

Lamlash Primary School and Early Years Class

Date: 11th June

UPDATE FROM MRS FOSTER & MRS DICK

Dear all,

Our last newsletter of the year and this might be the first year that I have not counted down days until the end of term. Maybe it's because of all the new challenge this year or perhaps I have been so pleased to have all the children back that I didn't even realise how much time had passed. Either way, I'm down to 9, maybe 8, days left of school and I can't believe it. In the midst of all the end-of-the-year blues/excitement/anticipation, I feel that it is always important to remind ourselves of some positive thoughts to get ourselves through to the end of term. So let's be positive – what did your child learn during the past year that, due to the pandemic, your child might not have had the opportunity to learn or do? I personally learnt more about computer technology, Seesaw, Microsoft Teams than I would have used in a normal year. I learnt the amount of patience it takes when teaching a child to read. I also learnt that the reasons that we go through so much chicken feed is that we are feeding every garden bird in the village! It has been such an unusual year, every pupil, parent and teacher deserves their holiday as collectively we have all worked so hard so take time out, enjoy and here is to August and hopefully a more normal year again.

Happy Summer everyone!

Mrs Foster & Mrs Dick

UPDATE FROM MRS BUNTING

And another year comes to an end And what a year it has been. Challenges have been met head on by staff, pupils and parents alike – three cheers to you all! New technologies have been mastered, new ways of learning and living with uncertainty have become the norm. Fingers crossed that next year will be less disruptive and some form of normality will return.

Our P7 pupils this week had an opportunity to meet the rest of the new S1 cohort; I hope they enjoyed the activities which, due to Covid restrictions, made for a very different transition experience. We look forward to welcoming them all in the High School in August.

Meanwhile I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a relaxing Summer break!

Mrs Bunting

Summer Holiday

The school and early years class close at 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday 22nd June. Both re-open at the usual times on Wednesday 18th August.

School Sports & Award Ceremony

School Sports

On Wednesday 16th June at 10.00 a.m. the School Sports will take place in the playground, weather permitting. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, we are unable to invite parents into the school grounds to cheer on or participate this year.

Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit and gym shoes in school.

Award Ceremony

The Award Ceremony will also take on Wednesday 16th, at 1.00 p.m. outside if weather permits. The awards this year will include the P7 Citizen Trophy, Expressive Arts, Sports and Learning in Lamlash. We also have a Reading Award for each class. Again, we are unable to invite parents into the school grounds for this.

School Playground

We have had some feedback from those that live round the school regarding the actions of a small minority of the children who attend here after school and during the weekends. This has included a broken window, damage to the garden area and other behaviour which could be considered dangerous. These are not the actions of high school children, so could we ask you all to take time to discuss with your children when playing independently, without parental supervision, what would be considered good citizenship.

Summer Football Camp

Many of you have already signed up for the Summer Sports Camp. There are also Football Camps which are under "Community Sport Football for both 5-12 and Mini Kickers for 3-4 year olds" on the following dates:

19th - 23rd July, 10am-2pm for the Football 5-12 year olds.

19th- 23rd of July 2:45pm-3:30pm for the Mini Kickers.

The link below will go live on 28th June to sign up.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=0KjkESXkIUYHqEaL9idu2ak0i1c05atPvyjiexx_QuZUNjRNM0xKNzhRRTZFVzZBV0pLR1hIN0dBMMy4u

Safer School app

North Ayrshire Council has been given access to the Safer Schools app. One of the functions is the Online Safety Centre which covers how to block, report and set safety settings across each social media platform. Content is revised each time an app is updated, or a noteworthy app is created. It contains information such as features, minimum age e.g. 13 for most and shows you privacy features within the social media apps.

Parents can download the app and use this code to access it: 7440

More information can also be found on their website: <https://www.oursaferschools.co.uk/>

News from the Early Years Class

It has been another busy few weeks within the EYC. We have been busy preparing for our Graduation show and have been practising our songs and actions for the big day...all will be revealed on 21st June!

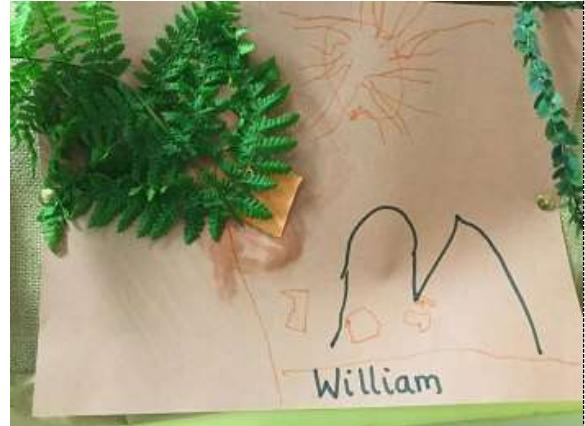
The early years class has been busy with lots of role play involving schools; exploring the rhythm of the school day with morning welcomes, break times, lunch times, learning times and getting ready to go home. Taking turns to be the teacher, the children have been enjoying delivering a range of lessons on bugs, germ, dinosaurs and crocodiles! The realisation that some of us are going to be moving onto school has also promoted some discussion about getting older, ages and birthdays. We took

some time to talk about what age we are and all the

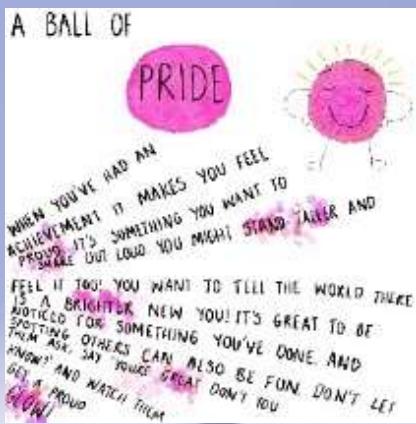
brilliant things we are able to do now that we are a little older. This prompted a discussion about birthday cakes, and we made a play dough cake mix, made our own birthday cakes, working really hard to count out the right amount of birthday candles.

We have also spent time in our woodland space and we have been exploring the shapes and textures within. Inspired by Zoe's bird print top which had a leaf for a wing, this was developed into working a steam to carefully select and pick a range of natural resources to make 'nature pictures'. We ended up with a wonderful selection of birds, butterflies, dragons and garden designs. We are keen to spend lots of time outside, making mud baths to make our feet smooth and exploring how texture changes when water is added.

We are all very much looking forward to our Fairies, Forest and Fires trip next week! We hope the sun will shine, but if not we are sure lots of fun will still be had!



P1/2 NEWS



I would like to start this week's newsletter as I did previously by highlighting some children that I am particularly **proud** of. This week it is the turn of Meredith and Sophie. These girls have become independent authors and it is fantastic to see them engaging with writing (without being asked!) and producing not one but two stories in one day! They also took the time last week to introduce one



of future P1s, Maja, to story writing whilst she was visiting the classroom as part of the Early Year to P1 transition. Fantastic work girls!



As part of our numeracy work P1/2 have been focusing on doubles. For some children this is all about extending what they already know, applying their double knowledge to solve problems, and for others this is a newer concept that they have just started learning about. We had an introduction to doubles last week and the children experienced doubling using different concrete materials. A game of dominoes was a firm favourite and this gave the

children the chance to recognise a double and to tell us what that double equaled before they laid down their domino.



We have continued to work on improving our outdoor area and I hope that you have had chance to admire the finished record flowers that we have been working on for a few weeks. They are now proudly displayed on the fence and we think they really add a fantastic pop of colour to our playground! With this in mind we recently created two top mosaics to add alongside our flowers and we really hope to see them up there as soon as possible. A big thank you to all those P1/2 parents who have sent in bottle tops in order to help us create these.



As previously mentioned the future Primary 1s of Lamlash Primary School joined us this week for their first transition afternoon. Working with the current P1s they had time to explore our play based provision, exploring the learning opportunities that are abundant in there, time to make some new friends and time to listen to the story of Matisse the snail and his magical trial – some exciting artwork has begun to be created based on this story and we hope to share this with you before the end of the year. It also gave the current P1s the opportunity to step up into the role of Primary 2s, and I have to say that they did a wonderful job supporting and encouraging them.



P3 NEWS



Primary 3 have been busy learning about digital and analogue time. They made their own clocks, set it to an analogue time and wrote down the digital equivalent. They turned their whiteboard over and someone else tried to read the time and then check the back of the board to see if they had a match.



Magnets has been part of the recent science topic and the class tried to make their own magnet games in groups. They used different types of magnets and metal parts like paper clips to make their game.



Measure is the current maths topic starting with length. The class went outside with sticks to see what they could find that was the same length. What they came to realise was that sticks of different lengths meant it was difficult to know the actual length of an object.



For PE we have been doing tennis and athletics learning different skills. Tennis has now progressed to using a net while there has also been javelin practise and longer throws are being achieved.

Primary 3 pupils and parents have been identifying different STEM challenges they could complete on a geocaching trail. Mrs Owens of the Family Learning Team and Mrs Henderson have been busy setting things up with the support of COAST and the Arran Outdoor Education Centre on activities and locations. We will be launching the trail before the summer holidays and hope that families download the app and access the trail during the holidays. Let us know how you get on!

P4/5 NEWS

Although we're nearing the summer holidays, P4/5 have still been working hard. In P.E., we have continued to learn the different skills involved in athletics, including shot put, long jump, running techniques, hurdles, and many more.

In numeracy and mathematics, we have been completing measurement tasks, starting with length and area, then moving on to weight and volume. The class particularly enjoyed measuring objects in the classroom and outside in the playground.

Mr Inglis helped us with some more gardening, showing us how to plant seedlings into the raised beds; and planting various seeds into old wellies.



We have been continuing to learn about 'Our Planet', as our topic, now focussing on Scottish landscapes and then environmental issues affecting the planet. The class created some lovely landscape paintings, a selection of which can be viewed in the photograph.



PIC COLLAGE



P6/7 NEWS

Well, this is the last newsletter information as P6 and 7 class teacher and what a year! It has been amazing teaching them all and seeing them progress and blossom.

The last couple of weeks have been busy with days up at Lochranza and transition days.

We have completed all our Literacy work and are now working on areas to improve skills. In Numeracy we have completed measurement work by measuring lots of things in the classroom and outside and looking at how many miles between villages on Arran. A little bit of Numeracy to finish off then all work will be completed for this year. Our map of Scotland is coming along nicely with sea creatures made from plasticene, the terrain created out of Modroc and the other groups ready to add their parts.

We did succeed in helping the tadpoles grow into frogs and released 4 back into the water this week. We are also continuing to develop the outside areas with the bug hotel area being completed this week.



P7 are making a pebble river to leave their mark at the primary school.

In PE we have continued with hockey and rounders and will be finishing off the year with athletics.

We have one last Sumdog competition to do and a LEGO competition to finish the year off nicely.

Good luck to all the P7's for high school and thank you for putting up with my joke book and Easter jokes.





The Gardening Club

We have two more Gardening Club Mondays left this session to continue with the outdoor spaces. So far, we have researched and started to design bird houses and squirrel runs to continue if Mondays are rainy. All the plants and herbs are in place now and with the help of Mr Inglis pupils have upcycled the old sand pit from early years into an octagonal planter. Pupils have shown us how they want the woodland area setting out with the logs and started placing the objects into the sensory walk. We have set up a notice board where pupils can put information about the insects and animals they see around them. The bug hotel area is nearly finished so pupils can start to investigate what they can find crawling about. Next Monday, if dry, we are going all arty to make sculptures to decorate the fences and planting area.

Gardening club will hopefully continue when we come back in August.





EU Settlement Scheme

To stay in the UK, EU citizens, including children, who were living in the UK by 31 December 2020 and who do not have indefinite leave to remain must apply to the UK Government's EU Settlement Scheme. The deadline for applications is fast approaching, with the scheme closing on 30 June 2021. Non-EU family members can also apply. If they have an EU permanent residence card or an EU residence certificate, they will still need to apply. If they do not apply, they may lose their right to live, work and study in the UK.

A package of support is available for anyone who needs additional help. The Stay in Scotland toolkit includes information on the EU Settlement Scheme, details of the application process, and links to other resources. Full details can be found at www.mygov.scot/stayinscotland.

Citizens Advice Scotland operate a free national helpline as part of their EU Citizen Support Service. People can receive information, advice and support for applying to the EU Settlement Scheme by calling the freephone helpline on [0800 916 9847](tel:08009169847). The service has qualified advisers who will help them apply to the EU Settlement Scheme. Citizens Advice Scotland have two solicitors who can help people with more complex immigration histories.

The legal charity, JustRight Scotland, have published a series of factsheets on EU citizens' rights. These factsheets detail their rights to vote and work, and to access healthcare, education, housing and benefits in Scotland. These factsheets can be found at www.justcitizens.scot/EU/