

Loudoun Montgomery  
Primary School and Early  
Years

Digital Newsletter

April 2019



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## Message from the Head Teacher

I hope you and your family have enjoyed the long weekend and benefited from the appearance of some sunshine.

I hope you enjoy reading our digital newsletter. From our experience and feedback, most adults (and children) have smart devices. The digital newsletter allows you to click on the information whenever you wish.

Please read on for information about upcoming events and exciting news about school improvement plans. We are also consulting, pupils, parents and staff about upgrading our outdoor space.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss any concerns or make any suggestions for school improvement.

I hope to see many of you at our events this term.

Kind regards,

*Jacqueline Robertson*

Head Teacher



## Pupil Equity Fund

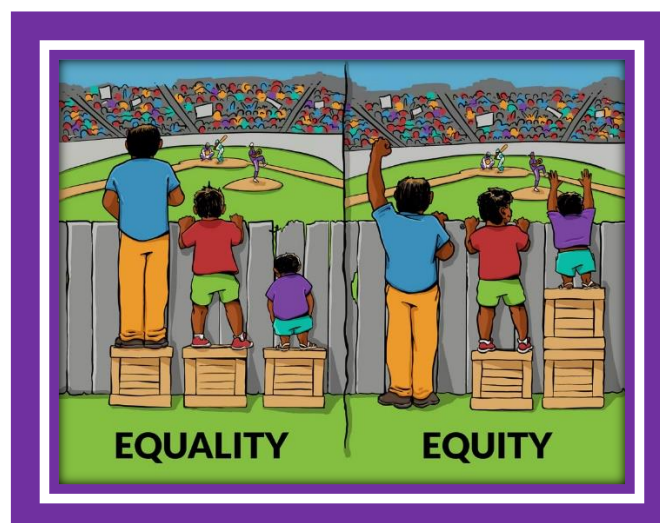
It has been a pleasure reading all of the suggestions from families in relation to the Pupil Equity Fund.

The main ideas could be grouped into the following categories:-

- Outdoor Learning
- Improving the Playground
- Support for children in classes
- Training for staff
- Numeracy and Literacy Resources

Our next task is to collate the views of staff, pupils and partners alongside your ideas and match this to the evaluation data we have in school and the early years.

In June we will provide you with the main themes of the final plan.



# Communication

My aim is to provide you with a newsletter each month, usually around the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. The newsletter will include any updated information on dates and events that are planned.

We will continue to post information on twitter and we will also continue to work on a school website which Mr Craig and the Digital Leaders have been developing.

Letters will continue to be sent home where consent is required for visits or events.

If you have any concerns please contact myself or Miss Goudie and we will be more than happy to help.

## **Remits**

It is important that each parent and carer knows who the main contact is for key priorities. I am the Child Protection Co-ordinator and I will be the main contact for any care and welfare concerns.

Miss Goudie is the Additional Support Needs co-ordinator and she will be the main contact for additional support enquiries or organisation of Team Around the Child Meetings.

## Staffing Update

Mrs Hand, our Nurture Teacher remains on sick leave and we wish her a speedy recovery. Mrs Johnston will be returning to work on the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 following her maternity leave.



## Retirement News

Mrs Barr will be retiring on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April. I am sure you will join everyone at Loudoun Montgomery in wishing Mrs Barr a very long and happy retirement.



## Parking

I appreciate there are ongoing concerns over the limited parking around the school. As you will appreciate this is something we have no control over. I know that PC Jenner from Police Scotland worked with pupils to encourage safer parking and safe driving around the school.

Please remember there are is no visitor parking for parents and carers available within the school car park. Please park and stride.

## Early Years Access between 12:30p.m. and 1:30p.m.

The main vehicle access gate will be closed during this time and parents and carers should use the access road to make their way to and from the Early Years. We have arranged for pedestrian routes to be marked on this area. We have made this change following a near miss in the playground where young children are trying to navigate the pupils who are in the playground with equipment. Thank you in anticipation for your support with this change, which will take place with immediate effect.



## Playground Consultation

As part of the School Improvement Plan we require to upgrade the school playground to encourage positive play and build positive relationships while the children enjoy the outdoors.



This links to the UNICEF Rights of the Child *Article 31* (leisure, play and culture) *Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.* Your child has come home with a question of the week and we would appreciate it if you could record your thoughts and then return it to the school by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

## Breakfast Club



The Breakfast Club opens at 8:15a.m. and all pupils from Primary 1 to Primary 7 are welcome. Everyone can enjoy a healthy start to the day. Pupils should enter via the Main Entrance.

Early Years pupils have the opportunity to enjoy toast during their soft start in the morning.

## 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.

## **Early Years' Parent Workshops**

We look forward to welcoming parents to the fun and informative sessions on a Tuesday afternoon from 2p.m. - 3p.m. The focus at present is Fun Phonics. We hope you can come along and join the sessions.

## **Early Years Snack, Trip and Treat Donations**

Each week we ask that a small donation of £2.00 per child is made to the Early Years fund. This contributes towards the cost of visits, outings and additional snack for children. Your support with this is much appreciated.



## **Sun Protection**

We have all been delighted to see the sun appear this weekend. As we are encouraging all pupils in the Early Years and the School to learn outdoors, please ensure your child has appropriate sun screen applied before the start of the school day.

## **Water Bottles**

Please ensure your child has a filled water bottle each day as they require to drink regularly. All children will be able to refill their bottles throughout the day, when required.





### Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
24.04.19	Primary 7 Parents Breakfast Blether at Greenwood Academy at 9:30a.m.
25.04.19	P3/2 Family Learning Visit to Maritime Museum 10:00a.m. - 12:00p.m. Separate information already issued
26.04.19	Mrs Barr retires
29.04.19	Primary 7 Residential Visit to Inverclyde
30.04.19	Primary 7 Residential Visit to Inverclyde
01.05.19	Primary 7 pupils return from Inverclyde
06.05.19	Local Holiday
27.05.19	In-Service Day - staff only
28.05.19- 31.05.19	Health Week - Separate details will be issued.
30.05.19	Sports Day - p.m.
31.05.19	Pupil Progress Reports issued to parents and carers
27.06.19	End of Term Service at Fullarton Connexions at 11a.m.
28.06.19	School closes at 1:00p.m.