



The Lorne Phoenix



September 2015

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Time for a Story (P1 parents)

Tuesday 6th October 3.15 to 4.15pm P1 parents are welcome to join us in the P1M classroom (Miss Murray's room) Younger brothers and sisters are also welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

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.

P1 parent volunteers needed

On Friday 2nd October 9am to 10am we will be setting up the Botanic Books that children will make. If you can help, please come along. It is a good way to get to know other parents and our staff.

The P1 parent and child together activity is on Wednesday 7th October 9am to 10am. This is when you and your child can make the photo book of the Botanic day together. If you can't come, a family member or friend can come.

Photograph commission

Thank you to everyone who ordered school photographs. Our school commission was £467 and this will be used to subsidise school excursions and make these less expensive for families.

Excursions

We have been making the most of the wonderful Autumn weather and have been taking children out on lots of learning excursions around the city. Classes have visited the National War Museum at Edinburgh Castle, Our Dynamic Earth science museum, Pilrig Church & the Fruitmarket Gallery. If you can help with class excursions, please let your class teacher know.

Bikeability

Well done to the P6 and P7 children who completed their cycling course called Bikeability. We will let you know when our bike racks and scooter pod are installed.

John Lewis chefs

Thank you to John Lewis who continue to send chefs to school each month to help us with our parent and child cooking groups. We choose some families each month to come in and cook together and learn more about using cheap, fresh ingredients to cook healthy family meals. This month we cooked beautiful tomato soup and savoury biscuits.

Parent Council minutes

Parent Council minutes can now be found on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/lorneprimaryschool and will soon be

on our website too at www.lorneprimary.co.uk The Parent Council is a great way to get to know more about school and to have your say on important decisions about school. Dates of meetings are below in the Parent Council section of this newsletter.

Community Cinema

"Inside Out" (PG) will be playing at Leith Community Cinema, Monday October 12th in Pilrig Church 1.30pm. Book at www.leithcommunitycinema.com or phone 0131 510 6662. Donations of home baking needed! Help raise funds to keep the cinema going with donations to cafe. Drop off Pilrig street entrance in the morning or bring along from midday. The cinema plans to run school holiday daytime screenings for local families and quarterly evening screenings for adults, with a pop up cafe, at Pilrig Church. Café open from midday.

Bike locks

Please remember if you bring a bike to school, lock it up! We have had a bike stolen from the playground which was not locked.



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
Christmas Fair Fri 4th Dec morning
Spring Blingo Wed 23rd Mar 6.30-8pm.
Summer Fair Fri 3rd Jun 10am to 12.30pm.

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.

The PC meets each term to discuss school issues and initiatives, share insights and work on fundraising activities. Refreshments and pupil activity corner are provided.

The fundraising team, the Friends of Lorne Primary (FOLP), runs fun social events to raise much needed funds for the school and provide creative and social opportunities for pupils and families. Suggestions welcome.

www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-of-Lorne-Primary-School

Volunteers can both help to inform school planning via the parent council and to make events happen with the FOLP. No matter how small your contribution, it helps! If your child is attending, can you offer your help during the event? Can you give up to one hour to help set up, tidy up or run an event?

Volunteers are urgently needed for all activities listed below: Remember to please sign up in the office - essential!

Second Hand Uniform Pop Up Shop Friday Oct 9th 11.45am-12.30pm Lorne Street playground.

Donations of uniforms Wanted! Please drop off to school office by Monday October 5th. The FOLP will run a pop up uniform shop on Friday at the end of each term.

School Garden-Playground Tidy Up and Afternoon Tea Wednesday Oct 7th 3.20pm-4.40pm

Please bring own secateurs, brooms, trowels etc. Help tidy and clean up the grounds and garden beds then join us for afternoon tea.

Nursery playground tidy up

Can you give up to one hour to help tidy up the garden beds and playground during your child's nursery session? Please sign up in the office.

School Halloween Disco Wednesday October 28th

P1-P3: 6pm-6.45pm, P4-P7 7pm-8pm.

Donations of home baking needed!

Come along with your child for some scary dancing, cheeky refreshments and competition prizes.

Autumn In-School Garden Project - Lasagne Planting Wed Nov 4th

Donations of planters/large pots needed!

Help refresh school planters and create new ones with lasagne layers of seasonal bulbs that will emerge from autumn to spring. Includes refreshments.



Early Level News (Nursery & P1)

P1 children and parents went to the Edinburgh Botanic Gardens on Thursday 24th September. The children learned a lot about their senses, plants and animals. The weather was fantastic and all of the grown-ups got to know each other a bit better too!



First Level News (P2, P3 & P4)

Fruit harvest!

P5/6 had a tasty time picking our plums from our fruit tree in the playground. We learned that we can still eat plums which are mis-shapen or have small imperfections. We washed them carefully and Liam cut them up like a true professional chef! We then tasted the plums and they were "sweet", "sour", "smooth" and "delicious"!



Second Level News (P5, P6 & P7)

Healthy tuckshop

Lots of children are now buying snacks from our healthy tuckshop. We have fruit, frozen yoghurt, cereal bars, box of raisins etc. We are still noticing that some children are bringing crisps, sweets and fizzy drinks frequently to school. We would prefer not to see these snacks in school because the colourings and additives can affect children's behaviour, concentration and attention. They also contain lots of sugar which is bad for teeth. Crisps contain a lot of fat and salt which are not good for children's health. Most families find that these snacks are fine for a weekend treat. We are happy for children to bring fruit, vegetable sticks, water, fruit juice etc from home.

Medals for Josh

P5 pupil, Josh, has won two medals for roller hockey. One medal was for "man of the match" and the other medal was for winning the league. Well done to Josh and "The Grizzlys" hockey team.



Tour of Britain Cycle Race

Thank you to Mr McCullough who organised for 13 children to attend the Tour of Britain Cycle

Race Edinburgh Stage. The children saw some very famous cyclists and enjoyed the atmosphere. Andrew, Nmarig, Arooba, Bilal & Kamil all took part in the Grand Départ event!



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Thu 8 Oct P6 & P7 lead the Harvest Celebration Pilrig St Paul's Church 10.30-11.30

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

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



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

2015-16 school year

Inservice days (school closed for children but open for staff)

Tue 20 Oct 2015

Wed 6 Jan 2016

Thu 5 May 2016

Autumn Term

Mon 12 Oct to Tue 20 Oct Mid-term holiday

Tue 20 Oct inservice day

Wed 21 Oct pupils resume

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