

Loanhead Primary School

Nurture News



At Loanhead Primary School, relationships are at the heart of our success. Our vision is about promoting Health and Wellbeing with the child at the centre, to become a healthy, confident and resilient community.

Over some time, we have been using Nurture Principles to upskill staff, reflect upon our environment and practice and, while working with Midlothian Council's Nurture strategy group, we have developed a plan to further embed Nurture into our school community.

We have created a group of Nurture Reps from Nursery-P7 who are excited to work on promoting the 6 principles of Nurture over the next 6 months.

The 6 Nurture Principles are:

- Children's learning is understood developmentally.
- The classroom offers a safe base.
- Nurture is important for the development of self-esteem.
- Language is understood as a vital means of communication.
- All behaviour is communication.
- Transitions are significant in the lives of children.

The Nurture Reps will be launching "Focus Fortnights" for each principle. They will introduce this at assembly and there will be an in-class task and in week 2 there will be a take home task. These activities are designed, over time, to create a deeper understanding of the principles of Nurture (pupils, staff, parents and stake holders), acknowledge all of the amazing things that we already do and plan for progress within each principle.

Our Nurture Reps chose to focus on Principle 2 first: *Our classroom offers a safe base*. This week, staff and pupils have been discussing what helps them feel safe in school, areas where they may not feel safe, types of safety and/or places they feel most unsafe. They have also been making small class targets to improve the feeling of safety. Your child will be able to tell you all about these.

The take home tasks should not be too laborious and are designed to continue the conversation from assembly-classroom-home. We will also be using all of the evidence to track our Nurture Journey.

We are excited to work with you on our Nurture Journey.

Mrs Hinton, and Nurture Reps.