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## Clarendon Ranger Award

Following the launch of Lomond School's Philosophy and Values in 2015, the Clarendon Ranger Award was created by our J1 and J2 teachers to ensure that the School's Guiding Principles of Environmentalism, Internationalism, Adventure, Life-long Learning, Leadership and Service were fully embedded into our curriculum from Junior 1.

The Clarendon Ranger programme embraces the School's vision and values whilst delivering an unparalleled programme of structured, outdoor, active learning. It runs one full afternoon per week, all year and in all weathers for our infant classes and is a curricular programme of activities which highlight the local area, the talents of our parents, staff and local people whilst embedding core values, environmental awareness and ensuring big smiles, fun and an abundance of fresh air. By working through the programme our children earn the titles of Nature Detectives at the end of term one, Bushcraft Babies following term 2 and Clarendon Rangers in term 3.



*The Clarendon Rangers overlooking Loch Lomond atop Inchcailloch.*

At Lomond School we believe that learning in the first few years of school should be based on a very simple formula: a rigorous and thorough introduction to the basics of Language and Maths combined with a plethora of varied and rich experiences which encompass all curricular areas, and much more.



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The Junior 1 and 2 pupils take the award very seriously, as do their teachers! By visiting a wide range of different environments from forests to islands and beaches, they learn that it is their job to take care of the world that they inhabit. They learn about landscapes, habitats, plants, animals and protecting the environment. Most importantly, the pupils are taught to appreciate the beauty of our local surroundings and enjoy the freedom of being outdoors.



*Clarendon Rangers on board Cruise Loch Lomond on their way to Inchcailloch where they go to scavenge for items to use in their beach art projects and forage for sorrel and wild garlic.*



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Talking about the Clarendon Rangers trip to Inchcailloch, Johnny Aitken: Food and Beverage Director said:

*“Food underpins our very being and spending the day on the island with the children was a rewarding experience for us all. Finding wild food that was carefully and sustainably foraged was exciting for the children: being able to eat our bounty minutes after harvesting made it all the better.”*



*The Clarendon Rangers forage for sorrel and wild garlic to flavour flatbreads which they cook on a campfire with Chef Johnny.*



*Mrs Aitken (Senior School Art teacher) and her husband Chef Johnny shared their skills with the Clarendon Rangers on Inchcailloch.*



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The Physical element of the award sees our pupils challenged to try new things and improve their current skill set in activities such as climbing, archery and canoeing.



*Clarendon Rangers take lessons on the climbing wall at the School sports centre.*



*Learning lots of new skills on their bikes at our sports centre with Mr Crowson, BMX Cycling Coach.*



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The Life Skills section of the award includes learning survival techniques, First aid and the HeartStart programme, cycling skills, leadership, Bushcraft and much more.

**Lesley Serpell, Lomond School Nurse, talks about one of the key events in the diary for our Clarendon Rangers:**

*“The Activities Afternoon at the Games Hall, which is so successful and enjoyable is now an annual event. The children benefit from the wealth and range of skills imparted from 11 adults across the School community. Archery, Climbing Wall, HeartStart and general First aid provide unique experiences and opportunities for the pupils to engage in life skills and training rarely afforded to infant children. It’s wonderful to see them further develop these skills as they progress through the School.”*



*Clarendon Rangers receive an Archery lesson with our PE Department.*



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*Working as a team, learning key survival skills with Lomond Mountain Rescue.*

### **David Dodson: Team Leader Lomond Mountain Rescue**

*“We took the children on a tour of the Lomond Mountain Rescue HQ and showed them what the job entails. We then engaged in some scenarios where they could rescue each other and work as a team guiding the stretcher down a hillside through rough terrain. They were all integral in making the rescue a success and the bonus of small classes meant they all took part in every activity for the full day. They felt like heroes. They were heroes.”*



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Each trip or activity is designed to encourage pupils to develop confidence and a 'can do' attitude to life. We aim to inspire children to develop interests which will become life-long passions. In a time where so many individuals struggle to find a balance which promotes mental and physical wellbeing we feel that encouraging an early love of the outdoors, adventure and challenge can only be a positive step.



*Skills like leadership and teamwork are key outcomes of the award.*



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The award culminates with a presentation. The children put this together for their parents, pupils in the Junior School and every second year, for the whole Senior School.

The benefits of this award are wide ranging. We see our pupils grow in confidence and come together as a supportive team through their shared experiences. An important part of this award is the journal which the pupils keep throughout the project. The children love to come back into class to write about their adventures and what they have learned. They are completely inspired and take great pride in writing their Clarendon Ranger Journals, which they, and their parents, treasure.

This has become more than a school project with more than 40 people from across the community involved in delivering sessions to the children. We have been overwhelmed by the number of people who have offered to share their expertise and their passions with the children. It is this which makes the Clarendon Ranger Award special and something which our pupils can feel very proud of.



*The Clarendon Rangers make the most of the sunshine, practicing their assembly presentation in the school playground!*

**Arrange a tour of the school with our Registrar to find out more about the Clarendon Ranger Award and our Junior School curriculum.**

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