



The Lorne Phoenix



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Burns' Supper

It was a delight to receive an invite to the Burns' Supper staged by our P5, 6 and 7 pupils. We knew we were in for something special when it stated that there would be 'magic treats and ice cauld Irn Bru.' With singing, dancing, poetry recitals and funny sketches it was a fantastic afternoon. The pupils were brilliant as they entertained guests from the community including Jameson Place, organisers from the Leith festival and even Mr Short managed to drop by too. We were waited on hand and foot as we enjoyed a traditional Burns' supper with steaming hot haggis, tatties and neeps. It demonstrated to me just what a talented and passionate group of children we have here at Lorne. Also, the hard work and professionalism of the staff shone through. I'd like to say a very big THANK YOU to all involved. We will endeavour to make this an annual event.



The ladies and gents from Jamieson Place have kindly donated £50 to the school. It's our intention to purchase a silver salver to serve our haggis on in coming years and to have it engraved to remind us of our strong links with them.

Congratulations!

Mrs Anderson, support for learning teacher, has now had her baby. Mum and baby Oscar are doing well.

Tate Modern Gallery

Following on from our successful class visits to work alongside artists at the local Fruitmarket Gallery, Lorne Primary was one of a select number of schools invited to take pupils down to London to attend the re-opening of the world's largest gallery of modern art. We are very excited by this prospect! More details to follow.

Sport Relief

Pupils will take part in a sponsored walk as part of the Sport relief fund raising event. On Thursday 17th March, we will walk to Meadowbank to join with other schools in a drive to raise funds across the city. We will most likely

be looking for parent volunteers to help us out with this – so if you feel like doing your bit for charity and getting some exercise at the same time – please let us know.

Bullying Survey

As you may be aware all of our pupils take part in an anonymous online city-wide survey into bullying at school. These results are collated for all primary schools and fed back to us. For any parent wishing to see the full survey please contact the school office and we can forward you a copy. Here are the high level results for Lorne;

- **How good is your school at dealing with bullying?**
Very good/good – 83%
Neutral – 12%
Not good 5%
- **Has your class talked about bullying in the last month?**
Yes – 78%
No – 22%
- **In your school, have you learned to be respectful about different kinds of families and individuals in our schools?**

Yes – 90%
No – 90%
- **How worried are you about being bullied in school or on the way to and from school?**

I am not worried/ a little worried 82%
I am very worried 13%
- **Over the last year have you seen anyone being bullied?**
Yes – 56%
No – 44%

When we look at these figures we have to be careful how we interpret them. For some of the questions there were over a hundred respondents and this gives us reliable data. For other questions only 11 pupils replied – this doesn't give us reliable evidence. That said there are some conclusions to be drawn from this survey. In comparison to other Edinburgh schools we are better at dealing with bullying incidents (Lorne 83% other schools 73%)

The number of pupils who said they have been bullied is consistent with other schools (32% vs.30%)

However, the number of pupils who said they were worried about being bullying was greater than the average of other schools – (58% compared to 45%)

This is something we will continue to address through our Parent Council, Pupil Council and our Let's Stop Bullying initiative.



Early Level News (Nursery & P1)

We enjoyed another 'Coffee and Cake' session with our P1 parents. These informal sessions allow our parents to find out about their child's learning in class and how to best support them at home. It was lovely to see the parents and staff interacting with the children and helping to plan what the children will be learning next in their topics. Look out for more dates soon!



First Level News (P2, P3 & P4)

P2 have been enjoying their sessions of Gaelic football. It has been a delight to see the pupils laughing and red-faced at the end of each lesson. It looks to have been really good fun.

P3 are making good progress in their swimming. The Monday morning sessions at Abbeyhill are a great way to start the week. Let's hope the weather picks up a bit for their march up the hill to enjoy their lessons. They are busy too, preparing for a soup and bread sale as part of their enterprise topic. The pupils will prep, make and sell their soup on Wednesday – if there is any left – and it's a big if – look for our soup stand in the playground and treat yourself to some homemade soup. Yum!

On Mondays the school is filled with the sound of singing and strumming as P4, P5 and P5/6 continue their ukulele lessons. In such a short space of time the children have become very proficient and are now accompanying themselves during simple songs.



Second Level News (P5 to P7)

Our P5 and P5/6 have visited the National Museum of Scotland to discover how the ancient Egyptians lived and to have a first-hand look at some of their artefacts. They toured the museum completing a discovery trail challenge finding objects around the museum that related to Ancient Egypt.



Whilst the P7s are busy looking at opportunities for fundraising for their end of term visit to York. On Friday 12th they will hold a Valentine sale in the school of all the crafts and cards they have been making over the last week. Also, we are looking at arranging a bag packing session at our local supermarket. Stay tuned for more details on this. With your continued support, we can reduce the cost of this visit for all of our parents.

Calendar كالمندار

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

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 and may have changed since then. Please check at the above website.

Spring Term

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

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

The Parent Council's (PC) immediate priority is to secure the support of more parents and carers. The PC wants - and Lorne Primary needs - more parents to be part of its conversation with school management.

You can do this simply by attending its quarterly evening meetings and events held by its fundraising group Friends of Lorne Primary (FOLP). Meetings are opportunities to learn more about what your children are doing, curriculum areas in focus, fundraising priorities, and FOLP event planning.



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Refreshments are provided and there is an activity corner (with a little more structure this year!) for pupils who come along, too.

Your support - which could mean as little as one hour of your time - would make a difference.

Remember that there is a PC sign up and feedback book in the office to register your interest.

Next PC Meeting: Tuesday February 9th 6.15pm - 7.30pm
School Library

An earlier start to enable a chance to meet Acting Head Teacher Bruce Murray over a glass of wine or a cup of tea.

The agenda will be drawn from the minutes to the previous PC meeting held on November 17th. A summary of minutes can be found at www.lorneprimary.co.uk, and www.facebook.com/lorneprimaryschool. Please advise by e-mail of any items for discussion. Confirmation of your attendance would be appreciated.

National Parent Forum of Scotland (NPFS) - Anti Bullying Strategy questionnaire - Scottish Govt Consultation

On behalf of the NPFS, the PC is circulating the link to a short questionnaire in the hope you may give your feedback.

The Scottish Government is updating the National Approach to Anti-Bullying for Scotland's Children and Young People. The purpose of this is to help adults who are in contact with children and young people to prevent and deal with bullying in similar ways. Part of this process is to incorporate feedback from the questionnaire that seeks views of parents on anti-bullying. Please find the link below and note the closing date is Friday 19th February.

<https://response.questback.com/scottishgovernment/tOtgxsqaqm>

OTHER PC Diary Dates

Curriculum Focus Parent Group - Introductory meeting TBC Wednesday February 24th 4.15pm. School library.
Pupils welcome - activity corner. Refreshments provided. TBC Subsequent meeting Wednesday March 9th, 3.15pm - 4.15pm.

Following the November survey, a focus group of parents and carers is being formed to participate in a review across a series of meetings, led by Acting Head Mr Murray, of an aspect of the Curriculum for

Excellence. Introduced in 2010, the curriculum is now fully implemented and now invites the school community to review its effectiveness.

If reasonable demand, an evening meeting may be held locally to cascade information to parents/carers who are unavailable during the day.

Parent Council and FOLP - Strategy and Planning meeting Mon March 14th 3.15pm - 4.15pm. School library.

Pupils welcome - activity corner. Refreshments provided. Again, possible evening follow up TBC.

Community News

Leith Community Cinema
Mid Term Break Screening - SNOOPY AND CHARLIE BROWN - The Peanuts Movie, 2015 (U)
Thursday February 18th, 1pm (doors 12.30pm), ends 2.20pm.
Light bites cafe. Complimentary popcorn,



Donations of home baking needed! Help raise funds to keep the cinema alive. Drop off Pilrig street entrance in morning or bring along from midday.

BRIDE AND PREJUDICE, 2004, (12)
Date: Friday March 18th, 7.15pm (doors 6.30pm), ends 9.06pm
Punjabi Cafe - Bar.

Supported by Inspiring Leith.

Pilrig St Pauls Church, corner of Pilrig Street and Leith Walk, Admission by donation £3/ £2 concession.

Book at www.leithcommunitycinema.com or phone: 0131 510 6662.

Enjoy the holiday when it comes!

Lorne Primary School Team.