

Loudoun Montgomery
Primary School and
Early Years
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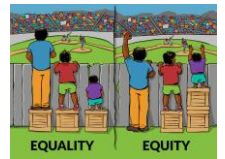


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Welcome to our May Newsletter.

It has been a busy few weeks at Loudoun Montgomery. I am enjoying getting to know all of your children.

We have consulted with you on how to spend our Pupil Equity Fund Allocation and on developing the playground.



We are now able to plan the developments. We hope the playground developments will be underway before the start of the summer holidays.

The pupils have been keen to share their thoughts.

As you will be aware we are now using the Multi Use Games Area regularly and the pupils are enjoying these opportunities.

We are also looking forward to using the allotments in the coming weeks.

We will share our plans with you in the near future.



School Uniform

We will be issuing information regarding the ordering of school uniform.

If you require any assistance please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Staffing

We are delighted that Mrs Hands, our Nurture Teacher, is expected to return from sick leave on Friday 10th May.

We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Hogg who has joined Mrs MacFarlane in the School Office on a Thursday and Friday.

Miss McKenna

Miss McKenna our Acting Early Years Manager, will be leaving Loudoun Montgomery on Friday 31st May. We are sad to be saying goodbye, but we wish her and her family well as they await their arrival of the new baby in June.

I am sure you will join me in thanking Miss McKenna for her hard work and commitment in the Early Years.

Allocation of Early Years Places

The allocation of places will be distributed shortly. We are still awaiting confirmation from North Ayrshire Council. We appreciate this is later than usual, but we are very grateful for everyone's patience.

Primary 1 Induction

We are looking forward to welcoming pupils along with their parents and carers to the Primary 1 induction sessions on Tuesday 28th June at 1:45p.m. and Monday 10th June at 10:00a.m.

Head Lice

Unfortunately we have some cases of head lice. To help minimise the spread, please check your child's hair regularly and apply the treatment immediately. The chemist will be happy to supply the latest formula on Direct Care, which means there is no cost.

Health Week

Health week will be from Tuesday 28th May - Friday 31st May. Mrs Watson has co-ordinated a range of activities which the children will be able to participate in. Children can come to school dressed in their sports clothes all week as they will have at least one activity per day.

The School Sports' Day will take place on Thursday 30th May with a prompt start at 1:45p.m..

Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

There will be a viewing area for parents and carers. We would just like to remind parents and carers that the school grounds are no-smoking areas and this includes e-cigarettes.

We look forward to you supporting your child and reinforcing that the most important aspect of sports day is taking part and trying their best. The school will provide a drink and a snack for the Sports' Day.



Early Years - Health Week

The Early Years will also have a Health Focus during the same week. With all children attending different sessions there will not be a set Sports' Day, but instead sporting activities.

Parents and Carers are invited to attend the final Mini-Kickers sessions. Miss McKenna will distribute the details for the session for your child.

Primary 7 Leavers

The Primary 7 pupils will be gifted a Leavers Hoodie. The cost of this will be covered by the school and through a generous donation from the Friends of Loudoun Montgomery. Mrs MacFarlane assisted the children with selecting the correct size and the children are delighted at the prospect of receiving these.



Pupil Visits

As part of our consultation with parents, carers, pupils, staff and our partners we have made arrangements for our pupils to learn out with the school. Our Primary 7 pupils have already had the opportunity to attend a residential event.

There will be **NO** cost for the visits.

Please note the dates and venues. Further information will be issued nearer the time.

Class	Date	Visit
P1	Monday 17 th June	Kelburn Country Park and Ranger Activity
P3/2	Monday 17 th June	Vikingar Centre, Largs
P4/3	Tuesday 11 th June	Science Centre, Glasgow including iMax under the Sea
P5/4	Tuesday 11 th June	Science Centre, Glasgow including Planetarium
P6	Tuesday 11 th June	Science Centre, Glasgow including Bodyworks Show

Primary 7 will be provided with a Leavers Party on Thursday 27th June. The children can bring their own clothes to change into after lunch. School uniform is required for the Service in the morning.

Attendance

Thank you to everyone who has made a huge effort to improve their attendance and timekeeping.

To ensure you child accesses all available opportunities it is important that they attend school every day.

The table below illustrates the impact of poor attendance. We will be reviewing attendance and will be in contact with parents and carers of children with less than 90% attendance to identify how we can work together to support your child.

Attendance Percentage	Days Attended Each Year	Number of Days Absent Over the Whole Year	Weeks Off (approx.)	Or Put Another way
100	190	0	0	Your child has not missed a thing
95	180.5	9.5	2	Your child has missed 1 day every 4 weeks
90	171	19	4	Your child has missed 1 day every 2 weeks
85	161.5	28.5	6	Your child has missed 3 days every 4 weeks
80	152	38	7.5	Your child has missed 1 day per week
75	142.5	47.5	9.5	Your child has missed $\frac{1}{4}$ of the teaching in 1 year
70	133	57	11.5	Your child has missed 3 days of every 2 weeks
65	123.5	66.5	13.5	Your child has missed $1\frac{3}{4}$ days per week
60	114	76	15	Your child has missed 2 days per week



The Power of Positive Parenting

The Early Years are providing a four week program of small discussion groups for parents that offers practical advice on how to tackle specific children's behaviours.

The four sessions are:

Week 1: Promoting positive behaviour

Week 2: Developing positive night time routines

Week 3: Managing children's behaviour

Week 4: Managing children during outings in the community

When:

The group will take place within the Early Years 2-3 room starting on Thursday 16th May for four weeks. The sessions start at 1:00pm until 3:00pm. Karen McColl the family link worker will be delivering the sessions along with an early years practitioner.

What Happens:

Parents will be shown short video clips for general discussion. Karen will provide tips and suggestions to parents on how to support children. You may attend as many sessions as you wish, one, two, three or four - it's up to you.

All parents/carers are invited. The early years is also offering **Phonics' Fun** which takes place on a Tuesday afternoon at 2:00-3:00pm this is for both parents and children to attend.



Dates for the Diary

27.05.19	In-Service Day - staff only
28.05.19	Primary 1 Induction 1:45p.m
28.05.19- 31.05.19	Health Week - Children can wear their sports clothes all week to school
30.05.19	Sports Day - Primary 1-7 Prompt start at 1:45p.m.
31.05.19	Pupil Progress Reports issued to parents and carers
06.06.19	Family Health and Wellbeing Event 3p.m. - 4p.m.
10.06.19	Primary 1 Induction at 9:30a.m.
11.06.19	P4/3, P5/3, P6 Visit to the Science Centre
17.06.19	P1 Visit to Kelburn Country Park, Largs
17.06.19	P3/2 Visit to Vikingar Centre Largs
27.06.19	End of Term Service at Fullarton Connexions at 11a.m.
27.06.19	Primary 7 Leavers' Party at 1:30p.m.
28.06.19	School closes at 1:00p.m.