



# The Lorne Phoenix

May 2017

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## We Won!



Thank you thank you thank you for your support. We are pleased to announce that Lorne Primary won first place in the Tesco – Bags of Help promotion. Across 17 stores from Leith to North Berwick – shoppers dropped their blue tokens to vote for our Secret Garden. This means that in a couple of weeks a cheque for £4800 will be winging its way to us. This will allow us to add more seating to the playground and to purchase planters and plants. By the middle of June our playground should be looking awesome! **(Mr Murray needs three strong volunteers this Friday, 12.15 to 1.15, to help roll out and cut our astroturf. If you are able to help can you drop your name into the office. Old clothes will be the order of the day)**

## Staffing updates

We have two very good pieces of news – both for very different reasons. Miss Young will be moving on after this session to take up a promoted post with Hermitage Park Primary as their new principal teacher – well done! Claire has been at Lorne for many years and will be a big miss. We wish her every success in her new role. This seconded post is for a minimum of one year. We are delighted to report that Mrs Fiona Whitten after completing a successful probationary year, will become a permanent teacher with us. Her enthusiasm and drive means she will be a real asset to the school. We are pleased that she has chosen to stay with us. With our Pupil Equity Funding beginning next year – look out for more staff changes in the near future. When we have more details we will let you know.

## Classes for next year

At present we have 38 new primary one pupils enrolling at our school. This number will fluctuate right up until the first day of the new session in August as more pupils move in and out of our catchment. Alongside this, the numbers for certain year groups mean that we cannot accommodate them in single year group classes. Scottish Government has set class sizes as;

- P1 maximum 25 pupils
- P2 and P3 maximum 30 pupils
- P4 to P7 maximum 33 pupils

This means that we will need to restructure our current classes e.g. we have 40 current P6 pupils who will need to become a P7 and a P6/7 for next year. Our P1s most likely will be a P1 class and a P1/2 class. I hope to publish the final class allocations in the June newsletter. All composite class are created strictly on an age basis i.e. the oldest of the P1s will form the P1/2 class. The youngest P1s will be in a straight P1 class – this is as per City of Edinburgh Council guidelines.

[www.edinburgh.gov.uk/download/meetings/.../class\\_organisation\\_in\\_primary\\_school..](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/download/meetings/.../class_organisation_in_primary_school..)

## Near Miss!



**We avoided a serious accident only by a few inches on Tuesday.** One of our pupils came out of a double parked car right on to the road and was only a second or two away from what could have been a life-threatening injury. You will have seen our Park Safe banner urging parents not to double park at the school gates – we would ask that you take note of this. I could have been writing a very different newsletter but for some quick reflexes on the motorist's part. We are passing on the registrations of those cars who continually double park at the school gates. We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

## Sports Day – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June



Following on from the success of last year's event – we are again staging our sports' day at Leith Academy grounds. Pupils will compete in mixed groups with the combined total of points identifying our winners. There will be some individual races at the end of the circuits. Teas and coffees along with home baking will be on sale for any adults who wish to join us. Children will come into school at the usual time (dressed in their PE kit – jogging trousers/ trainers etc) and the school will make their way over to the playing fields for a 9.30 start. **Please keep your fingers crossed for a dry day on Friday 2nd June.** Should the weather be very wet – our fall back date is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June first thing. We hope that you can come along and support your child/ren.

## New Primary One Pupils



Our parent information evening for new Primary One pupils' will take place on Wednesday June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm. There we will welcome our new parents and run through some of the information that you will need to know about your pupils starting school. In addition to this, we run two day sessions that both parents and pupils can attend. These craft sessions are an ideal opportunity to meet other new parents, have a tour of the school and get your questions answered.

Transition Parent evening – Wed 7<sup>th</sup> June @6.00pm

Transition parent and pupil activity mornings – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 9.15 to 10.45

## Reminder – school closure



The school will be closed on Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup> as it is being used as a polling station for the General Election.

## Leith Community News



## Free Cooking Classes for single parents

4 week course starting 1<sup>st</sup> June, Thursday 12:30 to 2:30pm



- ✓ Healthy money saving recipes
- ✓ Meet other parents & have fun
- ✓ Contact Tom to book:

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Normally I am writing to you about a screening at our community cinema however on this occasion I am getting in touch with you about our Big Get Together Community Lunch. It is being held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June from 12.30pm-2.30pm and you are invited to get involved by helping us with the set up and food



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preparation or simply by coming along to the lunch. The event is a collaboration between Eden Communities Project and the Jo Cox Foundation and aims to bring people together in their communities across the country. The event is also in memory of Jo Cox who lost her life last year and is being encouraged by her husband Brendan.

Here are the details of the event from the Jo Cox Foundation website.

*Today we are launching **The Great Get Together: an community event that will be held on the weekend of the 16-18 June to mark the anniversary of Jo's death. We're asking people to throw a get-together - it could be big or small, a street party or just sharing cake with friends and neighbours - and to use it as a chance to enjoy being together and celebrate what we have in common.***

*We hope this can be a chance to bring our communities closer together. Jo's killing was designed to divide us and we can think of no better response than an anniversary that brings us closer together to celebrate all that we have in common.*

We are holding the lunch in our downstairs hall that is fully accessible however that does also mean that places are limited due to space in the hall. Book your place now on eventbrite. There is no charge for the lunch however we will be asking for a donation to cover our costs.

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

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/big-get-together-community-lunch-tickets-34789230525>



**For more information on the dance school – please see our main notice board.**

## School Calendar

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

[http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20074/schools/20/term\\_dates](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20074/schools/20/term_dates)

## Calendar كئیندر

**New P1 parent transition evening meeting - Wed 7th June at 6.00**

**Thursday June 8th – school closed for national elections**

**New P1 parent and pupil activity mornings Thursday 15th and 22nd June 9.15 to 10.45**

### Summer term

School closes for summer term – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 12pm

Term restarts on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of August

Best wishes from the Lorne Primary Team