



The Lorne Phoenix

February 2018

We have had a busy start to 2018 here at Lorne and we are looking forward to what the rest of this term has in store.

If you have any questions or would like any further information on any aspect of the school or the education of your child, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Susan Leach (Head Teacher)

Staffing

We are delighted to have appointed Mrs Gillian Styles to the role of Pupil Support Officer at Lorne Primary School. She will take up the role on Monday 19th February and is looking to working with learners and families.

We have also appointed a Principal Teacher to Lorne Primary School. Mr Mark Aitchison will teach Primary 5 four days a week and focus on development work across the school one day a week. We are very much looking forward to welcoming him to the staff team on Monday 19th February.



School Uniform

It is great to see that the majority of our pupils continue to come into school in their school uniforms. **All children should wear school uniform Monday to Friday.** If you require support with purchasing uniform please contact the school office.

The red uniform can be purchased from any of the main supermarkets. If you wish a badged uniform our main supplier is Tesco (if you go online and search for Lorne Primary, it has our logo attached to sweatshirts, hoodies etc.) Alternatively, Max Yarns on Duke Street offer an embroidery service and can add the school badge to any garment.

Clothing

We would appreciate any unwanted clothing being handed in to school. Children can need to change clothes so if you have any spare joggers, jackets, socks, etc. please hand these in to the school office.

Snacks

We are a Health Promoting School and, as such, we would appreciate the support of families in trying to provide healthy snacks for children at break times.

There have been a number of lollipops at break times and, as the children run around during break time these could be dangerous. Could we ask that **lollipops are not sent in to school with children.** We would also ask that you try not to send children to school with energy drinks.

Eco Group

Lorne's eco group were delighted to attend the Zero Waste Leith launch party in conjunction with Changeworks. We listened to lots of different guests speakers discussing how the organisation can help our local community to reduce litter, flytipping and food waste, and inspire more recycling, repairing and reusing.

During our evening we got to taste lots of different food from cafes and restaurants in our local community. We were able to look round the different stalls and very much enjoyed playing a recycling sorting game.

Finally we noticed at one stall, that we could adopt a street, a programme run by Leithers Don't Litter. Naturally there was only one street for us; Lorne Street! We are looking forward to doing our very best and making sure our street is litter free.



Primary 5 and Primary 5/6 Burns Supper

Primary 5 and Primary 5/6 hosted a Burns Supper on Thursday 25th January. The teachers and learners invested so much hard work and effort and all did a fantastic job of hosting. It has been lovely to hear the positive feedback from those who attended.

Nursery News

Over the Christmas period we managed to raise £400 towards nursery resources with our Christmas handprints and hampers. The winners of our two hampers were Courtney Patterson and Vanessa Smith.

Thank you to all parents and children who brought things in for our hampers and who bought tickets, it is very much appreciated. We will be organising a Book and Bake sale soon so please look out your unwanted books.

We celebrated Burns Day and had great fun learning the song 'Three Crows' with our puppets. We enjoyed a delicious snack of vegetarian haggis, neeps and tatties along with a little bit of Scottish dancing.

We are looking for parents to come and read stories and sing songs to the nursery children in their home language. If you would like to take part in this opportunity please speak to a member of the Nursery Team.

Thank you for your support
Lorne Nursery Team

Learning Journals

Each child in the school has a Learning Journal where learning across the curriculum is uploaded to share with parents/carers. All families should have access to this via a user name and password. If you do not have this information please contact the school office.

Twitter

Lorne Primary School is on Twitter. We can be found @LorneSchool. On Twitter you can find out about exciting things that are happening in school, we are also trying to ensure that important dates and events are shared too.

Start and End of the Day

It is a busy playground at the start and end of the school day. If parents/carers can try to stand back from the lines in the morning and back from the door at the end of the day that would help us to ensure that the children enter and exit school safely.

Attendance/Lateness

If your child is late to school, please sign them into school at the front entrance. **Parents should then leave the children at the blue chairs at the front entrance for a member of staff to then collect and take to their class.**

If your child is not going to be in school please can you contact the school office to let school know. This will be passed on to the class teacher.

Christmas Fair

The school Christmas Fair was on Friday 15th December and was a great success. The children really enjoyed making a variety of items to sell at the fair and it was well attended by families and the community. The Christmas Fair raised around £900. A huge thank you to

the Parent Council and to class teachers for all of the help and support with this.

Parent Council Meeting

The next Parent Council meeting is on Monday 26th February at 6.30pm in the school's library. The Parent Council organise school events, support the school with fundraising and explore school improvement with staff. Your help is greatly appreciated. The Parent Council meetings are child friendly, children can be brought along and out and watch a movie in the classroom next door. We look forward to seeing you there!

Parent Pay

Letters have been distributed with information on setting up Parent Pay to pay for school dinners. If you would like any support/help with this please contact the school office.

After School Clubs

We have a number of after school clubs/activities that are running over the week. If you would like any information about any of these clubs please contact the school office.

School Calendar

All term dates and times can be found on this link;
http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20074/schools/20/term_dates

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Thursday 1st March

World Book Day

Friday 2nd March

Dressing up for World Book Day

Wednesday 7th March

School Rotary Quiz

Friday 9th March

Primary 3a Assembly at 9.30am, Primary 3a families welcome

Friday 16th March

Primary 4 Assembly at 9.30am, Primary 4 families welcome

Thursday 22nd March

Easter Service, Primary 3 and 4 performing, at Pilrig St Pauls Parish Church. Service starts at 10.30am. All welcome.

Thursday 29th March

Term ends

Best wishes from the Lorne Primary Team