



The Lorne Phoenix



June 2015

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Sports Day reminder

Sports Day Friday 19th June. 9.30am to 12.00 approximately. Pilrig Park. If weather is wet we will run on the next dry day. Please do not take children home from the park unless you sign on the class register which the teacher has. Good luck athletes!

Reminder for last day of term

School closes for all children in P1 to P7 at 12.00 on Friday 26th June 2015. There will be no nursery this day due to the whole-day trip earlier in the term. There is no afternoon nursery on sports day as all children can attend the sports day at the park in the morning.

Hellos and goodbyes

We seem to be at that stage in our school evolution where we are losing valued and long-serving members of staff as they go off to enjoy their retirements! Mr Short, DHT and Mrs Renee, class teacher will be retiring this summer. Mrs Renee has been at Lorne PS since October 1991 and Mr Short since 1983. Both have contributed an enormous amount to the life and soul of our school and we thank them for their immense contribution. We will be having various celebrations to mark their time at Lorne PS.

Returning from maternity leave is Mrs Mackenzie. Mrs Mackenzie will be working Monday to Wednesday after the summer holidays.

Mrs Logg, our PE teacher, will be returning after the summer too and she will be working on a Tuesday. We have had to reduce our PE teacher from 2 days to 1 day. Children will still receive 2 hours PE per week with Lorne staff making up the difference.

We will be advertising for a new, full time permanent teacher to replace Mrs Renee and Mrs Thomson (who retired earlier this year) We will also be advertising for a part time teacher to work on Mrs Mackenzie's 2 days when she is at home with her baby.

Our new DHT Ellie English starts with us in August.

Mrs Hutchinson remains on maternity leave until November or December.

New classes

We are still recruiting for new teachers and will send out a letter giving your child's new class as soon as we can. This is likely to again be during the

last week of term. Children who are not present that week will have a letter sent home by Royal Mail.

Rotary Schools Quiz Success!

Well done to Safwan, Andrew, Kyle, Alfie & Aiden for getting through to the all-Scotland round of the schools quiz. Good luck in the next round.

Leith Academy Dux

Congratulations to this this year's dux at Leith Academy, Sheeba Zahir, who is a former pupil of Lorne Primary School. We wish you well in your future studies.

Parent and carer survey. Please take part in our annual survey to tell us what you feel is going well in school and what we need to focus on next. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QZF9MXG>

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who spent money at our book fair. The takings came to £747.00 and this gives us a share of the money spent to spend on library books. Thank you too for donating books from the fair to class reading corners.

Changes to parent-teacher consultation times for 2015-16 school year

Following our pupil, parent & staff surveys, we have decided to try the following arrangement for parent-teacher consultations next year.

Early October: parent-teacher consultation so that parents and teachers can meet early and address any issues quickly in the new school year.

March: parent-teacher consultations to check on progress.

June: end of year report.

We hope that this new arrangement will give more evenly-spread feedback across the year. We will ask parents to evaluate this approach at the end of the year.

Medicines reminder

Please remember that we are not allowed to give medicines to children unless

1. You have sent an Edinburgh City Council medicines form to us. These can be downloaded from our school website (Parent Zone) www.lorneprimary.uk.org

- The medicine has a GP/ Pharmacist label with your child's name and clearly stating when and how often the medication should be taken.

Unfortunately there are no exceptions to this policy as it is a City of Edinburgh Council policy for all schools.

Skills Clubs

We had a great time at our skills clubs which teacher, pupil support assistants, parent volunteers and senior pupils ran. The children suggested the clubs and skills they would like to focus on. The children then chose which clubs they would like to attend. Not everyone got their first choice so if we agree the clubs are worth running again, we will try to make sure everyone gets their first choice next time! The clubs were Art & Craft, Construction/



Engineering, Dancing, Cooking/ Baking, Computer Animation, Sewing, Cycling, Music Keyboards, Cross-country Running, Wildlife Club, Club Assistance Squad (SAS)



Drama club

Our Wednesday drama club after school has been running with 13 or 14 children so Strangetown Drama has agreed to continue this next year. The club will run for P3-7 children on Wednesdays 9th September to 2nd December 3.20pm-4.20pm (12 sessions with no session 14th Oct)

The cost for 12 sessions would be £66, but Strangetown Drama may have bursaries giving a 40% discount to those families who might need this. Strangetown is also happy for people to pay in instalments. We will issue booking forms in August.

Nepal

Thank you to everyone who raised money for the Nepali earthquake appeal. P7 raised more money and allocated this to the Nepali appeal which was very kind. We have raised £405.97 in total and we have sent this to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) to help people in need in Nepal.

School meals August 2015

From August the City of Edinburgh Council is charging 1.95 per meal for school meals. The free school meals for P1 to P3 children continues. If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals in P4-7, please ask for a form from the school office.

Free School Lunches

Access to free school meals is an important part of the school meal service in Scotland. Local authorities must promote the uptake of free school meals amongst those currently eligible. It is important that pupils entitled to free school meals get them without fear of stigmatisation. You can claim free school lunches for your children if you are receiving:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Any income related element of Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (CTC), but not Working Tax Credit, and your income is less than £16,105
- Both maximum Child Tax Credit and maximum Working Tax Credit and your income is under £6,420
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit



Friends of Lorne Primary School Group News

Thank you to everyone who helped with our summer fair. We raised around £500. We look forward to lots of volunteers helping with our events next year. The events bring our children and families together and help build a strong community around the school. Have a great summer!





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Parent Council News

We have now held our second Parent Council meeting and the main points covered are below and on our school Facebook Page...

1. Meeting focus: It is time for more parent-child involvement in children's recording of their achievements and next steps. Parents can use the new Yellow Folder to help children plan the next steps in their learning. The main focus was a closer look at how pupils are assessed. Now that the CFE is embedded it is very important that parents support and participate in this process.

2. Parents now need to be more involved in reviewing the school's curriculum called A Curriculum For Excellence (CFE). Parents can support pupils' learning with the new yellow folder, the Personal Learning Plan (PLP) for their child. The folder is an evolving learning profile which is a tool for pupils to review their own work, help them to set new learning targets and record their achievements in school and beyond with the help of parents. The Yellow Folder will be brought home by pupils each month. It should grow and prove to be a valuable bank of your child's achievements from nursery to P7.

3. Mr McLean gave an overview of the context for introduction of CFE which allows teaching and learning to be more in step with children's developmental stages. The CFE acknowledges there are different ways of learning - simplified as 'look, say, make, do.' Pupils must undertake and achieve experiences and outcomes broadly in the curriculum's eight areas of learning within different levels of their primary education which are: Early - Nursery to P1, First - P2-P4, and Second - P5 to P7. The eight learning areas are Numeracy and Mathematics, Sciences, Expressive Arts, Languages, Religious and Moral Education, Technologies, and Health and Wellbeing. Pupil assessment was outlined - standardised Scotland wide assessment in P1, P4 and P7 and on-going formative assessment made via observations, question and answer, work samples, self-assessment, peer-assessment and other methods.

4. Parent Council management - it was agreed that the PC should proceed with realistic objectives and strive to be a welcome forum for parents to be

informed about school policy with an acting coordinator. The constitution, taken from the most recent active council, was adopted.

5. The next meeting will be held on Tue. September 15th, 6.30-7.30pm. Its focus will be

- Staff structure and new DHT introduction
- Commercial branding in school
- A healthier tuck shop initiative
- Support for in-school gardening projects

4. PC Diary dates: Meetings will be held on

Tue Sep 15 2015
Tue Nov 17 2015
Tue Feb 9th 2016
Tue May 17 2016

All meetings will be from 6.30-7.30pm with a children's activity corner and refreshments on offer.

Please come along! Meet interested parents, find out what your child and school are doing and be a part of their development.

Advice for parents (internet safety warning)

We have been asked by the City of Edinburgh Council to pass on the following safety advice to parents.

OoVoo is a high quality video chat application similar to Facetime or Skype.

It allows people to connect with up to 12 friends at one time and video chat or have a voice call. You can download it on an iPad, iTouch, iPhone, Android phone, etc. You must be 13 years old to set up an account...which doesn't prevent anyone joining who can subtract 13 years from 2015.

What are the concerns for your child using ooVoo?

As with all social media, the main concern is who can search out your child easily. The easier it is to find the child, the faster a predator will find them, start talking to them and find a way to connect with them without the child realizing what is happening. The second concern is the way in which ooVoo is being used. Young children (pre-teen) find this app through their peers or older siblings. It's Internet-based and often used at home in the child's bedroom. It has been the case that whilst talking with friends an adult has entered the group chat.

How do you manage your child's ooVoo account?

Always know your child's password. This will allow you to ensure that they are using ooVoo safely. Make sure that the privacy settings are properly set up. Without using the privacy settings, your child can be contacted by anyone at anytime and anyone can see the profile of your child. (I have my daughter's set to 'Nobody' so that only people who know her ooVoo ID can contact her). You can review the history of your child's account. You will be able to see who they are chatting and messaging with. Ensure that you know all of these people and are comfortable with it. Note that your child can erase the history. If your child receives an unwanted friend request, ignore it AND check the box to also block this person from contacting me again. If your child experiences a more serious encounter with an adult contact CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection)

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/>

With young children (pre-teen) you can frequently review your child's friends to ensure that you know them all.

Remind your child to always log out when they are finished using ooVoo, especially if another person's device is being used.

Learn how to use the product! If your child knows that you are involved and understand the technology they are using, they will not feel so free to do whatever they please.

ooVoo is not necessarily bad. Like most social media apps, there are some great uses for teens.



Nursery News

Nursery closures

Fri 19th June no afternoon nursery due to all children being present at morning sports day.

Fri 26th June no nursery due to all children being present at all day nursery summer excursion.



Calendar Kalendar كينڈر

Other events

Tue 9th June to Fri 12th June P7 York residential week.

Fri 19th June Sports day Nursery to P7 Pilrig Park (reserve sports day will be the first dry day after this day)

P7 Leavers Assembly Thu 25th June 1.30-2.45pm
Volunteers thank-you strawberry tea Fri 26th June 10.30 to 11.30am lunch hall.

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

School year 2014-15

Summer term

Term ends 12.00 on Friday 26 June 2015

2015-16 school year

Autumn Term

Term starts Monday 17 August 2015

Mid term holidays

Monday 21 September 2015, Autumn holiday

Monday 12 October 2015 - Tuesday 20 October 2015

Term ends noon on Tuesday 22 December 2015

Christmas holidays

Wednesday 23 December 2015 - Wednesday 6

January 2016

Spring Term

Term starts Thursday 7 January 2016

Mid term break

Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February 2016

Term ends Thursday 24 March 2016

Easter holidays

Friday 25 March - Friday 8 April 2016

Summer Term

Term starts Monday 11 April 2016

Mid term holidays

Monday 18 April 2016, Spring Holiday

Monday 2 May 2016, May Day

Thursday 5 May 2016, staff only day to coincide with Scottish Parliament election

Monday 23 May 2016, Victoria Day

Term ends noon on Thursday 30 June 2016

MONTHLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER- PLEASE
RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE VIA YOUR CLASS
TEACHER

My Name

My oldest child's name

I would like the newsletter by email and my email address (please write very clearly)



I would like the newsletter by text and my mobile number is



I would like to receive the newsletter in print

