



# The Lorne Phoenix

March 2017

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## In the News



It was a delight to welcome a capacity crowd to Leith Academy on Wednesday night for Lorne's Got Talent. With staging, lighting and sound organised by Craig and Jack (senior pupils) a trio of celebrity judges, our own dynamic duo compering the evening and of course our talented pupils – we knew we were in for a great evening. The acts performing showcased a wide range of talents that included; singing, dancing, art, science experiments, comedy, musical ability and magic. The audience responded appreciatively cheering and encouraging the pupils. The two hours sped past and at the end – all were in agreement that every child taking part showed amazing confidence and that each and every one was a winner. It will be hard to top next year with the bar set so high – but we are already putting plans in place to make sure this becomes a permanent fixture and bigger and better next year.

## Help! Help! Help! Help!



Our Tesco token initiative is now up and running. Each time you visit Tesco we ask that you drop a voting token into the Lorne Secret Garden display. If we win this vote, we could be in line for £4000 funding to help transform our playground into a community green space with the addition of new seating and planters. Please help us to create a quiet, leafy zone in our playground.

## Our House



We have had confirmation that work will start in the school house over the Easter holidays. The initial work will remove the original kitchen, bathroom, shower room, flooring and stair lift. It will then be over to us to begin the redecoration of the house. Look out for more details after Easter on how you can help in our house makeover.

## Sumdog



The school has invested in Sumdog accounts for all of our pupils. This online maths programme features 40 different games to help improve your child's maths. Each child will be given a login so that they can access the site from home as well as in school. We are currently running lunchtime sessions for pupils to become familiar with the games. Our teachers can set the questions to reflect what they are currently learning in school and after 100 questions the system recognises your child's own learning level and adjusts the questions to their next learning steps. We hope this will add another strategy for the improvement of learning in maths.

## Rookie Rock Stars



On our return from the Easter holiday we will have a week with the Rookie Rock Star team. There is a FAQ sheet that describes the sessions attached to both our noticeboards. In simple terms, all pupils together will learn and record a CD of five rock songs. The following week we will run two evening performances where everyone can dress up and see the performance live. We will split the school in half - P1 to P7 – so that we can accommodate all of the parents who wish to come and attend the show. The company make their money by selling tickets to the performances and for copies of the CD. There is no pressure to attend or purchase the CD. We have asked RRS in because we think that this will be a great learning experience to work alongside musicians and create a whole school performance.

### New Club – Please Sign Up!



We are pleased to announce a new partnership with Pilmeny Youth Club. We are starting an after school club in April aimed at our P1 to P3 pupils. (Spaces are limited to around 20) This will be hosted in school but will be run by staff from the Pilmeny team. Leaflets will be distributed to publicise this. A nominal charge of £1 is asked for each week to cover snack, with the remainder being put toward the cost of end of term trips for those who attend. The club will run for an hour and a half on Wednesday afternoons, immediately after school.

## Your Child's Report



As you will be aware from our previous newsletters, your child's reporting format has changed. We will no longer be sending out a paper report at the end of the year. Instead, your child has been given an online Learning Journal which reports on their learning throughout the year with the addition of photographs and video. If you have not yet logged in to your child's journal – please drop into the office and we will get you sorted so that you can begin to share in the learning of your child.

### Parent Support Courses

## INFORMATION: Williams and Wright Programme for Parents and Carers of P5 and P7 Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

#### Who is it for?

Parents and Carers of P5 and 7 Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Children do not attend the group.

#### When does it run?

The programme runs on a Wednesday evening, from 6.00-8pm for 8 weeks

- **Orientation Session** (19<sup>th</sup> April)
- **Session 1-4:** (26<sup>th</sup> April – 17<sup>th</sup> May) Understanding specific symptoms
- **Session 5-7:** (24<sup>th</sup> May – 7<sup>th</sup> June) Looking at specific behaviors my child has and helpful strategies.
- **Session 8:** (14<sup>th</sup> June) Reviewing Behavior plan and what's next

#### Do I have to go to all the sessions?

Yes, if you want to sign up, we ask that you attend all sessions

#### Where is it?

The course is held at:  
 Forteviot House  
 14 Hope Terrace  
 EH9 2AR  
 0131 536 0558



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## How many people will be there?

There is space for a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 12 parents on each course. One or two parents/ carers per child can attend.

There are 2-3 trainers each evening

## What will we learn?

By the end of the course for parents and carers, it is hoped that participants will be able to:

- Better understand how children with autism perceive the world
- Identify possible reasons for the behaviours we see in autism
- Apply this knowledge and understanding to address specific behaviours with their own child
- Use a systematic approach to think through possible reasons for specific behaviours
- Formulate plans to support their child to develop positive behaviours

## What topics are discussed?

We focus on issues raised by the group and commonly discuss:

- Developing social skills and communication skills
- Tantrums aggression and frustration
- Feeding
- Toileting
- Sleeping
- Preoccupations
- Compulsions routines and rituals
- Mannerisms and repetitive movements
- Fears about the future

Group Facilitators are: Julie Murphy, Julie Blackwood, Fiona Calder and Mo Chauraya

## Little Leithers – Free Cooking Course



### Little Leithers

- Edinburgh Community Food are offering a FREE, 12 week cooking course for parents where you can:
- Improve your cooking skills
- Learn about nutrition and healthy eating
- Healthy snack ideas for little ones
- How to cope with fussy eating
- Menu planning and budgeting
- Food labelling

Not only this, for taking part you will receive £40 of vouchers each month which can be exchanged for fresh fruit and vegetables, fresh fish and fresh meat.



The classes will give you the knowledge and confidence to give your child the best start to eating healthy food for the rest of their life.

#### To take part, you must:

- Have a child under the age of 5
- Live in the EH6 or EH7 post code areas
- Be in receipt of Healthy Start Vouchers

For more information or to register for the course contact Gail Hutchison, Food and Health Development Worker on:  
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## Leith Community Cinema

### Trolls

Please join us for an afternoon of fun. Reserve your ticket on eventbrite now!



### Trolls- Friday 31st March 2017 at 2.30pm

We are delighted to be screening Trolls. Enjoy Poppy, the optimistic leader of the Trolls, and her polar opposite, Branch who must embark on an adventure that takes them far beyond the only world they've ever known.

The film is rated PG.

The children's crafting table, our book lending library and DVD lending library will be open from 2pm.

Our Community Cafe will also be open from 2pm serving fresh coffee/tea and home baking, soft drinks and snacks. There will be free refreshments and snacks for the children funded by our Seniors Lunch Club.

The film commences at 2.30pm.

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

**Suggested donation on day: £3 Adult / Child £2**

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/trolls-tickets-32657749207>

Visit our website for details of other screenings being held in 2017.

<http://www.leithcommunitycinema.com>

## Parent Council News

Our next scheduled meeting is on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of May**. This will be held in the school library. Refreshments and child friendly activity corner will be arranged. We have lots to discuss with the renovation of the school house, tidying up of the playground and thinking about our summer fair. So come along, meet some of our parents, find out about what is happening across the school and get involved. All help is greatly appreciated. We meet from 6.15 to 8pm.

## 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 كينڈر

#### Easter holidays

School closes on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at usual time

School resumes on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of April at usual time

Rookie Rockstars Concerts Wed 26<sup>th</sup> and Thr 27<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm in the school hall. More details to follow.

#### May

May Day holiday – school closed Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of May

Election Day – school closed Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Victoria Day holiday – school closed Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> of May

#### 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

**Have a great Easter holiday when it comes!**

**Best wishes from the Lorne team**

