



The Lorne Phoenix



March 2016

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Permanent Appointment

Mr Bruce Murray has been appointed as the permanent Headteacher. We look forward to working alongside him to continue making Lorne Primary the best, small school in Edinburgh.

School Closure Dates

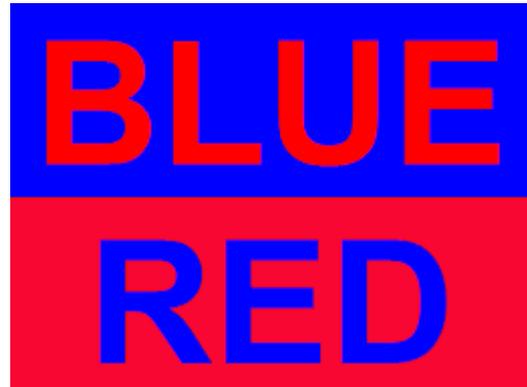
Another date for your diary, as well as being used for the Scottish Parliament elections on Thursday 5th May, the school is also being used as a polling station for the European Referendum on Thursday 23rd June. This means that all pupils from nursery onwards will not attend on these days.

World Book Day Celebrations

It was lovely to see the pupils dressed up on Friday 4th to mark World Book day. They came in costumes based on characters from their favourite books and we even managed to persuade the staff to join in too! It was a strange sight to behold at our Assembly with an audience that included several Oompah Loompahs, Pinocchio, a Gangsta granny, some witches and a clutch of super heroes and even a Tiger Who Came To Tea. What a great effort and a big well done to everyone involved. I know that the teachers had a really difficult job trying to award certificates for the most creative costumes. Alongside this, we had Blackwell's in for a pop-up bookshop where the pupils could exchange their token for a book of their choice. Again, it was great to see the entire school with their noses in a book enjoying the delights of reading. If any pupil was absent and didn't receive their World Book day token we still have a small number remaining at the front desk.



Red or Blue which are you? Coming soon!
Stay tuned for more details...



Sport Relief 2016



Our Pupil Council were eager to be involved in helping to raise funds for Sport Relief whilst at the same time promoting physical fitness. To this end, we are sending our Primary 4, 5, 6 and 7 pupils to take part in a

sponsored walk at Meadow Bank stadium. On Thursday March 17th we will combine with hundreds of other pupils from local schools in a fancy dress parade to the stadium to do some laps in aid of this year's WalkRunSwimCycle Yourself Proud initiative. Shortly, we will send out sponsor forms for your child – any donations will be greatly appreciated. Sainsbury's will provide water and fruit for our pupils free of charge and will be offering Sport Relief merchandise for sale at the event.

We need the help of some parent volunteers to walk us down to Meadow Bank and then for the return to school. We will leave the school at 9.30 to arrive for 10 a.m. and will aim to be back in school for lunchtime. If you are able to help please complete the tear off slip that will come with the sponsor forms. Thank you in advance for this. It should prove to be a fun day out and a useful vehicle for learning about how each of us can make a difference.

Parent Consultations

A reminder that our Parent Consultations are due to be held on Wednesday 16th (6pm to 8.30 pm) and on Friday 18th from 1.00 pm to 3.30pm) This will be a chance to talk to your child's teacher and find out about their current progress and planned next steps. There will also be a 5 minute presentation in the hall (drop in session) that we'd ask all parents to attend if possible.



Early Level News (Nursery & P1)

Time for a Story for P1 pupils and parents has a new time! Our next outing is Tuesday 15th March at 1.45pm to 2.45pm. If you can, please join your child on our walk to the library. A snack and a story will be provided by the library staff and it is an opportunity to join or borrow books should you wish. Younger brothers and sisters are most welcome. If you come along, you can take your child home from the library after the session. The other children will be dismissed from school at the usual time.

P1Y have been going to Pilrig park to look for signs of Spring. They have also been learning to name the different flowers. They even built a home for an animal in the park.



P2 have been enjoying making dinosaurs for homework. We gathered materials and wrote instructions on how to make the dinosaurs last week and this week we made our junk models at home. It has been lots of fun!



First Level News (P2, P3 & P4)

P3 are very excited about their East Links Farm visit. They have been busy in their classes learning about where our food comes from and how plants grow. We will post their pictures on the website when they return.

Are you the next Adele? Or perhaps the new Robert Plant? (see Mr Murray for those who don't recognise this name!) The School Choir has started up again and we are looking for budding singers. They meet in the gym hall at 8.15 a.m. every Tuesday. Mrs Hutchison and Miss English are inviting any pupils from P4 to P7 who wish to participate to come along. The more the merrier!



Second Level News (P5 to P7)

The children in P5 and P5/6 learned a great deal about the work of a Guide Dog during their talk from dog owner Elaine McKenzie and her dog Una. Everyone listened well and asked some very interesting questions. They now all know lots of facts about Guide Dogs so feel free to ask them about what they learned.





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P7's Valentine bake and craft sale was a roaring success. This enterprising activity involved the pupils in planning, organising, producing and selling goods on the day. Had you been in our dining you would have been spoiled for choice – face painted? Amazing home baking? Books for sale? Handmade crafts? Recycled toy sale? Well done to all involved – it really was a great team performance. The pupils raised a total of nearly £300 towards their school camp fund.



We were represented at the Cross Country Running Festival at the Meadows. Some of our stars from P6 and P7 are pictured below. It was a huge event with hundreds of pupils from all over Edinburgh.



Calendar كينڈر

Wed 16 Mar Parent-teacher consultations 6-8.30pm
Fri 18 Mar Parent-teacher consultations 1-3.30pm
Thursday 5th May School closed – Scottish Parliament Election
Tue 7 Jun to Fri 10 Jun P7 York residential week
Mon 13 Jun pupil reports sent home for parents
Fri 17 Jun sports day Leith Academy 9.30 to 12.00. If weather is too wet we will hold sports on the first dry day available.
Tue 21 Jun to Thu 23 Jun P7 transition days in secondary schools.
Jun 23rd – school closed European Referendum
Wed 29 Jun P7 Leavers Assembly 1.30 to 3.00
School closes at 12pm on Thursday 30th June
School term starts – August

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.

Spring Term

Thu 24 Mar Term ends normal time Easter holidays
Fri 25 March - Fri 8 April Easter holidays

Summer Term

Mon 11 Apr 2016 all resume
Mon 18 Apr holiday Monday
Tue 19 Apr all resume
Mon 2 May holiday Monday
Tue 3 May all resume
Thu 5 May inservice day (Scottish Parliament election) staff only
Mon 23 May holiday Monday
Tue 24 May all resume
Thu 23 Jun school closed European Referendum
Thu 30 Jun School closes 12.00 for all children

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

The Parent Council (PC) meeting on February 9th was enthusiastically attended by eight people and was a chance for parents to meet Acting Head Mr Murray. Parent council minutes and news is available at www.lorneprimary.co.uk, and www.facebook.com/lorneprimaryschool.

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.

LPC strategy meeting: Mon March 14th, 3.25pm - 4.30pm, School Library.

A special meeting to develop a planning strategy for how the LPC is organised and to deliver realistic fundraising priorities, will be held:

Monday 14th March, 3.25-4.30pm, school library, with pupil activity corner and refreshments. Please rsvp or sign up in school office.

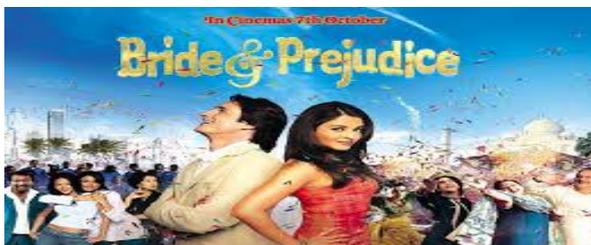
Next PC meeting: Tuesday May 16th, 6.15pm-7.30pm, School Library.

The agenda will be drawn from the minutes to the previous PC meeting held on February 9th.

Please advise agenda items and confirmation of attendance in PC sign up book in office.

Community News

Leith Community Cinema



BRIDE AND PREJUDICE, 2004, (12)
Date: Friday March 18th, 7.00pm (doors 6.30pm), ends 8.50pm
Punjabi Cafe - Bar.

Supported by Inspiring Leith.
Pilrig St Pauls Church, corner Pilrig Street and Leith Walk, Admission by donation £3/ £2 concession.
Book at www.leithcommunitycinema.com
or phone 0131 510 6662.

YMCA – Free Play Sessions

My name is Victoria and I'm a Senior Play Ranger at the YMCA Edinburgh. I'm writing because I'd like to promote our free outdoor play service amongst the children from Lorne Primary School.

We run two free weekly supervised outdoor play sessions in Leith. The sessions are held every Tuesday between 3.30 and 5pm and every Friday between 3 and 4.30pm in the small park on Cables Wynd street.

The sessions are run by myself and three other members of staff, and promote free self-led play amongst children. We're also starting a free indoors Arts Programme for the Friday sessions, and for this project we've contracted two artists to work alongside our Play Ranger staff to support the children in working towards an art piece to be installed in the corridor of Cables Wynd House.

Below are some FAQ about the service.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT PLAYRANGERS

Q: Will I have to drop my child off and pick them up?

A: No. If you are happy for your child to come along to us and make their way home afterwards, there is no need for you to do this.

Q: Will I need to fill in any forms?

A: Yes. We will ask you to fill in a registration form for our records. Your details will remain confidential and will only be used for our purposes and not passed on to others.

Q: Do I need to let you know if my child will not be able to attend one of the sessions?

A: No they can come and go as they please

Q: Does my child have to come to both sessions on the Tuesday and Friday?

A: No. This is a drop-in service

Q: Who will be supervising my child/children?

A: We are not a childcare provider but we have a dedicated Playranger team who will supervise the children and encourage them to participate in outdoor play. All our staff are trained in First Aid and Child Protection.

Q: Will the Playranger service be cancelled due to weather conditions?

A: No. Part of our remit is to be available come 'rain, snow or shine' however, if it is really bad we may cancel

Q: How much does it cost?

A: That's the best bit, it's free

In case anyone wants to contact me, please either email me or phone 07754 475923

Hope you have a lovely Easter Break!

Lorne Primary School Team.