concerns and anxieties about the changes they are experiencing.

As always confidentiality is maintained and more information can be had by contacting Mrs Dick directly.

Mrs Dick

EARLY YEARS CLASS NEWS



This week in the EYC the topic of conversation has been about time. We have discussed why we wear watches and how they help us in our daily routines. We shared our daily routines with each other and how we knew when certain routines happen; "When it's dark it's bedtime", "When it's light I know it's time to get up". "Mummy uses her watch to tell her when to come and get me". "Daddy looks at his watch, so he knows when to go to work". Isla was able to talk about a different time zone where her Aunty lives in New Zealand.

The children helped redesign the playroom, so it has had an update and they are enjoying the newly designed areas of play and learning.

We have been spoiled with the opportunity of an outdoor snack in the sunshine. We walked through the woods and enjoyed the play opportunities in the Primary playground. Using pens and paper, we drew, mark made and wrote to plan out our outdoor obstacle course.

There has been lots of writing using a variety of resources.

Our senses have been stimulated by the creation of a potion station at the water tray. Tea, coffee, herbs, vegetables and flowers have all been turned into an array of potions for many purposes.

We have started the exciting planting process and our pea shoots are already making an appearance. We have many keen gardeners to take care of their needs. We are looking forward to taking part in some more growing and planting activities soon with our friends at the Primary School.



P1/2 NEWS

World Book Day 2021 in Primary 1/2



Last Thursday Primary 1/2 spent their afternoon celebrating World Book Day. We enjoyed taking part in a Cosmic Kids yoga session based on Roald Dahl's 'The Twits', listening to the author/illustrator Nick Sharratt read 'There's a Shark in the Park on a Windy Day' and following his directions to draw our own sharks!

We used our provision areas to explore our favourite books; creating headbands to celebrate these, building models of the setting of these books, dressing up as the characters and exploring some gingerbread play dough and making a bookmark to keep our place when we read!

We shared some of our work via the Lamlash Primary School Twitter page and even got a reply from Nick Sharratt himself! Wow!



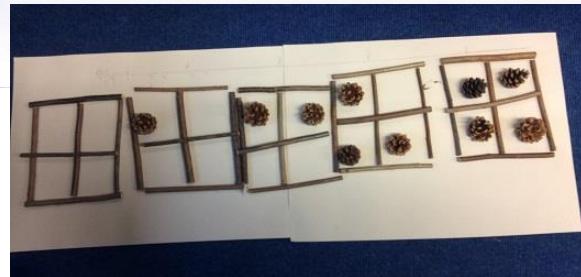
P3 NEWS

Primary 3 have been busy with March into Maths by planning splat problems and drawing them near the Astroturf behind the High School. For this activity we focused on dividing.

As part of World Book Day activities pupils drew Unicorns with Nick Sharratt and did a book bingo in the library wearing our special visualisation glasses. We also played a Name 5 quiz and watched the story of Tiddalik the Frog.

In the playground we practised dividing by four using cones while in the classroom we have been looking at quarters on a number line and where they fit between 0 and 1.

In PE, Primary 3 have been practising target sports focusing on length and line. We have been playing club golf and Boccia.



P4/5 NEWS

P4/5 have been continuing to work hard on their home learning tasks. During the last two weeks they have taken part in Fairtrade Fortnight. Each week they had a choice of tasks to help them understand the importance of Fairtrade. The most popular tasks were designing a new Fairtrade logo and designing a Fairtrade football and t-shirt. The results are amazing, as can be seen in the images.

We took part in World Book Day with an interactive Twinkl quiz and by watching the CBBC Live Lesson. We've also started learning about our new topic, Our Planet; and studying an online book, Jazz Harper Space Explorer. We will continue these when we return to school next week.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all the P4/5 parents, grandparents and siblings who have helped to support the children in completing their home learning tasks and the challenges this has brought. Their work has been of a very high standard and this continuation of work means their learning has not suffered because of lockdown.

I can't wait to see all the children back in school on Monday.

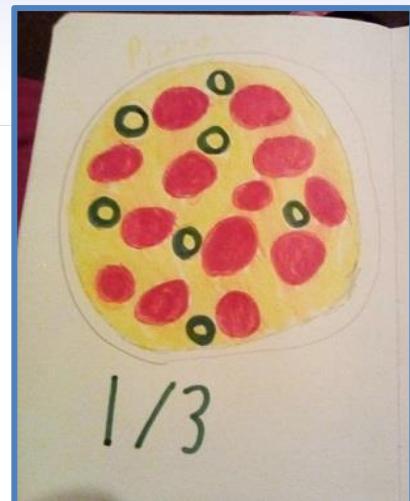


P6/7A NEWS

Great experiments during Science Week, more fun like this when we get back into the classroom!



Really looking forward to having you all back in class, safe and well.



SOME JOKES

Did you know...

We talk about positive mental health a lot these days and what we can do to support it. Sometimes these include support and therapy but more often than not it is the small things, the little conversations or meet ups with friends that helps. If you ask Mrs Dick what she does, it may surprise you to learn that she and one of her friends send jokes back and forth. We have asked her to share some of the best/worst ones:

It's only a coup d'etat if it's from the d'Etat region in France. Otherwise it's just a sparkling insurrection.

What did the the drummer call his twin daughters?
Anna one, Anna 2

I'm writing a book about hurricanes and tornadoes...

It's only a draft at the moment.

Remember, it's not a vaccine unless it comes from the Vacciné region of France, otherwise it's just sparkling antidote.

What's E.T short for? Because he has tiny little legs!!!