



The Lorne Phoenix

June 2017

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What a Year!



We can't believe that another school year is almost over and we will be saying goodbye to our Primary Seven pupils and wishing them all the best for their time at high school, whilst welcoming in our new Primary One pupils. In reflecting on the year, there have been some stand out moments. We have worked with many external organisations and have been fortunate to have a variety of amazing experiences. Here are just a few to remind you...

Understanding Film – working alongside professional film makers to create movies that are screened at the Edinburgh International Film Festival. Our production of **Wonderland** with the team from the Lyceum. In school shows from **M & M** productions, **The Green Machine** and **The Dazzle Ship**. Visits from **Generation Science**, our **Ukulele** team, **Hibernian** Football Club community, our resident Yoga teacher, panto visits, all of our school trips. Our fabulous **Harvest Assembly**, **Nativity**, **World Book** day and who could forget our successful **Christmas Fair**, **Halloween** Disco, **Lorne's Got Talent** and the **Rookie Rockstars**. Alongside this, we have benefitted from winning grants to improve our school grounds (£6000) and to refurb the school house (£9000) Too, our **Learning Journals** have been well received with more than 600 parent comments added. Most parents have agreed that they provide much more information than our previous paper reports. We hope that next year will be just as busy and just as enjoyable. Your support allows us to make these things happen – and we'd like to take this opportunity to say a thank you to all of you who have given up your time to support us in a whole variety of different ways – from classroom

helpers to our amazing bakers. We appreciate everyone one of you.



Staffing updates/ classes for next year

We continue to have changes to our staffing for next year. Mrs Porteous will not be with us next session as she is taking a career break (although she is keen to stress that she will be keeping in close touch with everything that is going on!) Miss Younie is also heading to pastures new as she takes up a teaching post at Towerbank primary. Mrs Hutchinson is moving on too. We thank them for all of their hard work and effort that they have put in to develop and engage their pupils. We send our best wishes for them in their new adventures for next year.

We have had a busy time recruiting new staff to fill our current vacancies and are very pleased to announce that Mr Dean Kimmet, Mr Alan McNeill, Miss Alex Mainnie and Miss Kim Bryce will become part of the Lorne team for 2017/18.

Our class structure is confirmed as:

- P1** (youngest pupils) Mrs Whitten
- P2/1** (oldest P1s and youngest P2s) Miss Hutchinson
- P2** Mrs Jamieson
- P3a** Mrs Thompson
- P3b** Miss English and Mr Hemingway
- P4** Mr McNeil
- P5** (youngest P5s) Miss Bryce
- P5/6** (oldest P5s and youngest P6s) Miss Bidoni
- P6/7** (oldest P6s and youngest P7s) Mr Kimmet
- P7** (oldest P7s) Miss Mainnie

I would remind you that class sizes are dictated by government and that P1 classes can't exceed 25 pupils, nor can composite classes. We are allocated 10 classes for next year and this means that we need to composite several classes to make the numbers work. Composite classes are arranged in birth date order.

www.edinburgh.gov.uk/download/meetings/.../class_organisation_in_primary_school..

Your Thoughts – parent consultation



We are constantly striving to improve what we do for you and your children. We want your children to have the best educational experience possible. To help us determine what we have done well and what we need to improve – I'd ask you to take time to complete our anonymous survey. This helps us to gather data on how the school is doing and the two stars and a wish give us feedback on what you have enjoyed and what you would like to see improved. Thank you for your help in completing this.

Other News



We are delighted to be awarded another Green Flag accreditation for being an ECO school. We want to say a big thanks to all of the pupils and teachers who have helped us retain this award for another two years. A lot of work goes into proving our green credentials and we are very proud of this recognition. A special thanks to Miss Bidoni for leading on this.

Our new website



Work has been going on behind the scenes to develop a new school website. Mrs Thompson has been beavering away adding content and movies from our last six months. The new website will contain more parent information and we now have the ability to add video so that events like Rookie Rockstars or our nativity can be recorded and enjoyed by a wider audience. www.lorneprimary.org Moving forward all of our newsletters will be posted on the website as we try to reduce our carbon footprint. It will allow us too, to keep our information up to date for things like the school handbook or the school improvement plan. Look out for these documents coming soon. Finally, each week we will post up the photos of our Stars of the Week and we will encourage our pupils to have their own blog page on their views of the school.

Praise for the Primary Sevens

Having returned from a very successful York trip – we were further delighted to receive an unsolicited comment from the manager of the hotel where our pupils stayed...

Dear Julie and all at Lorne Primary,

I am emailing to pass on comments from our staff, June & Louise about the positive experience they had working during your visit. Both staff members praised the behaviour and politeness of the children and described them as 'a joy'.

Please pass our thanks on to the children for being so good and we look forward to your next visit.

Kind Regards

Victoria Wilkinson

Well done – a credit to the school!



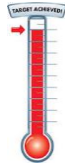
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Target achieved



Well done to the nursery and their parents for achieving their fund-raising target of £1000. From bake sales to sponsored walks, they have been hard at it in their efforts to fund a grand day out to Almond Valley Farm Park. They have met their target and will head out on their special end of term trip next Thursday. Congratulations to all involved.

Summer Challenge



The **Summer Reading Challenge** combines **FREE** access to books with fun, creative activities in the library during the summer holidays. Throughout the Challenge, library staff support the children, helping them to discover new authors and illustrators and to explore a wide range of different types of books and ways of reading,

How the Challenge works

- Children sign up at their local library and receive an Animal Agents collector folder
- Children borrow and read at least six library books of their own choice during the summer, collecting special stickers to complete their folder and incentives along the way
- Library staff are on hand to advise and run family-friendly activities

- Children who complete the **Summer Reading Challenge** are presented with a certificate and a medal

It's FUN! It's FREE! It's LOCAL!

Keep Up the Good Work!



Help us beat the summer slide with Sumdog's Garden!

Research shows that after the summer break, students lose over two month's mathematical proficiency. At Lorne we have been using Sumdog to engage our learners and encourage them to practise their maths skills. To help us beat the summer slide, we'd encourage your child to play a little Sumdog each week. Your child's login details are coming out to you.

3-6 year old behaviour

Does your child hit and shout a lot?

Does your child argue with you all the time?

Is it hard for your child to make friends?



We have free courses for parents and carers of 3-4 year olds that can help you.



North East Locality

Triple P

Dr. Bells Family Centre

15 Junction Place. Edinburgh EH6 5JA

Tuesday 24/10/2017 9.15-11.15am

Incredible Years

Brunstane Primary School

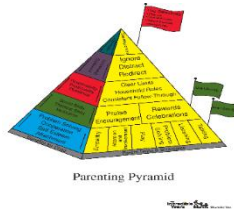
106 Magdalene Drive, Edinburgh EH15 3BO

Start date

Thursday 07/09/2017 9.15 - 11.15 am

Some children are laid back and easy going, other children are hot tempered and strong willed. These children can find themselves having difficulties in school and making good progress there. Parents can find themselves stressed out and at their wits end.

Help is at hand! All over Scotland parents and carers who have been finding the behaviour of their 3 to 6 year old children difficult have now started going along to Triple P and Incredible Years Groups



Free crèche, tea, coffee and snacks are provided.

For more information

→ To take part in a course

Apply online www.edinburgh.gov.uk/parenting3to4

Contact the parent and carer support team on supportingparentsandcarers@edinburgh.gov.uk or phone 07795 127954, between 10am and 3pm, Monday to Friday.

Ask your health visitor, nursery or school to apply for you. All courses are listed on www.joininedinburgh.org

School Calendar

All term dates and times can be found on this link;

http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20074/schools/20/term_dates

Calendar Kalendar كِلنڈر

Summer term

School closes for summer term – Friday 30th June at 12pm

Next session

Term restarts on Wednesday 16th of August at 8.55 a.m.

P1 pupils arrive at 9.00 and finish at 12.00 for the first week. Then are in for full days from the following week.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to welcoming you back in August. Let's hope that the weather is kind to us. Enjoy your break!

Best wishes from the Lorne Primary Team

