



The Lorne Phoenix

June 2016

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Diary Dates

Difficult to believe it's nearly the end of the year. What a busy few weeks it has been – we have enjoyed a whole school show, welcomed our new P1s into school for some transition events, seen our P7s off to York, been raising the profile of our fund-raising with tea and scones in the playground and are now sending out our school reports. We even managed some decent weather! But we have a lot still to cram in our last few weeks...

Monday 13th Reports and Parent Consultation out
Thursday 16th 10 x P5/6 pupils to Tate Gallery, London
Friday 17th Sports Day 9.30 at Leith Academy

Tuesday 21st – Thursday 23rd
P7 transition visit to Leith Academy

Thursday 23rd School closed for European Referendum

Saturday 25th School Fair
Wed. 29th Leavers' Assembly 1.15 to 2.45pm
Thursday 30th Term ends at 12pm

Staff News

We are very sorry to be losing some members of our team. Mr McCullough will be moving to Gillespie's Primary at the end of the term, Miss Tait's maternity cover in the nursery has come to an end and Mrs Baker has secured another PSA post. We will miss them and want to say a thank you for all of the hard work and effort they have put in. We wish them all the very best for the future.

We welcome back Pam Collcutt and have appointed Abijane Parsons as our new Early Years Practitioner in the nursery. Miss Murray will be our Nursery Teacher for next session. The interviews for a new classroom teacher will take place on Tuesday 21st of June. We welcome Fiona Whitten as class teacher for next session.



Classes for next year

Our class structure will change a little for next year – our proposal is;

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| P1 | Ms. Younie |
| P1/2 | Ms. Young |
| P2 | Ms. Whitten |
| P3 | Mrs MacKenzie/Mrs Hutchinson |
| P4a | Mrs Jamieson (Mr Hemingway- Fridays) |
| P4b | Mrs Weetman |
| P5 | tbc – new staff member |
| P6a | Ms. Bidoni |
| P6b | Mrs Thompson |
| P7 | Mrs Porteous |



School Uniform suppliers

As previously reported our school uniform is now a red sweatshirt/ cardigan /hoodie / jumper with grey or black trousers and a white polo shirt. These can be purchased from;

- Tesco
- Sainsbury's
- Asda
- Morrison's

If you would like your uniform with the school badge these can be purchased from;

- Tesco online
- Max Yarns – Duke Street
- EESL – our previous supplier

You can also buy uniform from the big supermarkets and Max Yarns will embroider the school badge onto this for a small charge. Our P7 uniform remains black.

School News

Our Families And Schools Together (FAST) programme finished with our graduation last week. 13 families have enjoyed getting together to play and eat together and it has been a great team-building experience. We hope to run another session in October – look out for more details.



Green Thumbs in the Nursery

Alison Morison (Ben's granny!) has been working alongside our nursery pupils encouraging them into the garden and passing on some of her gardening tips. She entered a planters competition at the Gardening Scotland 2016 Show at Ingliston.

She supplied all the plants and came into the Nursery to get each child from both the morning and afternoon sessions to plant their own plant. Their photo is on their plant pot and Alison assembled them into two display planters, one for each session. Alison has done a lot of work with us this last few months, she has also supplied us with herbs and plants for the garden. The school were awarded a Silver Rosette – well done to all involved!



Leith Gala Day



A big Well Done! to all of our pupils who participated by singing in our choir and demonstrating Scottish Country Dancing. Your performances were very much enjoyed by the audience. What a great advert you all were for Lorne Primary.

York



Our primary 7 pupils had the trip of a lifetime at their residential visit to York. A hectic itinerary included; the beach, working Victorian village, theme park, boat ride, Viking experience, World War at Eden Camp, bowling and a disco. All are agreed it was at full speed but the memories of it will stay for a very long time. Thank you too, for our staff volunteers who gave up their time to accompany the class.

HOLIDAY DATES

Please always check for the most up-to-date version of Edinburgh City Council school holiday dates at...
www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20074/schools/20/term_dates

The following holiday dates were taken from the above website on 3/5/2015 and may have changed since then. Please check at the above website.

Summer Term

Please take special note of the election day when the school is closed.

Thu 23 Jun school closed (European Referendum) staff only
Thu 30 Jun School closes 12.00 for all children and nursery



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PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

- School Sports Day. Friday June 17th, 9.30 am-midday.

Leith Academy with pop up cafe. **HELP!**
Donations of homebaking sought. Delivery to office
Thurs June 16th pm. or bring along Friday morning.

- 2016 Summer Fair.
- Saturday June 25th, 11am-2pm. **HELP!**

Fun and games, including bouncy castle, pizza *make and munch*, home-baking, toys, games and books stalls, community support from Punjabi Junction, and more. Donations of home-baking, children's toys sought. Delivery to office Friday June 24th or bring along on day.

LPC May Summer Meeting

A meeting was held on May 17th and a range of issues were discussed including LPC bank account signatories update, planned and completed improvements to the school building interior, updating school uniform policy, parent, pupil and staff input to the school's three-year Standards, Quality and Improvement Plan, fundraising successes and future events, the pupil winter/Christmas event programme, and an action plan to address the surplus sand in the Jameson Place playground.

Parent council minutes and news is available at www.lorneprimary.co.uk,

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.

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

Next PC meeting: Summer session, Tuesday August 23rd, 6.30pm-8pm, School Library.

The agenda will be drawn from the minutes to the May 17th PC meeting.

The council's meetings for the next school year will be held on Tuesday evenings on October 11th and December 6th, 2016, and January 17th, March 14th, and May 9th, 2017.

Parent Forum and Community News

What is corporate parenting?

Senior Education Manager Moyra Wilson has notified parent councils regarding a briefing outlining what a 'looked after child' is and what the council's corporate responsibilities are. At a meeting with members of the Consultative Committee with Parents on 19th May, it was agreed to share the information with parent councils. The briefing is an eight-minute slide show available at <http://orb.edinburgh.gov.uk/corporateparenting>.

Picnic in Pilrig Park - Saturday June 18th, 11.30am-2.30pm

The Friends of Pilrig Park invite local families to bring a picnic and blanket to celebrate summer and join in free family activities including 'Beat the Goalie' with Redpath Albion, Army Reserves climbing wall, face painting and chalk drawing.

Movie News

Leith Community Cinema: Star Wars - The Force Awakens (PG13)

Friday 1st July, 7pm. Doors 6.30pm
Pilrig St Paul's Church, Leith Walk. Suggested donation: £3 adult, £2 concession.
Enquiries: info@leithcommunitycinema.com.
Bookings: www.leithcommunitycinema.com



Sports Day Information!

When? Friday 17th from 9.30a.m.

Where? Leith Academy playing field

Who? All classes plus Nursery am and pm groups (there is no Nursery pm session that day)

What do I need? Children will need to bring their own drink, older children carry their own inhaler and wee ones will have theirs with the class teacher, sunscreen if appropriate (please apply this at home). Tesco have kindly provided a choc ice for every pupil. Please return the slip below if you DO NOT want your child to have a choc ice.

Nursery

Nursery children will come and watch (afternoon and morning all together) There will be some nursery races for the children to take part in. There will be no afternoon nursery session on this day.

Volunteers

If you can help us to walk the children to Leith Academy please complete the volunteer slip below. Parents who are helping to walk the children should come to the school for 9 a.m.

Bad Weather

The forecast is to be dry, however, if the ground is very wet sports day will be postponed. If in doubt, please look at the school website for updated information www.lorneprimary.co.uk

Dismissal

Children may leave at the end of sports with an adult, but must first register with the class teacher which children they are taking away. Remaining children will be accompanied back to school for normal dismissal time.

CHOC ICE

Child's name _____

Class _____

Thank you, but I **DO NOT** want a choc ice

Volunteers

I can help walk the children to Leith Academy.

My name is _____

My child's class _____

Please return to school by Wednesday

Summer Fair Information!

When? Saturday 25th June from 11a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where? Lorne Primary – indoors and outdoors

Who? Anyone who would like to come along

What? Look out for games, visit on a Fire Engine, raffles, Guess the birthday of the Teddy, Silent Auction, Home baking, tea and coffee, pizza making, splat the teachers, amazing food, book sale, toy jumble sale, face painting, mystery bottle stall, bouncy castle and much, much more... Phew!

HELP!

We can't run this event without your support. We need the following donations...

- Homebaking (in on Friday 24th June to school)
- Unwanted books, dvds, toys and games
- Items for our tombola
- Items for our silent auction – are you a joiner – can you donate an hour of your time to be auctioned off? Are you a good cook – can you offer an hour of your time to be raffled off? Painters, tilers, hairdressers, nail technicians – you get the idea – can you donate an hour? Please let our office know.

Volunteers

This is essential for us. We need your help to make this event run. Can you offer us your time to help run a stall? Please contact our office. Or complete the slip below.

Volunteers for School Fair

I am able to help at the school fair.

Name _____

Child's class _____

Contact number _____





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