

Lochgoilhead Primary School

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Wednesday 1st July 2026

April – June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a great year! We are so thankful for children's engagement and enthusiasm, staff's dedication to providing and supporting teaching and learning, families for their ongoing support and wider partnerships within the community.

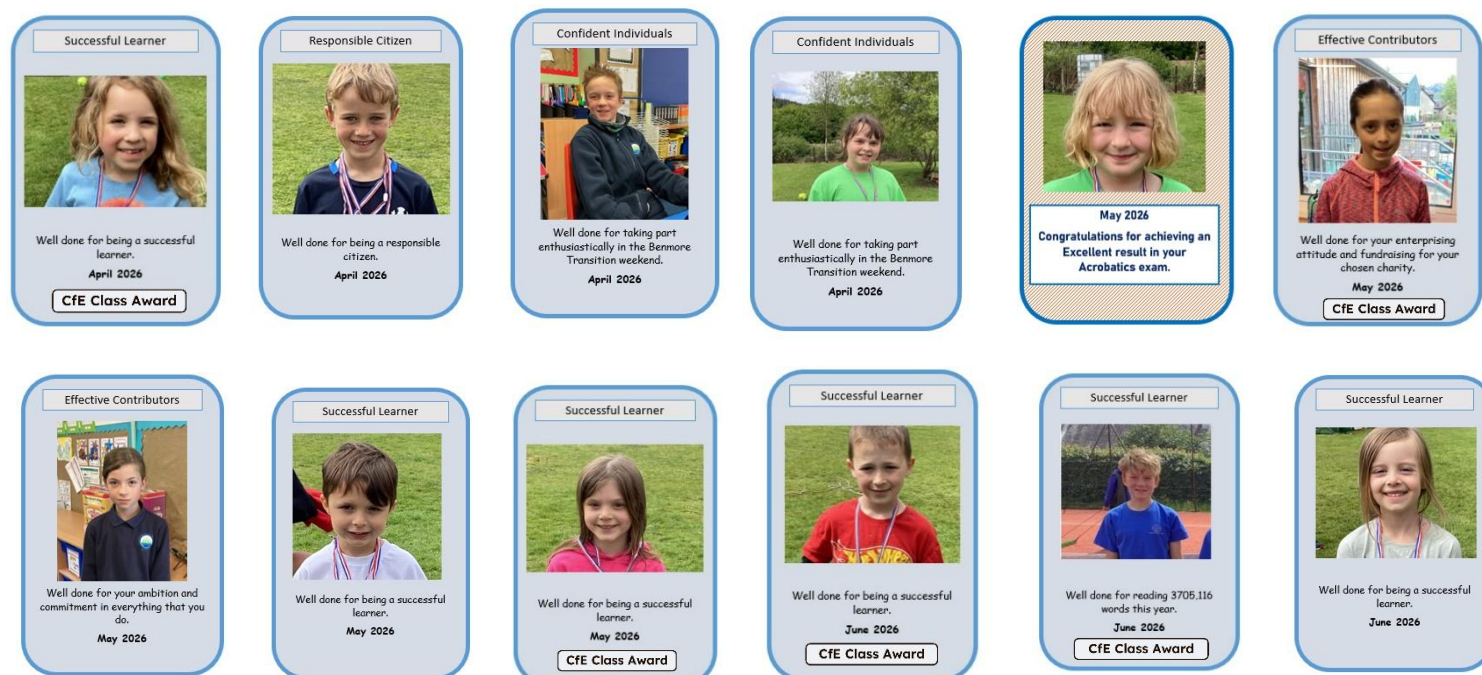
Staffing

Gail will be leaving Lochgoilhead Primary School at the end of the session to take up a Class Teacher post at Strachur Primary School. Gail has made a great contribution through her teaching, leadership roles (including ECO Schools and QUAMSO), and her caring, professional approach. She will be greatly missed, and we wish Gail every success in her new role.

Parent Council

Thank you to our Parent Council, for all their hard work. The next Parent Council meeting will be on Thursday 27th August 2026 via Zoom at 7pm. We encourage all parents and carers to attend meetings where possible.

CfE Awards Curriculum for Excellence places learners at the heart of education with the four capacities at its centre. The four capacities are aimed at helping children to become: Successful Learners, Confident Individuals, Responsible Citizens and Effective Contributors. These capacities reflect and recognise the lifelong nature of education and learning.



Wider Achievements- We thoroughly enjoy celebrating the wider achievements of our pupils. We are very proud of all children. Thank you for sharing your children's achievements with us.



Effort certificates in the Big Class

Children work towards bronze, silver and gold effort awards. You must get 125 efforts to get to Bronze, 125 efforts to get to Silver and 125 efforts to get to GOLD. Well done to Tyler, Sophie, Zoe and Isla for their effort certificates this term.

The Great Food Challenge

Well done to all children for gaining certificates as part of the Great Food Challenge. They have achieved this by trying new foods during lunch, through excellent behaviour as well as lovely manners.

Thank you to Tanya who very kindly also presents a gift to the children when they have achieved their targets.



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Internet Safety and Safe Gaming

Thank you to Rachel Wells for visiting the school to discuss internet safety. She kindly gave each child a booklet on ways of keeping safe online.

Farewell to Garrick Collier

We bid an emotional farewell to Garrick. From the moment Garrick joined the school, he brought unwavering support, encouragement, and a genuine commitment to our school. He will be sadly missed but we wish him every success and happiness in his new adventures. The children sang a song to wish Garrick all the very best and presented him with cards and gifts. They also enjoyed a final game of football with him.





Blair Drummond

What an adventure both classes had going to Blair Drummond. Thank you to Neil for paying for the entrance for all pupils and to the Goil Trust for covering the cost of transport.



Shinty Tournament

Thank you so much to Doreen and all the volunteers that made the Shinty tournament possible. Thank you also to Doreen and Nikki for organising the transport there and back. The Big Class were a credit to themselves, their families/carers and the school. They followed instructions carefully, showed great sportsmanship and fantastic shinty skills. It was an amazing experience, and, for some, it was their first time to play on a full sized shinty pitch.



Live Art with the Museum of Scotland

The Big Class enjoyed a live art lesson inspired by the famous oil-on-canvas painting by Dutch Golden Age painter Jan Steen. The children discussed the painting and the similarities and differences between schools in the past and present. They then predicted what schools may look like in the future.



Sports Day 2026

A huge thank you to everyone that made the Sports Day so special. All children were amazing and should be very proud of all that they achieved with a great team spirit and excellent sportsmanship.



Fiddle Lessons

Thank you to Abigail for continuing with fiddle lessons this term. Abigail has really inspired and encouraged children to play the fiddle and they have blossomed with her instruction.

Young Leaders

Thank you to Lindsay Mitchell for visiting the school to share with Primary 6 and 7 a variety of fun playground games that they will be able to lead during this term and beyond.



Forest Schools

In Forest School, a group of children took on the responsibility of building a fire for everyone to bake bread on. The pupils then worked collaboratively to create a series of bridges across some very muddy areas. The Big Class have learned how to tie various knots and made wooden frames for a natural woodland picture that they went onto create in the Arboretum.



ExP

Thank you to Grace Martin and her team for visiting the school to deliver stories from the bible during the year. We have loved bringing bible stories to life by being part of them.



Swimming

Thank you for the Goil Trust for largely funding swimming lessons as well as contributions from the PC and families. Children bloomed in confidence and enthusiasm. Thank you to Fiona and her team for teaching our children. Thank you to Drimsynie for hosting the pool party fun session. Everyone had an amazing time, and it was the perfect end to this term's block of swimming lessons.



IDL learning in the Big Class

Congratulations to Kayleigh and Sophie for winning the best Endangered Animal poster competition which was filled with detail using words and pictures.



Fire Brigade

Thank you to Emma from the Fire Brigade for inviting the children to see the new fire engine.



Tennis tournament

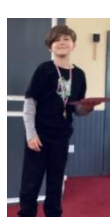
Congratulations to our P1- P4 and P5 - P7 tennis players for their amazing skills and sportsmanship at the tennis tournament. Well done to the P5 - P7 who were placed 5th out of 10. Well done also to the P1 - P4 who were placed 6th out of 9.



Congratulations to all the children who were involved in the Tennis Tournament. Well done also to Ruairidh, Ella and Christiaan who have been selected to receive additional coaching sessions.

End of Year celebration ceremony

Thank you to all families and carers who attended the end of year prize giving ceremony. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together in joyful celebration of the academic achievement, personal growth and supportive community that every child contributes to. Thank you to PC for their contributions towards medals and trophies. Thank you for Frank from DGS for engraving our trophies.



Shinty

Thank you to Doreen for continuing with shinty sessions this term. Despite the midges, children have played and enjoyed shinty both indoors and outdoors developing dribbling, passing and scoring.



Police Sports

Congratulations to all the children for their fabulous skill, enthusiasm, energy and sportsmanship. With a mixture of races, relays and football the time flew past. Well done everyone,

Charity Walks

As a school we took part in the Marie Curie River Walk, CHAS and the Ambulance walks this term. Thank you for any donations that were given for the charities.

ELC Graduation and Leavers ceremony 2026

It was an emotional afternoon seeing our ELC pupils graduate to Primary 1 next term and to wish our Primary 7s the very best for their transition to the Grammar. Our loss is DGS gain. We wish our ELC graduates all the best and know that they will go on to do us proud.



Debating

Well done Big Class for participating in a fantastic debate. The class have been researching, discussing arguments and opinions and collating evidence for their classroom debate. Each speaker was being peer assessed on a range of skills that they had developed throughout these sessions. The class also had a chance to ask each-other questions.





Bikeability

Thank you to the Scouts Centre for providing bikes and helmets. Primary 6 successfully completed Level 1 Bikeability.

P6 and P7s practiced a variety of road skills, including completing U-turns, turning into and out of a side road, signalling and changing gears. We

then took to the road and safely cycled to the Drimsynie shop for a snack (thank you to the school for providing funds for this), to the playpark and in the afternoon to the end of Inverlounin Road. The pupils loved exploring the beach and worked so well together to ensure everyone had a fun and educational day. Well done everyone.

We had a very emotional and heartfelt assembly to thank Mrs McCorquodale for all that she has done over the past six years at the school and to wish her well at her new role at Strachur Primary. She will be greatly missed but will still be with the class until the end of term.



Talent Show 2026

Thank you to all parents and carers who visited the school this afternoon to watch the children's Talent Show. There was a wonderful mixture of skills and talents from football and shinty to singing, dancing and jokes. Well done everyone.



ELC Highlights



The children started the new term by creating self-portraits. This activity helps to develop their observations and writing skills. It is wonderful to look back at previous terms to see how the children have progressed.



The children have been exploring minibeasts as the insects pop out after winter. The children created black line drawings of their favourite minibeasts and used their literacy skills to create stories about them. They used their numeracy skills to count their legs and maths knowledge to describe size. The children went for a community walk to search for minibeasts and noticed the beautiful bluebells all around. This inspired a painting activity at stay and play, exploring the bluebells in the playground and how to use watercolours.



There has been lots of water play this term. The children build their maths knowledge by measuring and pouring. Transporting has been a popular activity as they create flower tea, potions and searching for minibeasts.



The children decided to decorate the fairy houses to encourage to come back to the ELC. They worked together to paint rainbows, fences and collect food for them.



the fairies build



The children have been exploring movement of objects including exploring the wind outdoors. It has been wonderful to enjoy new resources in the sunshine.



The children are enjoying shinty with Doreen and are increasing their coordination skills to hit the ball. Their sporting skills were put to the test on Sports Day and we had a lovely time being part of the wider school community. We also enjoyed our ELC trip to Fyne Den this term. Thank you to everyone who made that possible.



We've had a very busy and exciting week term in the ELC, filled with lots of learning, creativity and fun.

The children have been enjoying the story *Paper Dolls*, where they explored the roles of the author and illustrator and used this



as inspiration to create their own paper dolls. They gave their characters names and began telling their own imaginative stories. We also explored animal fact books, learning about where land animals live and what they eat. Each morning, the children have been practising writing or copying their names during self-registration, helping to build confidence and develop fine motor skills through mark-making activities.



In Numeracy, we have been focusing on patterns, particularly those found on animals such as zebras, giraffes and cheetahs. The children discussed how patterns are formed through repetition and had the opportunity to design their own creative patterns. We have also continued with our daily calendar routines, supporting number recognition and early maths language.



Creativity has been a big highlight this term, with the children taking part in paper plate crafts, watercolour painting, and cutting and sticking activities. They also had the chance to showcase their confidence and talents during a fun and engaging talent show, where everyone had the opportunity to shine.



Health and wellbeing has remained a key focus, with the children taking part in a charity walk and enjoying shinty sessions. We have been exploring emotions through circle time discussions and the use of Colour Monster pegs to help children recognise and talk about how they feel. Outdoor play has supported physical development using bikes, cars and balance beams, as well as creative and sensory experiences such as watercolour mixing and playing with animals in the sand.

In STEM learning, the children have continued to develop their problem-solving and creativity through junk modelling and block play. They have been building animal homes and parks and using loose parts to design imaginative animal habitats, showing great teamwork and innovation.



We were incredibly proud to celebrate our ELC graduation. Each child was recognised for their achievements and received a certificate, celebrating how much they have grown in confidence, independence and learning. It was wonderful to share this milestone with staff and families.

Alongside this, the children have been taking part in P1 transition activities, helping them feel settled, confident and ready for the next stage of their learning journey. Thank you for your continued support – we are so proud of all the children and how much they have achieved this year.



Annual water fun and Fun Day



Both classes enjoyed some water fun before the Fun Day. Thank you to all the children and families who attended the Fun Day. Thank you to Nikki who printed the tickets. Thank you, Angela and her sister, for organising the beautiful hampers and congratulations to the families who

won these. Thank you to the PC for using PC funds to pay for food and drinks and to the Goil for preparing the food. Thank you to our staff and parents who supported the activities, organised the raffle and helped to serve the food. Thank you to the Bowling Club volunteers who led the bowling activities. A great time was had by all.



John Muir Award



Thank you to Ardroy staff for delivering the John Muir Award with P4-P7, which has had a very positive impact on children by building confidence and wellbeing,



strengthening their connection to nature, developing key skills such as teamwork and independence, promoting health through outdoor activity, encouraging environmental responsibility, and increasing engagement in learning through practical, hands-on experiences.



Although some of the skills were new or unfamiliar to the children, they approached the challenge with determination, giving their best effort while encouraging one another to support and push themselves and others."



Ardroy outdoor learning experiences for the Wee Class

The Wee Class thoroughly enjoyed the canoeing in the sun, exploring the labyrinth, had a fun archery session and enjoyed playing games with Ardroy staff. We are so proud of how they engaged with activities they had and had not done before showing courage and strength, learning skills, making precious memories with their peers.



We would like to sincerely thank Ardroy staff for making the last week of term, one of the best and one to remember!

Parent Portal

We encourage parents to sign up for the Parent Portal facility. Soon, permission slips for trips will be issued online and slots for parent evenings will also be booked via the portal.

Important Dates

Wednesday 1st July 2026- School and ELC close for the summer at 1pm.

Thursday 13th August 2026 and Friday 14th August 2026- In Service Day- School and ELC open to staff only.

Monday 17th August 2026- School and ELC open to staff and pupils

Thursday 27th August 2026 Parent Council meeting (ZOOM, at 7pm) -Parents welcome to attend

We will share an overview of dates from August to October 2026 early next term.

Kind regards,

Louise and Melissa