



The Lorne Phoenix

November 2018

The learners and staff here at Lorne have continued to explore a range of learning experiences over the term. A highlight has been Health Week and the activities enjoyed ranged from Taekwondo to mindfulness, healthy eating to HIIT sessions (led by our Primary 7s).

We are starting to get organised for our build up to the winter break. There is a buzz in school and winter displays are being designed over the next two weeks. They will be in place for everyone to enjoy at the Christmas Fayre.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact school to arrange an appointment.

Susan Leach (Head Teacher)

Staffing

We would like to thank Anie Kalinikou for her contribution to Lorne as a PSA. Miss Kalinikou is taking up a new post from Monday 3rd December. We wish her all the best in this new role.

Vision and Values

Our whole school community contributed to Lorne Primary School's Vision and Values.

Vision –

Lorne Primary School aims to provide high quality learning and teaching in a safe and nurturing environment, leading to success for all.

Values –

Diversity
Equality
Achievement
Respect

The schools Vision and Values will form a large part of our focus this session both across the school and in classes.

We will focus on a school value each block over the school session. The value that we are focussing on this block is **Diversity**.

Halloween Disco

The Halloween disco was a great success. The effort that went into costumes was evident, the parents setting up the school for the disco did a fantastic job and the team clearing did so very efficiently. Thank you to everyone that supported and helped before, during and after the event.

The Halloween disco raised £230.

Parent Council

Our next Parent Council meeting will be on Monday 3rd December at 6.30pm. This meeting will focus primarily on organising the Christmas Fayre. The Christmas Fayre really depends on the support of parents to organise and be present on the day and any help is very much appreciated.

The Parent Council meetings are child friendly, children can be brought along and watch a movie in the classroom. We look forward to seeing you there!

Christmas Fayre

Parent Council would like if you could contribute any of the following to the school (bring it into the front office) for the Christmas Fayre

- Bottles – e.g. shampoo, bubble bath, wine, etc.
- Fill a jar – a jar filled with sweets, toys, stickers, etc. Anything that children enjoy. These will be sold at the Fayre
- Any hamper or raffle items
- Bric a brac items, e.g. toys, etc.

Thank you in anticipation of your support with this.

House System

Our House System continues to be supporting us at Lorne to promote a collaborative and cooperative ethos. The children are very much motivated to collect points for their house team, please ask your child what they are earning points for.

We have had 2 House Meetings so far this session. In the most recent session the children explored designing a House Team mascot. House Captains will select a mascot for their house and this will be announced in assembly. Look for the winning mascots on Twitter and around school.

Building Works

The scaffolding for the work on the masonry of the building should all be down by the end of next week which is very exciting. The stone work is looking great and we are pleased with how the work has gone.

Building Resilience

We are continuing with our work on Building Resilience this session. We launched our new unit of 'Get Active' with children during Health Week. Look out for information coming home about this.

Twitter

Lorne Primary School is on Twitter and we are enjoying using this as one of the ways to share learning from across the school on Twitter. We can be found @LorneSchool please do follow us.

Primary 1-3 Book Week

Primary 1 had a fantastic Book Week last week. They started the week with a visit to the library and had a visit from police officers, made puppets, head bands, created robots, played in a fruit shop and much more.

These activities were linked to the Scottish Book Trust Bookbug picture books. At the end of the week families were invited into school so that they could share in their children's learning, the children were also gifted a Bookbug bag which contained their 3 books so that they can enjoy the stories over and over with family and friends at home.

Pupil Voice Groups

Our Primary 4-7 Pupil Voice Groups met last week. Each child in Primary 4-7 is in one of the following groups;

- Pupil Council
- Rights Respecting Schools
- Eco
- Outdoor Play/Learning and Gardening
- JRSOs
- Digital Leaders
- 1 in 5
- Reading
- Maths

The Pupil Voice groups give the children the opportunity to contribute to the ethos and life of the school, give them opportunities for responsible and active citizenship and take on a leadership role.

During the first session the children created aims and planned out what they hope to achieve over the school session in their group.

School Uniform

A huge thank you to all of our families for making our children look so smart and ready to learn. **A reminder that all children should wear school uniform Monday to Friday.**

Parking

Can we remind you that it is important to keep the entrances to the school playground clear at all times. This is primarily to ensure the health and safety of all children and adults in and around the school. Please do not park on the zig zag yellow lines around the school.

Attendance/Lateness

We are closely monitoring attendance and lateness and will continue to do this over the session. A reminder

that if your child is late to school, please sign them into school at the front entrance. 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.

School Calendar

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

Pease see below for a few dates for your diaries that are coming this term.

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Thursday 29th November

Primary 4 Class Assembly – Primary 4 families welcome

Monday 3rd December

Parent Council meeting at 6.30pm

Monday 3rd December – Friday 7th December

Primary 7s to Lagganlia Outdoor Residential

Thursday 13th December

Nativity at Pilrig St Pauls Church*

Friday 14th December

Christmas Fayre 12-2pm

Monday 17th December – Friday 21st December

Christmas parties week*

Tuesday 18th December

Pantomime in gym hall

Friday 21st December

Last day of term

Wednesday 9th January

Pupils resume

*more information to follow

Best wishes from the Lorne Primary Team

