



The Lorne Phoenix



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School office

Our school office will be closed over lunchtime 12 to 2pm for the next 2 weeks because of staff absence. We will leave the telephone answer machine on at this time. We will answer the front door buzzer from the headteacher/ depute headteacher office upstairs. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Leith Christmas Tree Light Night

Our children will be singing at this year's Lighting the Leith Christmas Tree at the Kirkgate (Bottom of Leith Walk) Thursday 3rd December 4pm. Come along and join in the singing! We will let you know which classes are involved and finishing times nearer the time.

Parent Council Autumn in-school gardening project Wed Nov 4, 1pm-2.45pm

Parents/carers: please come along to help!
Donations of garden pots 50 cm + diameter Needed!
Please donate to office.

Join pupils to improve school grounds - refresh playground planters and create new ones with layered seasonal planting, and have a general grounds tidy-up

Leith Community Cinema

Following the sell out holiday screening of *Inside Out*, Leith Community Cinema is screening *From Scotland With Love (u)* on Saturday Nov 7 6.30-8.30pm at Destiny Church, Casselbank Street, Leith.

The acclaimed film, made for Glasgow's Commonwealth Games cultural programme, celebrates Scotland's past and Scotland's communities with rare film footage and a soundtrack by King Creosote. Free popcorn. Suggested donation £3 / £2 concession.

A free creative family workshop, *Bring Your Memories Alive!* inspired by the film, is on Saturday Nov 7, 2.30pm-4.30pm at Ocean Terminal, Living Memory Association, ground floor opposite Debenhams, presented by Inspiring Leith and Living Memory Association.

For bookings contact www.leithcommunitycinema.com or call 0131 5106662.

Children who have been vomiting or had diarrhoea

NHS Scotland and City of Edinburgh Council policy for all schools is that children who have had vomiting or diarrhoea must stay at home for 48 hours from the end of the vomiting/diarrhoea. This is because children could still be contagious and could spread their illness quickly to a large number of children and



staff in school. This then causes staffing problems and upset for other families. Even if your child feels well, please keep them at home for 48 hours. We really appreciate your help in keeping our school as healthy as possible.

Reminder for P1 parents (Time For A Story Sessions)

The following sessions are all at Macdonald Road Library, leaving school at 3.00pm and running at the library 3.15 to 4.15pm...

- Tuesday 3rd November
- Tuesday 17th November
- Tuesday 1st December.



Friends of Lorne Primary School parent group

Our Hallowe'en disco is running- thank you to all of the parents/ carers who have volunteered. You should have received a letter about this event already.

Attendance and lateness

Absence from school can significantly affect a child's confidence and learning. Every month, your child's school attendance and whether s/he is late for school is checked by our Education Welfare Officer (EWO) You will be contacted if your child has been in school for less than 85% of days or if there are too many lates.

When children are late this disrupts the class teacher and the other children in class as time is spent explaining to a late child what to do. Disruption is caused even if your child is late by 5 or 10 minutes. Please can all parents/ carers make a big effort to get to school on time every day. We appreciate your support with this very important matter.

Front door

We ask that parents do not pin back the front door. We have stopped this practice because of security concerns.

At the end of the school day we would appreciate if children are not allowed by their parents to run in and out of the building to toilets, classrooms etc. If your child needs the toilet, please ring the front door buzzer and ask a member of staff to let you and your child into the toilet. Please take your child to the toilet and wait outside the toilet for them. This will hopefully avoid behaviour problems in the toilets after school day has ended. Thank you for your support with this issue.



Friends of Lorne Primary Parents' Group News Dates of events

Next meeting: To be confirmed

FoLP Hallowe'en Disco Wed 28th Oct 6-6.45pm P1-P3 7-8.00 P4-7. Tidy 8-8.30pm
 Tue 19th Nov Lorne's Got Talent Finals in Hall 7-8.30pm
TO BE CONFIRMED
 Christmas Fair Fri 4th Dec morning **TO BE CONFIRMED**
 Spring Blingo Wed 23rd Mar 6.30-8pm **TO BE CONFIRMED**
 Summer Fair Fri 3rd Jun 10am to 12.30pm **TO BE CONFIRMED**

Be Seen Be Safe!

The children of P3ML treated us to a wonderful assembly telling us how to stay safe and Be Seen and Be Safe during the dark winter nights. They also taught us about Autumn and the seasonal changes we can expect.



Romans!

P4 had a wonderful visit from a Roman soldier who showed them how Romans dressed, ate, fought and went to the toilet! P4 then presented a wonderful assembly teaching us all about the Romans using drama, song, posters, costumes and props. They were entertaining and very informative. Well done P4!



Parent Council News

Meetings will be held on
 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.

Well done to our book competition winners!

Jay, Winnie, Nabiha, Sofia and Sachkeerit won our book poster competition as part of our book fair.

Pupil Council Update

Our pupil council reps are now elected for every class. They have met and are now busy making decisions about which charities we will support and which improvements to make to school. If any child has a worry or concern or they have an idea for improving the school, they can talk to any member of staff. They can also talk to...

- Class Lets Stop Bullying (LSB) rep
- Class Pupil Council rep



Early Level News (Nursery & P1)

Well done to our nursery team for quickly getting all of our new children settled into nursery. The playroom and outdoor play area are buzzing with activity and learning!

Open Day for new P1s

If your child is due to start school in August 2016, you can come and visit our school on Wednesday 4th November. We will be running a tour 9.30 to 10.30am and again in the afternoon between 1.30 and 2.30pm. We will show you around the school, give you a school brochure and answer any questions you have about starting school.



First Level News (P2, P3 & P4)

Well done to the children in P2, P3 and P4 for showing a lot of personal responsibility during this first term. We have been really impressed with responsible behaviour and great learning in the classrooms and in the wider community when we go out on learning excursions.



Second Level News (P5, P6 & P7)

Well done to P6 & P7 for the fantastic World War 2 Harvest play which they performed at Pilrig St Paul's Church during the last week of half term. We were really proud of your amazing performance.

School attainment

I was really proud of our children, staff and parents for the fantastic results in our school attainment levels this year. We compare our school "mean score" to the national "mean score" of 100.

P1 Maths

Above national mean score in Number, Knowing Facts & Procedures, Using Concepts & Reasoning.
 At or close to national mean score in Shape, Space & Measure. We will now focus on improving Solving Problems

P1 Literacy

The P1 mean score was above national mean score. We improved our mean score from the start of P1 to the end of P1 by 4.5 points.



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P4 Maths

Our children are performing at or near national mean level and did particularly well again in data handling (above national mean scores) and algebra. Our 4 year mean score trend is upwards. We will now focus on improving Space, Shape & Measure.

P4 Literacy

Our P4 literacy scores were 7 points below the national mean and this reflects the larger than UK average of bilingual learners attending Lorne PS.

P7 Maths

Our mean scores were at or near national mean scores in all areas of maths. Our 4 year mean score trend is upwards. Data handling, algebra and reasoning were strong areas.

P7 Literacy

Our mean scores were at national mean. This indicates that all of our learners including bilingual learners are making very good progress in literacy P4 to P7.

Thank you to everyone at home, in school and in our partner services for helping our children reach these good levels of attainment.

Calendar Kalendar كينڈر

Thu 3rd December 4pm Lorne school sings at Leith Christmas Tree at Kirkgate

Thu 10 Dec P1-4 to pantomime at Brunton Theatre Cinderella. Leave school 9.15am. Back for later lunch.

Mon 14 Dec P6/7 & P7 party afternoon

Tue 15 Dec P4-7 to pantomime at Kings Theatre (Snow-white) Leave school 1.15pm and return late at 4.45pm approximately. Children need to be picked up at school by an adult.

Wed 16 Dec P5 & P5/6 party afternoon

Thu 17 Dec P3, P3 & P4 party afternoon

Mon 21 Dec P1, P1 & P2 party afternoon

Mon 25 Jan Burns Supper: P6 children host for a local community group 6-8pm

Wed 16 Mar Parent-teacher consultations 6-8.30pm

Fri 18 Mar Parent-teacher consultations 1-3.30pm

Thu 24 Mar P4s & P5s lead Easter celebration Pilrig Church 10.30-11.30

Tue 7 Jun to Fri 10 Jun P7 York residential week
PROVISIONAL- THESE DATES ARE STILL TO BE CONFIRMED.

Mon 13 Jun pupil reports sent home for parents

Fri 17 Jun sports day Pilrig Park 9.30 to 12.00. If weather is too wet we will hold sports on the first dry day available.

Tue 21 Jun to Thu 23 Jun P7 transition days in secondary schools.

Wed 29 Jun P7 Leavers Assembly 1.30 to 3.00

Our skills clubs are starting soon. Children have chosen which Wednesday afternoon club they want to join, depending on which skills they wish to focus on and improve.

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

Autumn Term

Tue 22 Dec Term ends at 12.00 for all children

Wed 23 Dec to Wed 6 Jan 2016 Christmas holidays

Spring Term

Wed 6 Jan inservice day

Thu 7 Jan 2016 pupils resume

Mon 15 February to Fri 19 Feb Mid-term holiday

Tue 22 Feb- all resume

Thu 24 Mar Term ends normal time Easter holidays

Fri 25 March - Fri 8 April Easter holidays

Summer Term

Mon 11 Apr 2016 all resume

Mon 18 Apr holiday Monday

Tue 19 Apr all resume

Mon 2 May holiday Monday

Tue 3 May all resume

Thu 5 May inservice day (Scottish Parliament election) staff only

Mon 23 May holiday Monday

Tue 24 May all resume

Thu 30 Jun School closes 12.00 for all children

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

