



LOUGH VIEW NEWS

October 2023



Welcome Back

Hopefully your child has settled in well to their new class and is enjoying being back at school. The start of the new term has been busy with the fun of Fitness Freddy and our Family Colour Run only tempered by the disruption caused by the most recent incident in Henry Jones. Your support with all these events has been very much appreciated and is a great reminder of the value of parental involvement in our Integrated School.



Welcome New Pupils

A big welcome to the many new families joining us this year at Lough View through Nursery, Year 1 and other classes throughout the school. We hope that your child is settling well into school and that your time with us will be positive and memorable.

New Nursery Building

We are so pleased that our new building has been completed on time for the start of the new term. It really is a beautiful building and Mrs Black and her team have done a brilliant job getting it ready for our new cohort of nursery children to start their journey through our school. You are more than welcome to come and see for yourself on **Friday 20th October between 1-3pm.**

Stay and Play

All parents collecting from Stay and Play are asked to follow the guidance regarding pick-ups. Please contact Stay and Play on 07500325197 if you need any further assistance so as not to disturb the office staff. Thank you.

Spirit of Lough View Assembly

Congratulations to our Mr McKeefry's Y5 class who took home the big prize at our assembly this morning, for a very impressive start to the new school year.



Parents' Council

The AGM to form our new Parents' Council took place last week and was very well attended. The Office Bearer's for this year are;
Colette McIlvenna – Chairperson
Stephen McCallum – Secretary
Mimi Wan – Treasurer
We wish the new committee the very best of luck and encourage parents to get involved with their work that helps our school to make such excellent provision for the children. For further information or to get involved please check out the Parents' Council Facebook Page.



30th Anniversary Celebrations

Our Steering Group are working away in the background to follow up the success of the Colour Run with more events to mark our milestone 30th year. Some events we are planning include a photo exhibition, birthday parties for the children and – back by popular demand – Culture Day will now become Culture Night towards the end of the school year. We are going to need lots of help to run these events so keep a look out for our appeal for support from the school community, which is coming soon.



Parent Governor Positions

We currently have 2 vacancies for the role of Parent Governor on our Board of Governors. This is a great way to get involved in the work and life of the school. It is an especially important role in our Grant Maintained Integrated School. I will soon be writing to parents to ask for nominations, so please consider putting your hand up to join our fantastic team. **In the event of there being more than 2 nominations, it will be necessary to hold an election process.** If you have any questions or queries about the role of Parent Governor, please get in touch with me directly.



CCTV Provision

You will be aware that we have again been impacted by the ongoing incidents at Henry Jones. Over the last month, I have been liaising with Belfast City Council, PSNI and elected representatives to secure additional security measures for both Henry Jones and our school grounds. Thankfully, it appears that both will progress in the coming months, so further disruption will hopefully be avoided. I would like to take the opportunity to thank local elected representatives from all sides of the political spectrum who have lobbied the Department of Education on our behalf.

UPCOMING DATES

Fri 13th Oct – Pupil Council Elections

Tues 17th Oct – Flu Vaccinations

Fri 27th Oct – School closes for Half Term break – normal pick-up times

HALF TERM

Mon 6th Nov – School reopens for all pupils

Fri 17th Nov – School closed for pupils – PARENT INTERVIEWS

Fri 24th Nov – School Photographer

Fri 1st Dec – School closes at 12 noon for Open Day

Parent Survey

This week, we will be launching our parent survey. It is an important opportunity for you to have your say about the priorities we identify as part of our School Development Plan. It is also a chance for you to share your experience of being a parent at Lough View to see what are doing well and how we can improve further.

The link for the survey will be shared on Clasdojo on Monday 9th October and will close for responses on Friday 27th October.

Additional KS2 Parking

Volunteers are still needed to support the delivery of this service, which is vital to reducing congestion around the school site. Please contact the school office if you can lend a hand in any way to help us out.

Bus Contributions

Our bus service is invaluable for many families in our school. However, we receive no funding towards the cost of a bus escort to keep your children safe. A voluntary contribution of 40p per child per journey will ensure we can maintain this essential service.

