



St Margaret of Scotland Primary, Language Communication Support Centre & Nursery

School Telephone Number - 01236 632102

Email: nlloven2@northlan.org.uk

Twitter: @SMOSprimary

Website: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/smos/>

NEWSLETTER



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. We are beginning to return to some sort of normality in school as COVID levels are reducing.

We had an unsettled first term as a result of pupil/staff absences and are ready for this new term.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding.

Our School Improvement Plan

All schools in North Lanarkshire Council are working on a Recovery Plan as a result of the Covid Impact.

Here is a summary of what we are hoping to do in SMOS this school year.

1. To close the attainment gap in literacy in response to COVID 19

What are we doing?

- ✚ To upskill the children in digital literacy skills - we have spent £39,000 on new computers/ICT
- ✚ To promote a reading culture in SMOS - all classes have new libraries and books (Spend - £8,000)
- ✚ Assessing children to identify the gaps in their learning and plugging these gaps with interventions such as "Read, Write Inc" and "Rainbow Reading"
- ✚ Mrs Reddick is our Literacy Coach and she takes groups of children to help raise their attainment and plug gaps in learning.

2. To close the attainment gap in Numeracy in response to COVID 19

What are we doing?

- ✚ To upskill the children in digital numeracy skills
- ✚ Staff training on new approaches to teaching maths e.g. SEAL
- ✚ Assessing children to identify gaps in their learning and plugging these gaps with interventions such as "Number Box"

3. To support the mental, social, emotional and physical health of children, families and staff in response to Covid 19

What are we doing?

- ✚ All classes are timetabled for outdoor learning and we have invested £13,000 in purchasing new equipment e.g. bikes, scooters, scooter boards & helmets
- ✚ Increased use of our new MUGA pitch
- ✚ We are working again in partnership with Achieve More Scotland
- ✚ All classes are following the Emotion Works health & wellbeing programme
- ✚ The Voice Project (Choir) is now back up and running every Thursday in Primary 4 (We hope to expand this as restrictions lift)
- ✚ Community Learning Development (CLD) Lesley has been offering workshops to parents to help with homework, routines and sleep
- ✚ Our Nurture Teacher is delivering additional interventions to support health & wellbeing, for example "FRIENDSHIP TERRACE"

How can you help us to make sure that your child achieves their very best?

- + Good routines, bedtimes, fresh air, exercise
- + Good attendance - increased attendance makes a big difference
- + Limit gaming devices/You Tube time
- + Encourage your child to read more
- + Encourage your child to do their homework

Staffing

Miss Gamson is now Mrs Watt, at last! Congratulations to you both on your future life together.

Mrs McGregor is Acting Principal Teacher as Mrs Jack is still on Maternity Leave.

In Mrs McGregor's role as digital champion, she has purchased new digital technology for our school. New digital planners have been created and we have a brand new set of laptops which the children have access to each week. Additional digital resources will be purchased throughout the year in order to continue to develop our digital learning.

Mrs Williams is Pupil Equity Fund Principal Teacher and is working hard to improve our outdoor learning as part of her remit.

During last term the children completed questionnaires regarding outdoor learning equipment and resources. The outdoor learning team gathered all the children's views and ideas. From this the outdoor learning team have begun purchasing new outdoor equipment including scooters, bikes, trikes and scooter boards along with lots of new smaller pieces of equipment for playtimes. The children and staff are excited to start using the new equipment in the new term.

Parental Phone Calls

Thank you to all our parents/carers who participated in our phone calls to discuss progress. We hope you found this useful.

Homework

Homework will begin on **Monday 25th October**. This will be shared on your child's **Class 'Teams' page** every Monday and all completed work should be submitted via this page by the Friday of each week. Your child's class teacher will provide both electronic and oral feedback on all submitted work. Please ensure your child has a copy of all login details required.

Halloween

On Friday 29th October your child can come to school wearing a costume.

NO accessories to be brought to school and costumes should not be too scary.

We are unable to have our normal Halloween celebrations but want the children to have a fun filled day in their own classroom.



Class Mass

Fr McKay is now able to carry out class masses. Feel free to pop along and support your child's class

Dates are detailed below:-

Friday 22 nd October @ 10.00am	Primary 7
Friday 29 th October @ 10.00am	Primary 6
Friday 5 th November @ 10.00am	Primary 5/6
Friday 12 th November @ 10.00am	Primary 5
Friday 19 th November @ 10.00am	Primary 4
Friday 26 th November @ 10.00am	Primary 3
Friday 3 rd December @ 10.00am	Primary 2
Friday 10 th December @ 10.00am	Primary 1/2
Friday 17 th December @ 10.00am	Primary 1



Sacramental Dates

Mass of Enrolment

St Joseph's Parish	Sunday 30 th January @ 11.00am
Sacred Heart Parish	Sunday 27 th February 2022 @ 10.00am

Reconciliation

St Joseph's Parish	Thursday 24 th February 2022 @ 7.00pm
Sacred Heart Parish	Tuesday 15 th March 2022 @ 6.00pm

First Holy Communion

St Joseph's Parish	Sunday 15 th May 2022 @ 11.00am
Sacred Heart Parish	Sunday 22 nd May 2022 @ 10.00am

Confirmation

St Joseph's Parish	Thursday 2 nd June @ 7.00pm
--------------------	--



Primary 6 - Visit to Our Lady's High School

Primary 6 will go to Our Lady's High School on Friday 12th November for a visit. We are delighted that this event can go ahead this year. The children will go by walking bus escorted by adults and will have the opportunity to experience High School.

Strathclyde Park Outdoor Programme - Primary 7

Primary 7 children are being offered a week of outdoor education at Strathclyde Park from Monday 13th - Friday 17th December 2021. (Your information pack should already be with you)

The child will have the opportunity to take part in bikeability training levels 1 & 2, orienteering, soft archery, boating on the water, team challenges, highland games events, bushcraft and more.



Flu Immunisation

This will take place in school on **Friday 29th October 2021**



In-Set Day

The next in-set day is **MONDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2020**.

Events

COVID 19 has affected our Christmas plans again this year.

Unfortunately we cannot have parents in school so our Nativity will not go ahead.

Instead each class will upload something onto their Twitter page which I hope you enjoy.



Once a week take a peek

Can I ask you to check your child's hair and be extra vigilant when brushing, combing or washing.

Sickness and Diaphorrea

Please note that children experiencing these symptoms should not return to school for **48 hours** following the last period of sickness/diaphorrea.



With kind regards and best wishes.

M Love (Miss)

Head Teacher