

Lamlash Primary School and Early Years Class

Date: 27th May

UPDATE FROM MRS FOSTER

Hi everyone,

At this time of writing, the class teachers and I are putting the finishing touches to written reports; you will receive these soon. The reports very much focus on 'lockdown recovery', with comments on health and well-being and the core skills of literacy and numeracy. In general I am very pleased with the progress that the children have made, especially bearing in mind the long period of time away from the classroom. You will have a chance to discuss this progress with teachers in the adapted Parents' Evening, which will take place over the phone once again. I am looking forward to when restrictions are eased and we can invite you back into the building to see the evidence of very good learning for yourselves.

Have a lovely and safe weekend,

Mrs Foster

UPDATE FROM MRS DICK

Dear all,

It is the start of the long weekend here in Scotland and I hope you are all looking forward to having the extra day. Friday is our in-service day and we, as a staff, are pleased to be welcoming Public Health in to the school to give training on the new Personal Social Education resource. This is a subject we teach from 3-18 and the section covering health and relationship education has been updated. We will start delivering this in our early years, primary and secondary in August and we are welcoming Public Health to update us on how to deliver the curriculum, current good practice and what are the current best resources for our young people. I will be in touch later in June with more information for parents and carers on this new curriculum.

In other news, but linked to health and wellbeing, you will see that our school counsellor for P6-S6 is retiring in the summer and we will be welcoming someone new in August. Beth has done great work across our campus and we will be sorry to see her go. This departure has no effect on the counselling for P1-5 that is available via the exchange counselling service.

Finally, primary 7 transition is in the planning albeit scaled down so please read on and take note of the key dates and times.

Best wishes

Mrs Dick

UPDATE FROM MRS BUNTING

Mindfulness takes many forms; sometimes it is the smallest things that bring pleasure and smiles to faces. Over the last two weeks mine has focussed on watching the birds in my garden. After putting up a nyjer seed feeder in February, with no takers, I was about to take it down. Then two weeks ago, the Goldfinches started to arrive, quickly followed by the Siskins. I've now had to put up extra feeders as I now regularly have more than a dozen birds at a time queueing up - not as nicely as the pupils, I hasten to add – to feast on the seed. They are messy; plenty of seed gets scattered on the ground below but this encourages the ground feeders.

Watching the flashes of colour and helping to encourage new habitats has been extremely uplifting, something that we are continuing to develop in our young people in school through the garden projects – bug hotels, vegetable growing and planting. The benefits of being outdoors on good mental health is well recognised and I hope that the outdoor learning that the pupils have been benefitting from in school will continue to be a positive experience. The coming weeks, leading up to the end of term will, weather permitting, see the pupils continue to explore outdoor spaces and the natural world. I hope you all have a great weekend!

Mrs Bunting

P7 Transition

Transition visit to the high school

Wednesday 9th June from 9.15-3.45. Meet at the start of the day on the stage area to the left at the front of the school.

Parent Meeting

Thursday 10th June at 7pm: <https://app.vscene.net/r/nCJ3pZKXXC>

Enhanced Transition

This will be arranged on an individual basis and will take place on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th June and we will be in touch if this affects your child.

NEW resource for parents & carers – have your say

We are looking for professionals to give feedback on the development of a new parent and carer resource. The resource centres on three short, social-experiment style films featuring parents, carers and their children being asked questions about online relationships and life online.

We are in the process of developing materials that will accompany these films and would like to invite those with a lead area or role with parents and carers, to view the films and the proposed materials, and then provide feedback. Your feedback will help us to ensure that the resources are relevant and usable in different settings.

The group feedback sessions will take place online via Zoom on:

Tuesday 15th June 12:30 to 13:30pm

or

Wednesday 16th June 17:00 to 18:00pm

If you would like to take part in one of these sessions, please RSVP

to ceopeducation@nca.gov.uk by **17:00 Friday 4th June**

News from the Early Years Class



The Early Years Class has been filled with sensory experiences.

We have been making potions with fresh herbs, flowers, spices and colours. We have taken our colour mixing knowledge over to the painting area where we have painted hands, boxes and objects of different texture and dimensions. Some of us invented our own new colours.....watch out Farrow and Ball. Some of the paint didn't get the opportunity to reach the paper, instead the children enjoyed the sensory experience of painting on their hands and in some cases arms and faces.

We have also enjoyed making our own playdough following a recipe, talking about its texture and adding other ingredients into it to create a different feel. The children extended their learning by asking for some small playdough tools and turned the playdough into a dam - water was added to see if their design had worked.

Our Woodland Day was led by one of our enthusiastic students, Rachel, who has a passion for outdoor play. She gave the children the opportunity to take part in a colour matching activity. The children had to find an object of a certain colour in the natural woodland environment, they engaged in this with excitement and enthusiasm. The children finished their day with their all-time favourite - using the big log for balancing, crawling, climbing and jumping.

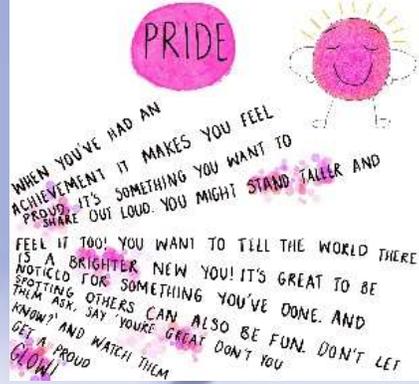
This week the children have all been working really hard on their name and letter recognition. We have been using this as a registration activity for them and staff have noticed an improvement in these skills.

The children have enjoyed using our puppet theatre and recreated some traditional fairy tales with a twist and a few adaptations. The reviews on the performances were all very good.



P1/2 NEWS

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To begin our entry to this week's newsletter I want to take the time to celebrate some individuals who have been working exceptionally hard in our play based provision. Although we call this type of learning 'learning through play', the emphasis is very much on the children's learning and I am sure that you will agree with me that we should be very **proud** of the accomplishments of these children and they should be **proud** of themselves too.



We have some fantastic, independent writers in Primary 1/2. Remi, Emily, Lucas, Erin and Hamish all chose to create stories with some fantastic pictures and I can assure you that they were great reads!

We also have some engineers of the future! Model making is always a popular choice in P1/2 and we've been adding in the extra elements of designing and labelling in order to progress our learning. You will also see from the pictures that we don't always just use Lego or standard blocks to create our masterpieces...loose parts are proving very popular! They allow the children opportunities to really use their imagination, as they can really be anything that they want them to be! Speaking of which, if anyone has any wooden curtain rings sitting unloved at home we would be really interested in adding these to our loose parts collection.



We have also been getting out in the garden over the last two weeks, as part of our Science topic and our continuing effort to revamp our outdoor area. We've planted out the seedlings that we grew thanks to the 'Innocent Big Grow' initiative and used our milk bottles (thanks to our parents!) to plant some herbs. We know plants need water to grow and we've had lots of rain this week but let's hope the sun is now ready to make an appearance and our herbs will be sprouting soon – it will make the side of the school smell wonderful I'm sure! Mint, thyme, rosemary, chives and sage were planted, to name just a few!



We say a sad farewell to Adon and Joy this week who are off to continue their learning adventures in new schools, although hopefully they won't be scaring their new teachers by being dressed as Vikings on their first day! We will miss you and hope that you keep in touch.

We also welcome Theo to the class and hope that he enjoys his time with us in Primary 1/2!



P3 NEWS



Primary 3 have been learning about information handling in maths looking at different ways of displaying data. The pupils made Venn diagrams using hula hoops and other maths equipment with their own sorting criteria.



The class have also been learning about what makes up a community and what might be included. They have designed their own community in groups.

This week we said goodbye to Annmiya from the class. The class had party as a class reward with lots of great dancing and party games including musical arms and super statues.



The class completed the second litter pick and this time only collected 1kg compared with 4.2kg a month ago.



P4/5 NEWS

P4/5 have been working very hard on creating their own stories for this term's writing assessment. There have been some very good results from this and I think we have some budding authors in this class.

We've started working on a new topic in maths, which involves all aspects of measurement. It would be great if the children can continue practical tasks on this at home, so please encourage this.

We completed our P.E. topic of basketball last week. Ending in a 3-a-side tournament, showing that everyone's skills and teamwork have improved in recent weeks. This week, we've started a new block of athletics; concentrating on sprinting, jumping, standing long jump and shot put.

In art, we each followed instructions and created a diagram of the solar system.

We were all very excited this week to welcome our new class member to our school. Welcome to Lamlash Lucy.





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P6/7 NEWS

The P7 pupils are rapidly coming to the end of their primary schooling. I think a few nerves are starting to creep in about what high school will be like. What they don't know is within a few days all of those nerves will be forgotten about with new friends, new teachers and lots of things to do. We still have things to finish off to make sure they finish showing their true potential.

P6 pupils are starting to realise they will be the oldest pupils in the school, we have had a good start with this with their buddies and it was lovely to see how they have looked after them when they have come across from the early years class.

In class we have started building the landscape of Scotland, starting with the mountains and terrain. Lochs will be added next, then the castles, towns, villages, road system, the islands and the sea creatures. Our own little Scotland in class, a real team effort.

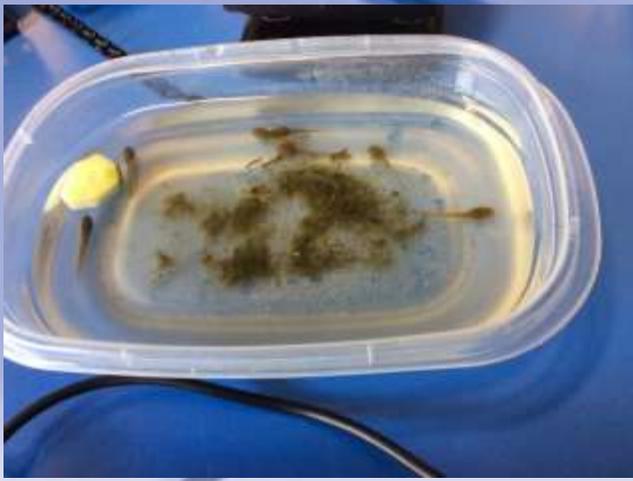


We have planted our seedlings outside and pupils have been working with Mr Inglis planting potatoes, making mini picket fences for the planting beds and helping attach the herb cartons. Power tools were used and all fingers are still in place. More outside projects will be happening before the end of term.

Some pupils have been working with Miss Gardiner to extend their Maths skills as part of the SNAP group. Continuing with Maths, yet again P6 & 7 excelled in the National Sumdog competition, one more local competition to finish an amazing Sumdog year for them all.

The comfy corners have two different pupils this week and we have new class mates, 7 tadpoles. We are seeing if we can help them become froglets, which we will release into a pond to become frogs.





National Post Diagnostic Support Service event

3rd June 2020 | 10am - 11.15am

Don't miss out!
Register today

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Scottish autism
WHERE AUTISTIC PEOPLE ARE HEARD

SWAN
Scottish Women's Autism Network

Have you heard about our new National Post Diagnostic Service? Have you or someone you know been diagnosed as autistic in the last two years?

Our National Post Diagnostic event on **Thursday 3rd June at 10am** will give you further insight into the support available within the service. We will be joined by our partner organisations National Autistic Society Scotland, Autism Initiatives Scotland and Autistic People's Organisations Autistic Mutual Aid Society Edinburgh (AMASE), Autism Rights Group Highland (ARGH), Triple A's (One Stop Shop Aberdeen) and the Scottish Women's Autism Network (SWAN). We will share information about the support and services that are available through this service. There will also be an **opportunity to ask questions**. <https://www.scottishautism.org/events/online-events/national-post-diagnostic-service-information-event>

National Walking Month Kids Activities

We have created a couple of activities designed to keep your little ones occupied during National Walking month.

Firstly, we have a scavenger hunt to print out and take on a walk with your children. The idea is to tick off the items as they are seen, so you'll need to take a pencil out with you too!

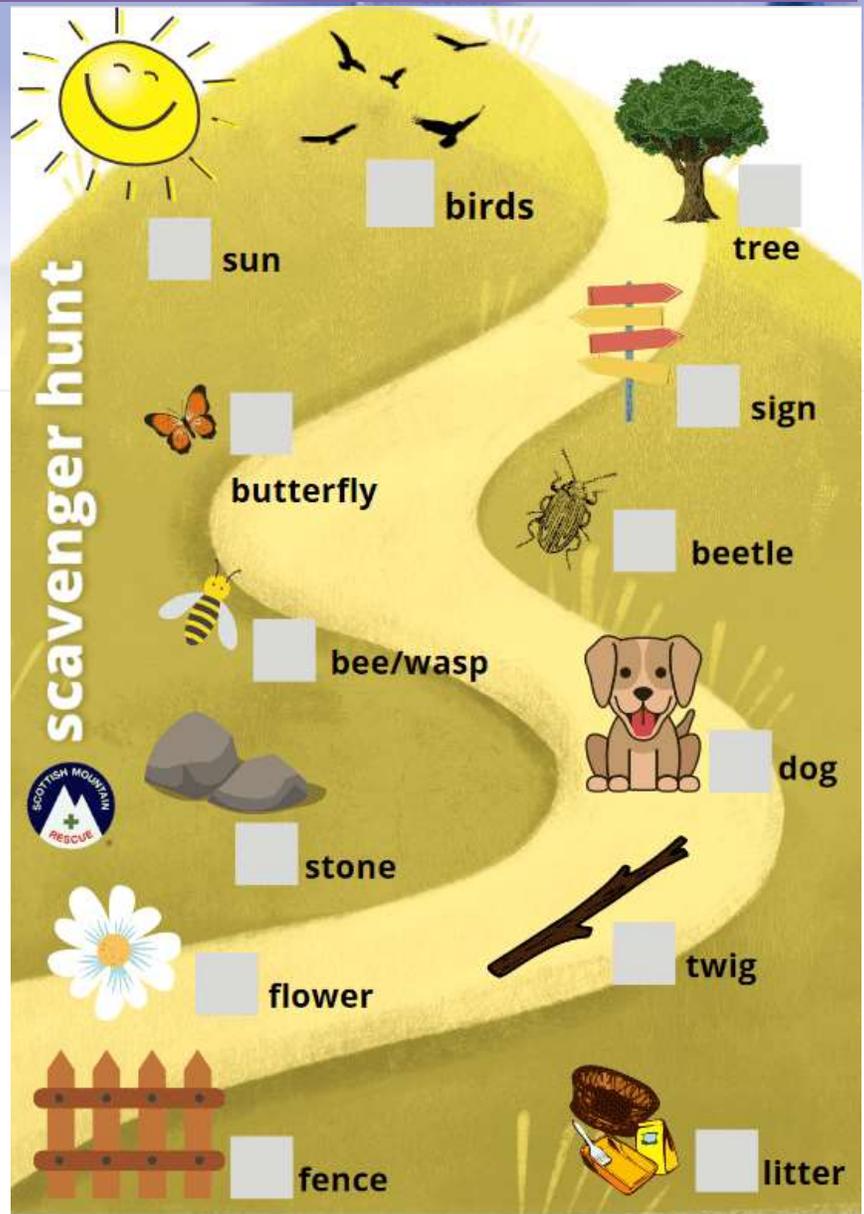
Additionally, for when the weather isn't as nice, we have a hunt around the Scottish Mountain Rescue website. If you're struggling for the answers, just let us know and we'll be happy to help you out!

Sorry we don't have any prizes to offer for either activity, other than we've provided a way of keeping your wee ones busy for a short spell of time!

We hope you enjoy.

[SMR Scavenger Hunt](#)

[SMR Kids Website Hunt](#)



<https://www.scottishmountainrescue.org/national-walking-month-kids-activities>

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We are running sessions on Zoom to show you how on:

Mon 31 May 10-11

Tues 1 June 10-11

Mon 14 June 11-12

Tues 15 June 11-12

To book your place email:
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Please note booking is essential.



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