



# The Lorne Phoenix

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## Our News

We are delighted to welcome Nikki Tennant as our permanent nursery teacher. She joins us from Leith Primary's nursery where she has worked for many years. Nikki will start with us after the February break and will complete our nursery team alongside Pam, Abi and Casey our Modern Apprentice. We have a big painting project planned for the nursery garden and will be looking for volunteers to help us transform the children's play area. Your help is greatly appreciated.

## Other staff news

We welcome back Catriona Anderson as our Support for Learning teacher after her maternity leave. Whilst we say a fond farewell and give our best wishes to Andrea MacKenzie as she begins her maternity leave after the February break. Mr Hemmingway will team up with Mrs Hutchinson to look after the Primary threes.

## Invitation for Nursery, P1 and P2 Parents



There are still spaces available for our upcoming **Families Connect** sessions. These informal get-togethers are designed to help parents with home learning resources for their children through exploring games and fun activities. Over 8 weeks, parents will be given free materials and shown how to use them to help their children learn at home. The session will run from 2.30 until 4pm. The first part will be with just the parents, where we will do the 'teaching part' and have a discussion over refreshments and biscuits. After the pupils have finished school, they will join us for a snack and have a chance to practise the activities with the parents. You then take the resources home, which are yours to keep.

The sessions are split into the following areas: 'Social and Emotional Development' with three sessions called 'Focus on Feelings', 'The Importance of Praise' and 'The Importance of Listening'. Two sessions on Literacy follow this, and finally two sessions on Numeracy, with the Celebration and Evaluation making up the final session.

We need at least 10 families to participate! There will be an introductory session with Carole Dick, who is the link person from the organisation, on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February from 2-3pm. Here you will be able to ask questions and fill in the short questionnaire. The sessions will then begin the following week. Please see the office to collect a form if you are interested.

## Burns Supper

The pupils of Primary 6 thrilled an invited audience with their Burns' Supper. Guests included some of our friends from Jameson Place, our Parent Council, John Lewis and Victoria Manor Care Home. The whole event had been planned and organised by the pupils. Our guests were treated to a traditional Burns Supper with welcome and address of the haggis as well as poetry recitals, songs and some Scottish Country dancing. The haggis, tatties and neeps were most tasty and the In Bru was flowing freely. The P6 pupils ran the event and as well as entertaining the audience then waited the tables. It was a lovely event and was enjoyed by all. Thank you to the P6s for all of their hard work in organising, presenting and for making this a truly memorable event.



## Learning Journals – Here to help!

### Easy to see profiles

The clean layout lets you instantly click into whichever profile you want with just one click. In "child view" children are able to safely browse their own profiles and those of their friend's so they can see what everyone in the nursery has been up to.

The screenshot shows the Learning Journals website interface. At the top, there are navigation links: Home, Children, Staff, Parents, Configuration. Below this is a search bar with filters for Curriculum (All), Room (Pre-School), and Keyworker (All). There are also buttons for 'Add Child' and 'Archive'. The main content area displays a grid of child profiles, each with a photo, name, room, keyworker, and buttons for 'Observations' and 'Edit'.

Child Name	Room	Keyworker
Abi M	Pre-School	Angela M
Aimée S	Pre-School	Angela M
Alistair H	Pre-School	Craig D
Anya F	Pre-School	Angela M
Graham J	Pre-School	Craig D

Our Learning Journals are now live. These are your child's reports as they replace our end of year paper copies.

**If you are having any issue with getting in to see your child's work – then please do drop a note to the class teacher and we can arrange some help for you.**

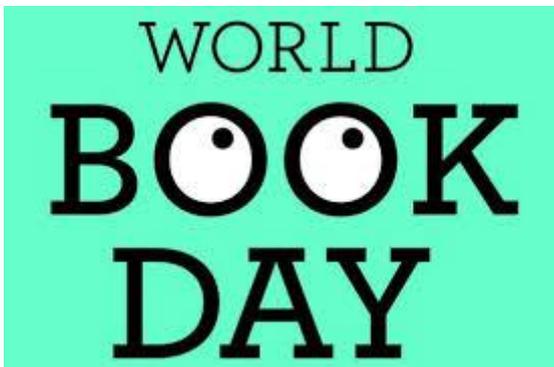
**Or come in and see me – it is a two-minute job to get you accessing your child's work.**

### **Pupil Parliament** – upcoming events

Our Pupil Parliament met this week to plan some of this year's charity, curriculum and fund-raising events.

**Earth Calling** – we are very excited as work starts on our Secret Garden area. On Monday 6th of February we begin constructing our planters and seating. Some of our pupils will be helping the team from Earth Calling to help plan and build these. The following weeks we will be visiting Dobbie's Garden Centre to buy and then plant up. Hopefully, all will be in place for the start of our spring term – ready for all to enjoy. Look out too, for some new things appearing on the school walls...

**World Book Day 2nd March**– fun events in school including dressing up, teacher swap day and extreme reading photo competition as well as our free book giveaway for every pupil supported by Black's Bookshop.



**Red Nose Day- March 24th** –sponsored joke telling – Lorne's funniest joke competition, cakes and red noses, non-uniform day and much more.



**Rookie Rockstars** – w/c April 18th and 25th. A famous rock group (?) will be visiting Lorne for a week to help the whole school learn some rock songs. On the Friday they will return with their recording equipment and cut a Lorne CD. The following week we will host two evening

Thank you to the parents who have added comments to your Learning Journal – the pupils really enjoy reading them.

concerts for parents to attend. There will be a whole school competition to design our CD cover. CDs will be available to purchase.



Want to warm up for the Rookie Rockstars? Then we have two more opportunities for you!

### **School Choir**

The P3-P7 school choir got off to a great start yesterday afternoon. The pupils learned some important breathing and posture tips and, along with some fun warm ups, learned two new Scottish songs. Choir practice runs every Thursday afternoon from the end of school to 4.15pm with Mrs Hutchinson and Miss English. We would welcome more pupils to this after school club. If you are interested, please see the office for a permission slip. We hope to put on a concert in the coming months to show case our fantastic singers! And....

### **Lorne's Got Talent**

Watch this space for more details. We are reviving the talent show for all of our pupils and are currently seeking out a new venue for the artists to perform in. A date will be confirmed but this event will take place in March. This is an urgent call for volunteers to help us ensure this Lorne tradition continues as one of the stand out nights of the school year.



### **Nursery News**

The Nursery pupils enjoyed their own Burns' Day with many of them trying haggis, neeps and tatties for the first time. They also learned some traditional Scottish songs such as 'Three Crows', 'You Cannae Shove Your



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Granny Off a Bus' as well as trying some ceilidh dancing. The 'Military Two Step' was great fun.



## Nursery request....

Does anyone have any spare underwear and clothes that could be donated to the Nursery, please? We are running short of spare clothes for the pupils to use after accidents... Please bring any donated clothes to the nursery. Thank you!

## Parent Council News

The PC encourages the input of parents and carers. They can find out more about school activities, priorities and projects to help develop, bring new ideas and they can better support their children's learning experience. The PC welcomes your attendance at quarterly evening meetings and events held by its fundraising group Friends of Lorne Primary (FOLP). Meetings are opportunities to learn more about what your children are doing, curriculum areas in focus, fundraising priorities, and FOLP event planning. Refreshments are provided and there is an activity corner for pupils who come along, too.

Our next meeting is will be to help plan and support the Lorne's Got Talent event. We will post up a meeting door on our noticeboard at the entrance to the school. Look out for it coming after the February break.

*Remember that there is a PC sign up and feedback book in the office to register your interest.*

## February Holiday

A reminder that the school is closed on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February and pupils return to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Enjoy your half-term break.

Lorne Primary team

## Local Events

**YMCA**  
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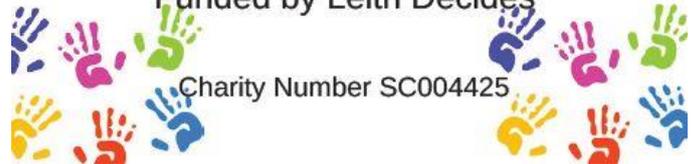
**After School Play Session**  
Tuesdays 3:30 – 5:00

For Primary age children  
Referral only

Starting 31st January 2017

More information from Paul  
[play@ymcaedinburgh.com](mailto:play@ymcaedinburgh.com)  
0131 553 7877

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The Women and Families Northeast Network invites you to celebrate:

**International Women's Day**

Tuesday 7th March

9.30-12.30pm



International  
Women's Day

YMCA Edinburgh, 1 Junction Place, EH6 5JA

Come along and enjoy FREE workshops including **massage, nails, cooking, mindfulness, yoga, belly dancing, equality and a range of other activities.** Snacks and refreshments will be provided and a **Creche for children under 5.**

**YMCA**  
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## Leith Community Cinema Programme of events



### **Mamma Mia**

We are delighted to be showing this classic sing along film and look forward to you joining us for an afternoon of fun. Reserve your ticket on eventbrite.

#### **Mamma Mia - Saturday 18th February 2017**

The story of a bride-to-be trying to find her real father told using hit songs by the popular '70s group ABBA. Join us for an afternoon of fun and sing along to those well-loved Abba classics.

The film is rated PG13.

Our Community Cafe will be open from 1.30pm serving fresh coffee/tea and home baking, soft drinks and snacks. The film commences at 2pm.

Venue - Pilrig St. Paul's Church, 1B Pilrig Street, Leith EH6 5AH

Suggested donation on day: £3 Adult / Child £2

Leith Community Cinema is a linkup activity with Inspiring Leith hosted by Bethany Christian Trust and Pilrig St Paul's Church (SC 007277)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mamma-mia-sing-along-tickets-31347095005>

### **Moana - Friday 17th February**

We are also delighted to be screening this new Pixar film ahead of the DVD release date. The story is set in Ancient Polynesia, when a terrible curse incurred by the Demigod Maui reaches an impetuous Chieftain's daughter's island, she answers the Ocean's call to seek out the Demigod to set things right. The film is rated PG.

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