Loudoun-Montgomery Primary



and

Early Years



Monthly Newsletter

February 2020

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic start to the New Year with a variety of events to enhance the work of the school. Looking back at some highlights:

- Internet Safety Workshops with P6 & P7 Parents & Pupils

- Commencement of Early Years to P1 Transition Activities

- P7 to S1 Transition Events with Irvine Royal Academy

- Commencement of Family Cooking Sessions, Starting with P1-3

- Read, Write, Count Family Sessions, Starting with P2

- Commencement of our 10 School Clubs

We now move forward into February with our continued focus on delivering high quality experiences for all our children and families. Included in the newsletter are information items to ensure the best experience at school for everyone.

Looking a little bit ahead to March we will welcoming back to Loudoun-Montgomery colleagues from Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate during week commencing 2nd March. This is a planned return following our Inspection in November 2018. We look forward to sharing with Inspectors the improvement we have made since we last met with them.

If you have any questions, queries or concerns please contact the school as we will be happy to assist.

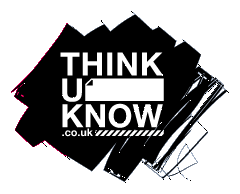
I would like to thank all our parents, carers and community partners for their support in making January such a positive experience for our pupils.

Kind regards,



Paul Bleakley

Head Teacher

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**INTERNET SAFETY**

Internet Safety has been a growing concern recently, especially for our senior pupils and their families. We welcomed Sarah Nicoll and Brian Ross, LMPS’ Family Learning Workers on afternoons of Thursday 9th and 16th January. Thank you to the P6 & P7 Parents and Carers that joined pupils during these afternoons

Sarah and Brian have recommended the **THINK U KNOW** **Website** to provide parents and carers with a range of appropriate internet safety. The links below will provide quick access to relevant areas of the website for parents:

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| **Home**  **Page** | <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/> |
| **General Online Safety Page** | <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Concerned-about-your-child/Online-contact-and-staying-safe/> |
| **Information for**  **4-7 Age Range** | <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4_7/> |
| **Information for**  **8-10 Age Range** | <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/> |
| **Information for**  **11-13 Age Range** | <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11_13/> |

**Celebration of the Scots Language**

**and Life of Robert Burns**

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Throughout January, pupils have benefited from experiences that have focused on the Scots language and life of our National Bard – Robert Burns.

February sees us extend these experiences to: School Verse Speaking Competition; Burns Brunch; Burns Supper Themed School Lunch and Irvine Burns Club Verse Speaking Competition for Irvine Primary Schools.

Please find below the programme of events to support these experiences:

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| January ✓ | Class Scots Poem & Robert Burns Input ✓ |
| January ✓ | 4 Pupils/Stage Selected for LMPS Competition ✓ |
| Thur 6Feb | LMPS Scots Verse Speaking Competition  - 1st, 2nd Finalists & 2 Runners Ups selected per Stage |
| Fri 14Feb | Burns Brunch (Supper)  – Entertainment for P5/4, P6/5, P7 & Top Table Guests |
| Fri 14 Feb | Burns Supper Themed School Lunch |
| Tue 18 Feb | Burns Club Verse Speaking Comp. – P1’s Two Finalists |
| Tue 18 Feb | Burns Club Verse Speaking Comp. – P2’s Two Finalists |
| Tue 18 Feb | Burns Club Verse Speaking Comp. – P3’s Two Finalists |
| Wed 19 Feb | Burns Club Verse Speaking Comp. –P4’s Two Finalists |
| Wed 19 Feb | Burns Club Verse Speaking Comp. – P5’s Two Finalists |
| Thur 20 Feb | Burns Club Verse Speaking Comp. – P6’s Two Finalists |
| Thur 20 Feb | Burns Club Verse Speaking Comp.– P7’s Two Finalists |

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Registration for the early learning and childcare took place as advertised on:

**Monday 3 February 2020 – Thursday 6February 2020**

**Please note that Late Registrations will still be accepted.**

**However, places for late applicants will be allocated after the initial allocation of places for pupils that were registered within the above registration window.**

Children with dates of birth between 1 March 2016 and 28 February 2018 can be registered with Local Authority Early Years establishments or Funded Providers of early learning and childcare in North Ayrshire during this time.

Parents wishing to register their child for early learning and childcare should apply directly to the establishment of their choice.

Birth certificate should be produced at the time of registration. It is not always possible to place all children in the establishment of their choice. You will be asked to state your second and third choice of establishment. You will also be asked to state your preferences for the attendance patterns on offer, over term time and/or full year options.

Please note there are no 'catchment areas' for early years establishments and parents can choose to send their child to the most suitable establishment, if a place is available. Also attending an Early Years class within a primary school does not influence whether your child will be able to transfer to that school in Primary 1.

Please note that North Ayrshire Council operates an Admissions Policy which clearly describes priorities. Further information on North Ayrshire Council’s Admissions Policy and Early Years places can be found on the North Ayrshire website, [www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk](http://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk). A parental guidance booklet is also available from the school.

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| http://clipart-library.com/img1/684461.jpg | **Early Years**  **to Primary 1 Transition** | C:\Users\pbleakley\Desktop\1. Loudoun-Montgomery\3. Email IN\LMPS Badge.jpg |

To ensure all of our pupils have the best and most appropriate experience, we will be starting our transition process with our Early Years children throughout Term 3. Activities currently planned for pupils:

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| Tuesday 28th January ✓ | Numeracy Session ✓ |
| Wednesday 30th January ✓ | Numeracy Session ✓ |
| Tuesday 4th February | Story Session |
| Thursday 6th February | Story Session |
| Tuesday 17th March | School Library Visit |
| Thursday 19th March | School Library Visit |
| Monday 2nd April | Easter Egg Hunt |

We look forward to inviting current Early Years Pre-School children and their parents to our formal transition events in Term 4 on the following dates and times:

**Monday 18th May 2.00pm – 3.00pm**

**Monday 1st June 11.45am – 12.45pm**

(On 1st June there will be an opportunity for you and your child to have a school lunch between 12.15pm and 12.45pm)

On these dates:

- **Children** will visit the Primary One class with their new teacher and take part in some fun activities.

- **Parents** will receive information about school routines, curriculum and our school community partners.

We look forward to seeing you on both days.

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| Image result for new school clipart" | **Primary 7 to Secondary Transition** | See the source image |

Primary 7 pupils have enjoyed their first three visits to Irvine Royal Academy, our associated Secondary School.

On the afternoon of Thursday 16th January we welcomed Linzie Sloan (HT) and Senior Pupils, including some former Loudoun-Montgomery pupils, from Irvine Royal Academy. They spoke to our P7 pupils about their transition to Secondary Education. Later in the evening Ms Sloan welcomed Parents/Carers and P7 pupils to the Irvine Royal’s transition information evening.

The next events at Irvine Royal this term are:

- Tues 4 Feb – Transition Afterschool Sports Club (Wk 2 of 6)

(Every Tuesday at Irvine Royal. Mr Bleakley Transporting Pupils)

- Thur 6 Feb – *P7/S1 Positive Relationship* Input (Wk 3 of 6)

(Led by Catherine MacKenzie – LMPS’ Area Inclusion Worker)

- Thur 13 Feb – *P7/S1* *Positive Relationship* Input (Wk 4 of 6)

- Fri 14 Feb – P7 Valentine’s Disco at Irvine Royal – Time TBC

- Tues 18 Feb – Transition Afterschool Sports Club (Wk 3 of 6)

- Thur 20 Feb – *P7/S1 Positive Relationship* Input (Wk 5 of 6)

- Tues 25 Feb – Transition Afterschool Sports Club (Wk 4 of 6)

- Thurs 27 Feb – *P7/S1* *Positive Relationship* Input (Wk 6 of 6)

We will also be supporting individuals with any enhanced transitions which are required during the months of March, April and May. Transition to other Secondary establishments will be guided by the placing request process.



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| **Sharing the Learning** |  |

Primary 1, Primary 3 and Primary 7 have welcomed parents and carers during the first half of this session. We look forward in February to welcoming our P5/4 , P6/5 and P2 parents on the dates highlighted below. The rest of the dates are listed below. We really hope you can come along and support your child.

All events at 1.45pm.

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| **Class** | **Date 1** | **Date 2** |
| **PRIMARY 1** | ✓ 7th Nov 2019 ✓ | **28th May 2020** |
| **PRIMARY 2** | **19th February 2020** | **10th June 2020** |
| **PRIMARY 3** | ✓ 7th Oct 2019 ✓ | **12th March 2020** |
| **PRIMARY 5/4** | **5th February 2020**  – New Date - | **20th May 2020** |
| **PRIMARY 6/5** | **13th February 2020** | **10th June 2020** |
| **PRIMARY 7** | ✓ 3rd Oct 2019 ✓ | **26th March 2020**  – New Date - |

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| **We hope to see you soon!** |  |

**Early Years - Incredible Years**



Our Incredible Years Programme is currently in full swing, every Tuesday morning throughout Term 3. It is a parenting programme aimed at:

- Strengthening parent-child interactions and attachment

- Introduce rules and routines

- Fosters parents’ ability to promote children’s social, emotional

- Language development.

If you would like any information on future programmes then please speak to Early Years staff.



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| **Family Learning Opportunities**  **Led by Sarah Nicoll & Brian Ross,**  **LMPS’ Family Learning Workers** | | |
| healthy_banner | **P1-3 Cooking Programme**  Thurs 30th Jan  Thurs 6th & 13th Feb  3pm to 4pm | Parents & carers and their children get a chance to cook lots of great nutritious recipes. |
|  | **P3 Numeracy & Literacy Event**  Thurs 6th February  and  Thur 13th February  2pm to 3pm | Great opportunity for parents & carers and their children to share & enjoy books together, along with some fun activities. |
|  | **Family Drop In Afternoon**  Thurs 20th February  2pm to 3pm | Image result for cup of coffee |
| healthy_banner | **P4-7 Cooking Programme**  Thurs 20th & 27th Feb & Thurs 5th March – 3 to 4pm | Parents & carers and their children get a chance to cook lots of great nutritious recipes. |

**Look out for invitation letters for each family event**

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| Image result for badminton clipart | **Extra Curriculum Opportunities** | C:\Users\pbleakley\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.MSO\47DC2BE6.tmp |

We are pleased to offer our third term of extra-curricular opportunities as outlined below:

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| **Day** | **Club** | **Leader** | **Stages** | **Time** | **Dates** |
| Monday | Netball | Miss McCormack | P5-7 | 3-4pm | 13.01.20  To  9.03.20 |
| Monday | Story Telling | Mrs Bell | P1-2 | 3-4pm | 13.01.20  To  9.03.20 |
| Tuesday | Gardening | Mrs McQueenie | P5-7 | Lunch | Term 3 |
| Tuesday | P7/S1  Transition  Multi-Sports | Active Schools | P7 | 3.45-5pm  At Irvine  Royal | 28.01.20  To  10.03.20 |
| Wed’ | Chess | Ms  McWhirter | P4-7 | Lunch | Term 3 |
| Wed’ | Scripture  Union | Mrs  Urquhart | P6-7 | 3-4pm | 15.01.20  To  01.04.20 |
| Thursday | Gardening | Mrs McQueenie | P5-7 | Lunch | Term 3 |
| Thursday | Coding | Mrs  Watson | P5-7 | Lunch | 16.01.20  To  12.03.20 |
| Thursday | Football | Active Schools | P3-4 | 3-4pm | 16.01.20  To  06.02.20 |
| Thursday | Football | Active Schools | P1-2 | 3-4pm | 13.02.20  To  05.03.20 |
| Friday | Football | Mr  Bleakley | P5-7 | 3-4pm | Term 3 |

Thank you to all Staff, Mrs Urquhart and Active Schools staff who have supported our extra-curriculum activities this session.

**Dates for February’s Diary**

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| **Week 1** | | |
|  | **Early Years Registration Week** |  |
| Mon 3rd | Story Telling Club – P1 & 2 | 3pm-4pm |
| Tue 4th | Early Years Incredible Years Programme | 9.15am |
| Tue 4th | Gardening Club – P5, 6 & 7 | Lunch Time |
| Tue 4th | EY / P1 Transition Activity – Story Session | AM |
| Tue 4th | P7 Multi Sports Transition at Irvine Royal | 3.45-5pm |
| Wed 5th | Chess Club – P4-7 | Lunch Time |
| Wed 5th | P5/4 Sharing the Learning Afternoon | 1.45pm |
| Wed 5th | Scripture Union – P6 & 7 | 3pm-4pm |
| Thur 6th | Scots Verse Speaking Competition | AM |
| Thur 6th | Coding Club – P5, 6 & 7 | Lunch Time |
| Thur 6th | Gardening Club – P5, 6 & 7 | Lunch Time |
| Thur 6th | EY / P1 Transition Activity – Story Session | PM ? |
| Thur 6th | Positive Relationships – P7 Wk 3 of 6 | PM |
| Thur 6th | *Read, Write, Count* Input to P3 Wk1 of 2 | 2pm-3pm |
| Thur 6th | P1 to 3 Family Cooking Club Wk 2 of 3 | 3pm-4pm |
| Thur 6 | Football Club – P3 & 4 (Last Week) | 3pm-4pm |
| Fri 7th | Holiday |  |

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| **Week 2** | | |
| Mon 10th | Holiday |  |
| Tue 11th | In-Service Day – School & EY Closed to Pupils | |
| Wed 12th | Chess Club – P4-7 | Lunch Time |
| Wed 12th | Scripture Union – P6 & 7 | 3pm-4pm |
| Thur 13th | Coding Club – P5, 6 & 7 | Lunch Time |
| Thur 13th | Gardening Club – P5, 6 & 7 | Lunch Time |
| Thur 13th | P6/5 Sharing the Learning Afternoon | 1.45pm |
| Thur 13th | Positive Relationships – P7 Wk 4 of 6 | PM |
| Thur 13th | *Read, Write, Count* Input to P3 Wk2 of 2 | 2pm-3pm |
| Thur 13th | P1 to 3 Family Cooking Club Wk 3 of 3 | 3pm-4pm |
| Thur 13th | Football Club – P1 & 2 (Week 1 of 4) | 3pm-4pm |
| Fri 14th | Burns Brunch (Supper) – P5/4, P6/5 & P7 | AM |
| Fri 14th | Burns Supper Themed School Lunch | Lunch Time |
| Fri 14th | P7 Valentines Disco at Irvine Royal | PM |
| Fri 14th | Football Club – P5, 6 & 7 | 3pm-4pm |
| **Week 3** | | |
| Mon 17th | Story Telling(P1&2) Netball(P5,6& 7 Clubs | 3pm-4pm |
| Tue 18th | EY Incredible Years Programme | 9.15am |
| Tue 18th | Burns Club Verse Speaking – P1 Finalists | 9.30am |
| Tue 18th | Burns Club Verse Speaking – P2 Finalists | 11am |
| Tue 18th | Gardening Club – P5, 6 & 7 | Lunch Time |
| Tue 18th | Burns Club Verse Speaking – P3 Finalists | 1.30pm |
| Tue 18th | P7 Multi Sports Transition at Irvine Royal | 3.45-5pm |
| Wed 19th | Burns Club Verse Speaking – P4 Finalists | 9.30am |
| Wed 19th | Chess Club – P4-7 | Lunch Time |
| Wed 19th | Burns Club Verse Speaking – P5 Finalists | 1.30pm |
| Wed 19th | P2 Sharing the Learning Afternoon | 1.45pm |
| Wed 19th | Scripture Union – P6 & 7 | 3pm–4pm |
| Thur 20th | Burns Club Verse Speaking – P6 Finalists | 9.30am |
| Thur 20th | Gardening & Coding Clubs – P5, 6 & 7 | Lunch Time |
| Thur 20th | Burns Club Verse Speaking – P7 Finalists | 1.30pm |
| Thur 20th | Positive Relationships – P7 Wk 5 of 6 | PM |
| Thur 20th | Family Learning Drop In Afternoon | 2pm-3pm |
| Thur 20th | P4 to 7 Family Cooking Club Wk 1 of 3 | 3pm-4pm |
| Thur 20th | Football Club – P1 & 2 (Week 2 of 4) | 3pm-4pm |
| Fri 21st | M&M Productions –*The Railway Children* | PM |
| Fri 21st | Football Club – P5, 6 & 7 | 3pm-4pm |
| **Week 4** | | |
| Mon 24th | Story Telling(P1&2) Netball(P5,6& 7 Clubs | 3pm-4pm |
| Tue 25th | EY to P1 Numeracy Transition session | AM |
| Tue 25th | EY Incredible Years Programme | 9.45am |
| Tue 25th | Gardening Club – P5, 6 & 7 | Lunch Time |
| Tue 25th | P7/S1 Transition Multi-Sports Club – P7 | 3.45-5pm |
| Wed 26th | Chess Club – P4-7 | Lunch Time |
| Wed 26th | Scripture Union – P6 & 7 | 3pm-4pm |
| Thur 27th | Chinese New Year Themed Lunch | Lunch Time |
| Thur 27th | Gardening & Coding Clubs – P5, 6 & 7 | Lunch Time |
| Thur 27th | EY to P1 Numeracy Transition session | PM |
| Thur 27th | Positive Relationships – P7 Wk 6 of 6 | PM |
| Thur 27th | P4 to 7 Family Cooking Club Wk 2 of 3 | 3pm-4pm |
| Thur 27th | Football Club – P1 & 2 (Week 3 of 4) | 3pm-4pm |
| Fri 28th | Football Club – P5, 6 & 7 | 3pm-4pm |

**Please support the school in the following areas:**

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| **Head Lice** | Image result for head lice products" |

Please check your child’s hair every week for evidence of head lice. If your child has head lice it is very important that these are treated immediately and the follow-up treatment is also completed. If you need more information please contact the local pharmacy who can provide treatment free of charge through direct care.

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| Image result for school clipart" | **Absences**  **Notification** | Image result for school clipart" |

Parents and Carers must contact the school on the first day of absence before 9.00am

You will be asked to give an approximate date for your child’s return. If you are unsure, then you will be asked to keep the school informed each day.

Unfortunately, there has been an increase in the occurrence of parents and carers not contacting the school. The school requires to account for the whereabouts of all children who are absent.

Parents and carers require to be contactable at all times and avoid the need for the school to phone emergency contacts or partner agencies where contact cannot be made.

Parents and Carers are asked to support this

important Safe Guarding request.

**- *THANK YOU***