



## PRIMARY 1 INDUCTION PROGRAMME

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to share with you that Mrs McKendrick and Mrs Watson will be your child's Primary 1 teachers in August. Mrs McKendrick will teach on a Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Watson will teach on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.



Mrs McKendrick  
(Monday & Tuesday)



Mrs Watson  
(Wednesday to Friday)

We have been planning creative ways of providing you and your child with positive experiences to support their transition from Early Years to P1. We are happy to share the following range of activities:

### 1. CLASS TEACHER VISITS TO EARLY YEARS – MARCH THROUGH TO JUNE

These transition visits with the children have a STEM focus (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths), and are delivered to match children's level and interest. This STEM approach is being applied across our cluster – Irvine Royal Academy Cluster. Mrs McKendrick was part of last year's authority working party that developed this engaging STEM approach that uses the popular children's stories based on the character *Percy the Park Keeper*.



### 2. PARENT INFORMATION MORNING – THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> May @ 9am

Our first Parental Induction Event will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May from 9am to 10.15am, which will be an informal information morning and an opportunity to introduce you to your child's P1 teachers. Entrance is through our main doors and tea & coffee will be available on arrival. If your child does not normally attend early years at this time, then please bring them along too. Mrs McDaniel, our P1 Early Years Practitioner, has some activities that they can enjoy. Please click this link or scan QR code to share that you can attend. <https://forms.office.com/e/XRD8uM80Ke>



## 2. SMALL GROUP CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE – MAY & JUNE

As our children have a variety of attendance patterns this activity will be repeated during May and June to ensure all children can enjoy the experience during days that they attend Early Years.



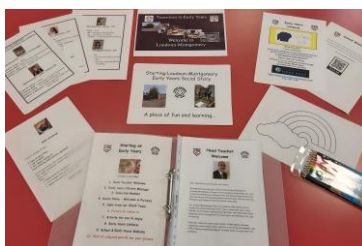
## 3. MEET THE TEACHER - 1 TO 1 CHAT WITH MRS MCKENDRICK & MRS WATSON - Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> MAY -

We would like to invite you and your child for a short informal chat. We will make use of the final In-service day of the session – 30<sup>th</sup> May, where we can schedule a one to one time for you and your child to meet Mrs McKendrick and Mrs Watson. **A questionnaire will be emailed to you. This will tell us about the times when you are available. This informal get together will last approximately 10 minutes.**



## 5. PRIMARY 1 INDUCTION PACK – MAY

During the to one-one meeting, Mrs McKendrick and Mrs Watson will introduce to you our P1 Induction Pack, which you can take away at the end of your conversation. This is packed with information about primary school life.



## 1. COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY – UNIFORM FUNDING – TERM 4

Some funding from North Ayrshire Council has been secured to support our focus on the Cost of the School Day. Parents regularly tell us that the cost of uniforms has a consistent impact on our families. Last year we provided all our early years pupils with polo shirts. We intend to provide all our P1 pupils with a plain purple sweatshirts and polo shirts to support their start to session 2022/23.



## 6. SMALL GROUP OUTDOOR LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Again, as our children have a variety of attendance patterns this activity will be repeated throughout June to ensure all children can enjoy the experience during one of the days that they attend EY.

This experience will extend to a home activity – creating a *Nature Palette*.

Each child's completed *Nature Palette* will be gathered in on their first day of Primary 1 in August. It will form a focus for sharing and discussion. It will then be used to create P1's first wall display.



## 7. WHOLE CLASS CLASSROOM SUMMER INDUCTION EXPERIENCES – JULY & AUGUST

**First Afternoon - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July – 1pm to 2pm**

**Second Afternoon - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August – 1pm to 2pm**

With the length of the summer break we have used this approach with great success over the previous two years. We do hope that your child will be able to join us on these two 1 hour afternoon visits, for the whole P1 to enjoy together. If your child attends early years on these afternoons then one of our practitioners will make sure they join their new P1 friends so that they do not miss out on the fun.

Parents and siblings are invited to stay for some tea, coffee, juice and biscuits in the main hall. Cost of the School Day Uniforms (no cost to our families) will be handed over on 7<sup>th</sup> July. On the first afternoon there will be a little of entertainment, where we will share a slideshow to music of pictures of our children during their last year at early years, concluding with their graduation day photographs. During the last 10 minutes of each afternoon our new P1 children will join us in the main hall so we can celebrate how well they have done with their whole class time together – certificates for all!



We hope that you will agree that we have been creative in our approach to planning an effective transition path for your child, so they are well prepared for Primary 1 in August. Their first day at Loudoun-Montgomery Primary School on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023**.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Paul L. Bleakley'.

Paul Bleakley  
Head Teacher

