

Loirston School

Here at Loirston we have begun another session. We have welcomed into our school a new cohort of both Primary One and nursery pupils to our school. We are pleased to say that they have all settled in well to the routines of the school and are rising to all the challenges set.

Our session has started out with a number of pieces of good news within our staffing. Claire Mathieson, our nursery nurse and Miss Wood our Primary 7 teacher both got married during the summer and have been welcomed back as Claire Littlejohn and Mrs Mclean. Also this weekend sees Miss Snowie, our nursery teacher get married at Drum Castle. We wish her all the best for her big day and will welcome her back next week as Mrs Hays.

With regard to our day to day business here at Loirston we have had a very busy start to the term. From our Improvement Plans we carry on to implement the curriculum for Excellence within our classes. We continue to strive to engage with the four capacities developing our students into Confident Individuals, responsible citizens, effective contributors and successful learners.

Already we have been developing our pupil's learning with science. We had the enormous logistical challenge of getting all our pupils from P2-7 out to Techfest, the science festival in Aberdeen city with a large amount of very engaging learning experiences within science area of the curriculum. Over 250 pupils went out over the course of the week and gained a lot from the Techfest experience. We have begun to develop our pupil voice in the school this session. We

have reinstated our **Pupil council** who are going to be working alongside Mr Constable on developing our School Behaviour policies as well as engaging in other areas of School improvement including the running of the **Healthy Tuck Shop**. Miss Anderson and Miss Pate have also been engaging with our Eco Committee in order to improve "All things Eco" in our school whilst also developing our pupils' capacities as responsible citizens within the community.

We also have plans for our **Primary 5, 6 and 7 pupils** to develop very important life skills through the St John's ambulance certified First Aid course. Alongside this we have staff from the NHS coming into our school in order to develop our pupil's awareness of respect, rights and responsibilities as members of their family and community. Both the ST John's ambulance scheme and the NHS work will begin next week.

Part of our improvement plan is to engage more with parents regarding work ongoing in the school. Already we have hosted two curricular evenings and have also developed **Learning Journeys within the school which allow our parent body to be aware on a more regular basis the kinds of work their children will be taking part in during the school year**. We will continue to endeavour to provide opportunities for our parent body to become even more involved in the work of the school as the year goes on.

Our **parent council** have also got off to a flying start this year. Our annual AGM



was very well attended a new committee have been formed and already we have had our first fundraising event take place in the school. On Tuesday evening we had a very successful Stalls Night with many of the community turning up either to run a stall or buy things from the large number of stalls that were in place. Many thanks to all in the community for coming out to support this event and huge thanks to the Parent Council for organizing such a successful event. We really do appreciate it.

**As the session goes on we are sure
that there will be lots more going on,
especially if these first four weeks are
anything to go by and we look forward to
sharing all our news with the community.**

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