



The Lorne Phoenix

September 2018

This session has started very positively at Lorne. There have been a lot of exciting learning experiences and opportunities to share learning with families. Our Maths Week was a particular success and we were really pleased to share some of our maths learning with families at the end of the week.

Staff have now had two Read Write Inc training sessions and we are pleased to be using the programme with our Primary 1-3 learners.

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

Susan Leach (Head Teacher)

Staffing

Mrs Jamieson retires from teaching on Friday 12th October. We thank her for her huge contribution to teaching and education but, more specifically, to her commitment and dedication to the learners and families of Lorne Primary School over her 30 years here. Mrs Jamieson will be missed but we know that she will be keen to hear of all the developments over the session ahead.

Mrs MacKenzie will also be leaving Lorne Primary School to take up a teaching post in East Lothian. We would like to wish her all the best with her future teaching career and thank her for her contribution to Lorne Primary School learners and families.

House System

We are very excited to launch our new House system. We are looking forward to the opportunities it will bring for cooperation, collaboration and leadership across the school.

As you will know, Primary 7s organised a vote to establish the basis for the House teams. The vote identified streets, with the following streets in the local area being the names of the House teams;

Halmyre
Balfour
Jameson
Dalmeny

Children will find out what House team they are in this week and will start collecting points for their House. Each week, there will be a winning House team and at the end of the school session, a House team winning the House trophy.

Sand

Facilities Management have been looking into what can be done to replace the sand under the wooden tower in the back playground. Taking into consideration a number of factors, the decision has been made to replace the sand with play bark.

The sand will be removed during the October break and will be replaced with play bark.

Parent Council

We were absolutely delighted with the 'turn out' at the first Parent Council meeting of the school session. The next Parent Council meeting will be the Parent Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday 8th October at 6.30pm.

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 watch a movie in the classroom. We look forward to seeing you there!

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 value that we are focussing on this month is **respect**. We are currently creating a 'Respect Wall' identifying all of the things that we all do to demonstrate respect to each other in Lorne.

Macmillan Bake Sale

The bake sale on Friday 28th September was a huge success. We are delighted to let you all know that £409 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support. This charity was selected in memory of our previous janitor Yvonne Hepburn.

Playground Café

The first Playground Café on Friday 7th September was a great success. The next playground Café will be on **Friday 5th October**. This will again run in the back playground (Jameson Place) from 12pm onwards.

This is an opportunity to spend time with other families over some soup. We would ask that you give a donation for the soup. We look forward to seeing you there.

Paired Reading

Reading is a focus for us this school session and we are keen to provide learners with the opportunity to be read to 1-1 with an adult.

If you think that you would be keen to be involved in reading/sharing stories with children in Lorne on a one to one basis then please let the office know. Mrs Leach will get in touch to organise dates/timings.

Building Works

The boiler upgrade was completed on schedule and the team working on this have left the school ground and allowed us to access our 'quiet area' of the playground again.

The masonry work on the front of the school is also now complete so the scaffolding has come down. The masonry along the entrance side of the building is now the focus for the team and scaffolding has therefore been moved to this side of the building. This has meant that there are some adjustments to where Primary 1-3 are lining up in the morning.

The Health and Safety of our children is our primary concern, please be assured that all works have been assessed in terms of all of the children's safety.

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.

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 they should be signed 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.

Calendar Kalendar كِلَنْدَر

Wednesday 3rd October and Friday 5th October
Parent Consultations

Friday 5th October
Playground Café from 12pm

Monday 8th October
Parent Council AGM at 6.30pm

Monday 15th October – Monday 22nd October
Holiday week (dates inclusive)

Tuesday 23rd October
Children return to school

Monday 29th October
Halloween disco*

Wednesday 7th November
Primary 7 Information Evening

Monday 12th November – Friday 16th November
Health Week*

Friday 16th November
Health Week family sharing session*

Monday 5th December – Friday 9th December
Primary 7 Lagganlia Residential

Thursday 13th December
Nativity at Pilrig St Pauls Church*

Friday 14th December
Christmas Fair

Monday 17th December – Friday 21st December
Christmas parties week*

Tuesday 18th December
Pantomime in gym hall

*more information to follow