



The Lorne Phoenix

Sept 2016

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Welcome Back!

We hope that you have had a great summer (although this already feels like a long time ago) and are looking forward to the many exciting learning experiences and events that the teachers have planned for your children. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Browning as our new P5 teacher. She has previously worked at Juniper Green and Abbeyhill primaries and has quickly settled into life at Lorne.

Some Changes

Those of you who have ventured into the school in the last couple of weeks will have seen our new mural that Lisa Petterson has been painting for us. (Hugo's mum!) We think it is fantastic! The pupils have been mesmerised watching Lisa at work and have enjoyed seeing it build into the finished product. Please excuse our appearance at the front entrance - we are not finished yet. Look out for some more artwork coming soon.



A big thank you too, to our friends at Tesco. They came in over the summer and painted our gym hall. Gone are the drab yellow walls and flaky paint – replaced by gleaming white walls and royal blue woodwork. It looks great and offers a suitable venue to invite our parents into. Look out for invites to share the learning of your children at one of their class assemblies.

Leith decides
local money for local projects by local people

Continuing on the theme of improving our school. We have placed an application for funding into Leith Decides. We'd like to turn the courtyard area towards the kitchen into a secret garden and outdoor classroom area. **We need your votes to help make this happen.** Stay tuned for more details on this in October.

Have you met EARNI yet?



Perhaps you have heard your child talking about EARNI time? We have revamped our behaviour policy and changed around our Friday privilege time so that the pupils earn rewards. (I EARN) The pupils can sign up to a different fun activity each week if they have gained all of their EARNI time. The teachers and PSAs are providing activities like basketball, cooking, dancing, Ipad club, drama, junk modelling, Spanish, crafts etc. It's proving to be very popular and it has been lovely to see all the pupils sharing in these activities across the age ranges. A copy of our new behaviour policy is available to anyone who wishes a copy. Please contact the office for details. Look out for it too coming soon on our website.

Over the coming weeks we will be asking the pupils to help us create a pupil contract for the sort of behaviour we expect at school. Once this is finalised by our Pupil Parliament, we will issue this home. We ask that you discuss this with your child/ren and return a signed copy to school.

Some of our EARNI time activities...





Lorne Pupil is a Mile Post Winner

P6 pupil Ella Morrison's entry into the Sustrans Design a Mile Post competition has come up trumps. She completed the design on the Leith gala day and two weeks later was contacted about her win.

The mile post was erected on 12th July in Kingholm Quay, Kingholm Road near Dumfries. For her design, Ella also received in the post a Hans Christian Anderson colouring book and a tub of 50 markers. Attached are pictures of her original design and the permanent mile post. Well done Ella!



We have sent out several forms over the last couple of weeks. If you haven't returned the **EE2 form** (this form for school trips and excursions) then please do so as soon as possible. Similarly, you should have received a **'flu vaccine' form** – please ensure this is also returned. If in doubt, please contact our office.

The price of school dinners has increased to £2.05 per day. Pupils from P1 to P3 are entitled to a free school dinner each day.



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Upcoming Events – Dates for your Diary



Our P1 to P5 pupils will experience a visit in the **Wild About Scotland** double decker bus. It rolls up to Lorne on Wednesday 14th September and pupils will learn about the wild life and endangered habitats of many of Scotland's wild animals. There have been rave reviews from other schools who have already enjoyed this visit.

Parent Consultation dates – changes to reporting

Our Parents' Evenings/ Afternoons will take place on 5th and 7th of October. The Wednesday will be for evening appointments and the Friday for afternoon appointments. Letters will be issued in advance of this.

It is our intention to replace the end of year written report and instead provide more frequent email bulletins with pictures and video (called Learning Journals) direct to your phone or tablet. We will show you these at our Parent Consultations. They can still be printed out if you require a hard copy but they will far exceed our current reporting processes.



Health and Safety

As good practice at the start of a new school year we draw your attention to some health and safety reminders. We want your child to be happy and safe at Lorne primary and there are some things that we can all do to help in this.

- Play equipment is designed to be played on – items like picnic tables or bike storage are not designed to be played on
- We have taken all pupils through a slide show about the safe use of our playground equipment
- Visual daily checks are done by school staff to ensure that equipment meets the relevant safety standards
- We encourage the pupils to report any loose or damaged materials
- Care should be taken on any raised surfaces – pushing or pulling other pupils is never allowed in the playground
- We want our pupils to have fun in the playground – part of this is an element of risk taking, learning about their abilities and developing new skills. We aim to provide a safe environment in which to do this
- Please ensure all gates are closed upon your entrance and exit to the playground
- When accessing the main entrance – please do not hold the door open for adults you do not know. (we appreciate that this feels rude – but on occasion we have had some adults unknown to us in the school) For the safety of all pupils please only allow the office/ nursery staff to buzz adults into the building

We have returned to a single playtime and lunchtime for all pupils. Our thinking behind this is; to ensure all of our PSAs can be out to monitor pupil behaviour, to utilise the entire playground (front and back) and encourage cross stage play. We will review this arrangement after the October break.

Thank you for your help and support in this. We appreciate. Lorne Primary team

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 school will be closed for the September weekend on Monday 19th of September. Pupils resume on Tuesday at the normal start time.

October Mid-term break – the school will be closed on Monday 17th October until Tuesday 25th October. Again pupils resume on the Tuesday at the normal start time.



LORNE PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL (LPC) WELCOMES YOU!

First Term MEETING: Tuesday 13th Sept, 6.15-8pm,
School Library. Pupil Activity corner, Refreshments.
LPC invites returning and new parents/carers to come along, catch up on news and learn about school issues and projects to get

involved in.

What's the PC for?

We meet each term as a flexible forum for parents and carers to express their views and interests, support the school's work with pupils and encourage links between schools, families, pre-school groups and the wider community.

It's informal, practical and social! We meet and share insights with others, over a cup of tea or glass of wine and some nibbles. We help decide what is most important for the LPC to work on, at a level people are comfortable with.

Some items to be discussed are: *Jamieson Place playground enhancement and surplus sand solution*, fundraising project – Parent – Community Hub, *school-wide festive excursions events*, autumn in-school gardening club – planning for parents/carers and pupils and *feedback on council new initiatives such as uniform, EARNI time*, community involvement

FUNDRAISING AND SOCIAL DIARY DATES:

It is also a chance to find out about the fun family activities being planned by our fundraising group, and how you can join in, including helping out at these events

- *Halloween Disco* Wed Oct 26th, P1-P3 6-6.45pm, P4-P7, 7-8.7pm.
- *Winter Fair* Fri Dec 16th
- 2017: Wed Mar 22nd *Lorne's Got Talent*.
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Further LPC meeting dates for your diary are Tuesdays: 11th October, 6th December 2016, 17th January, 14th March and 9th May 2017.

Information on why your PC is so important can be found at

www.educationscotland.gov.uk/parentzone/gettinginvolved/parentcouncils/index.asp

Please indicate your attendance below. We look forward to catching up with you.

Annie Woodman, Chair, Parent Council

LPC ATTENDANCE SLIP: PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE.

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Tues 13th Sept: I / we wish to attend

No. of children attending: _____

Parent/Carer(s)

Name(s): _____

Contact number: _____



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