



LOUDOUN-
MONTGOMERY
PRIMARY AND
EARLY YEARS
NEWSLETTER

October 2019

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter will provide a flavour of what we have achieved at Loudoun-Montgomery Primary and Early Years this term. We have been incredibly busy and working extremely hard on our improvement priorities.

Also included are some information items and reminders to ensure the best experience at school for everyone.

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

This unfortunately, is my final newsletter, but I am delighted to inform you that Mr Paul Bleakley has been appointed as the new Head Teacher following interview on Tuesday 8th October. I am sure you will provide Mr Bleakley with a warm welcome and he will lead the Loudoun-Montgomery School and Early Years community very effectively. Mr Bleakley will take up his new post on Monday 4th November.

I wish everyone a restful October holiday next week.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacqueline G. Robertson".

Miss J Robertson

Interim Head Teacher

Highlights



Early Years

There have been permanent staff appointed to the Early Years. We are delighted to welcome Emma Affleck, Sally Fox and Mandy Findlay to the team.

Outdoor Learning in the Early Years

The children and families are enjoying the work in the allotments along with the Family Learning Team and Eglinton Growers, led by Jade. We are hoping to encourage some budding gardeners.



Intergenerational Learning

We are delighted to have strengthened the link with Fullarton Care Home and groups of our children are enjoying learning and playing alongside residents. Our staff have received key information from Care Home Staff about Dementia to increase their understanding and Tracey and Mandy provided information to Care Home staff about child development and appropriate interactions.

Resources

The children are enjoying the range of additional resources in the playroom, which includes our new

interactive table, where the children can learn through different educational apps.

Police Visit



Following lots of play in the Early Years involving Police, we were delighted to invite our local policemen to the Early years to share with the children lots of information about his job.

Early Years Important Information

Change of Clothes

It would be much appreciated if you could make sure your child has a change of clothes with them everyday. As we all know accidents can happen and our children like to get very wet outside and at water play. They are all learning as they play.



Parents Groups

The Early Years will be offering some exciting opportunities for parents next session. Please keep a look out for information from the Early Years.



Medication

If your child requires any medication in the Early Years please ensure all paperwork is completed with staff

and there is a patient label from the chemist on every item. In the interests of safety we have to follow strict guidelines to protect our children. We really appreciate your support with this.

Primary School Highlights



Pupil Leadership Roles

We are delighted that after a fair and transparent interview and selection process Tori and Lilly-May were selected to be School Captains. Caleb and Maisie were selected as Vice-Captains. This whole experience reflected the application and interview process the children will participate in when they are applying for jobs.

The children were fully aware and agreeable that the roles would not be gender based, but selected on the basis of the best person for the role. Jade, our Senior Early Years Practitioner, joined Miss Goudie for the interviews. The children appreciated this as Jade is a new member of staff and the selection was based on the interview.

Well done to everyone who put themselves forward!

Leadership Groups

We have also appointed members of the following groups.

- Eco-Committee
- Digi-Leaders
- Playground Leaders



Celebration Brunch

The pupils have really enjoyed the Celebration Brunch which was introduced and they have been able to talk about their learning, effectively. We will continue to review the approach and take on board any pupil suggestions.

Head Teacher Appointment

A group of pupils and a separate group of staff were part of Focus Groups as part of the interview process for the new Head Teacher. This was a great real life experience for our children.

Parent Open Evening

Thank you to everyone who came to the Open Evening on the 19th September. We were delighted to have the catering staff on hand to offer samples from the School Lunch menu.



Sharing the Learning

Primary 7 offered a Parent session on Thursday 3rd October and Primary 3 welcomed parents and carers on Monday 7th October.

The rest of the dates are listed below. We really hope you can come along and support your child.

Sharing the Learning

All events at 1:45p.m. unless otherwise stated.

Class	Date 1	Date 2
PRIMARY 1	7 TH NOVEMBER 2019	28 TH MAY 2020
PRIMARY 2	19 TH FEBRUARY 2020	10 TH JUNE 2020
PRIMARY 3	7TH OCTOBER 2019	12 TH MARCH 2020
PRIMARY 5/4	29 TH JANUARY 2020	20 TH MAY 2020
PRIMARY 6/5	13 TH FEBRUARY 2020	10 TH JUNE 2020
PRIMARY 7	3RD OCTOBER 2019	2 ND APRIL 2020

Primary 1 look forward to welcoming their parents on the 7th November at 1:45p.m.



School Improvement Review

We welcomed Senior Officers from North Ayrshire Council to the school and early years last week. We are delighted that they identified significant improvements in the life and work of Loudoun-Montgomery. They were also able to confirm out next steps we had identified were appropriate. We look forward to the return visit of Education Scotland.

Fancy Dress Disco

We have arranged a DJ for Fancy Dress Disco on Tuesday 29th October from 4:00p.m. – 5:15p.m. for all pupils. There will be a nominal charge of £1 and this

will include a snack for all pupils. There will be no additional tuck shop. This was discussed with the Parent Council and they fully supported the proposal. Pupils will pay the £1 on the night. All children will require to be collected by an adult after the disco.

Head Lice

It would be much appreciated if all parents and carers could check their child's hair every week for evidence of head lice. If your child has headlice 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 chemist.

Parent Conduct

It is **extremely important** that all parents, carers and visitors to the school conduct themselves in a responsible manner at **ALL** times within the school grounds. Our children are entitled to be safe in school and not be exposed to abusive language or threats between adults. This behaviour will not be tolerated and any further incident will result in more formal action being taken. Any adult who has a dispute with another carer, must keep this out of school grounds and be a good role model for our young people. I trust we will not need to address this matter again.

Holiday Dates

School finishes on Friday 11th October at 3p.m. for the October break. The Early Years is open for all children who attend full year.

The school reopens on Tuesday 22nd October.

Mid Term Holiday

Early Years and School are closed for all pupils on Friday 15th November and Monday 18th November 2019.

In-Service Days

Monday 21st October is an In-Service Day for staff and the Early Years and School will be closed for all pupils.

Uniform and labelling clothes

Please make sure that every item of clothing has your child's name clearly marked on the label. This is very helpful in assisting us to reunite items of clothing with their owner.