



# The Lorne Phoenix

December 2019

What a fantastic December we have had! We've had such a busy time which has included a Christmas Fayre, the Great Lorne Family Book Bonanza, Coorie In, Girls4Tech in Primary 5 and 6, Primary 7 visit to the Risk Factory, Hot Chocolate Friday's with Mrs Leach, Leith Languages Fair, Primary 3 and 4 visit to Dynamic Earth, Nursery visit to the zoo and the song of the season 'Snowing on Leith' being released!!! We are really looking forward to what January has in store 😊

At Lorne we would like to take this opportunity to wish all families an enjoyable winter break and Happy New Year when it comes. We look forward to seeing everyone again in 2020!

Susan Leach

## 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

## Rules

The rules at Lorne are;

- Ready
- Respectful
- Safe

The rules are easy to remember and contribute to the ethos of the school. We regularly revisit what it means to be Ready, Respectful and Safe in and around school.

## Staffing

We are thrilled that both **Miss Haig** and **Miss Quigley** are permanent class teachers at Lorne. They both contribute hugely to the staff team and wider community of Lorne Primary School.

**Miss Bidoni** is returning from her maternity leave in January. She will be teaching Primary 7 on a Monday and Tuesday and all classes across Primary 3-6 on a Wednesday. We are looking forward to welcoming her back to Lorne.

## Christmas Fayre

A great time was had by all at the Parent Council organised Christmas Fayre on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

There were opportunities to 'Hook A Bag', win tombola prizes, buy hampers, have a cup of tea/coffee and join in the raffle. The Glee Club performed some festive tunes to get us all in the Christmas spirit!

We are delighted to share that the Christmas Fayre raised £1131, so thank you to all who came along and supported the event. Special thanks to our Parent Council team.

## The Great Lorne Family Book Bonanza

The Great Lorne Family Book Bonanza was fantastic family event on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** where we listened to, read, created and crafted stories. Special thanks to Alan Windram, Vivian French and our school 'Coorie In' team. **A special thanks to Mrs Browning for organising and coordinating the event.**

We look forward to more projects focused on families reading for fun in the new year!

## Whoops-A-Daisy Angel

Families and classes were treated to performances of the Primary 1 Nativity 'Whoops-A-Daisy Angel'. Well done to all of our Primary 1 learners and staff, they all had a key role to play and the performance was enjoyed by all.

## 'Snowing on Leith'!

Primary 6 and staff have created a holiday tune 'Snowing on Leith' and accompanying video which has now been viewed 1863 times. We are looking forward to singing this all together at our Top Ten Festive Songs assembly on Friday.

If you have not had the opportunity to listen/watch, then please do;

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=1&v=CJIJwqqZ0o&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=CJIJwqqZ0o&feature=emb_logo)

A big thank you to Mr Kimmet and Miss Byrne for all their hard work in putting this together, we absolutely love it!

## Festive Film Night

We had our first Festive Film Night on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December. A great range of festive films were enjoyed by families and staff. Thank you to all who came along and made the first Festive Film Night such a good evening and a special thank you to Miss Hutchison for organising this. We are already looking forward to next years!

### Festive Singing

Our Glee Club sang Christmas songs at both the Kirkgate and during the Christmas Fayre. We are so proud of the group and they were complimented on both their singing and how well the group represented Lorne.

A group of Primary 5 children sang Christmas songs to the residents of Victoria Manor Care Home. They sang beautifully and, again, represented the school so well.

The Nursery also delighted the residents of Victoria Manor Care Home with their festive singing. The Nursery children enjoy visiting regularly to share the songs that they have been learning in the Nursery.

### Parent Council

The next Parent Council Meeting will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm in the Primary 7 classroom. The Parent Council organise school events, support the school with fundraising and explore school improvement with staff. Your help is greatly appreciated.

### Arriving

Please remember that **the playground is unsupervised in the morning before school**. The teachers will arrive on the playground to collect children at 8.55am.

### Parking Outside of School

Please can you ensure that you park safely around school if you are driving to drop off/pick up. Neighbours are reporting double parking and cars being left running. It is important that all learners are safe coming and going from Lorne and we appreciate your support with this.

### School Uniform

Having pride in being a Lorne learner is an important part of our school and it is great to see so many of our children in their school uniforms. **All children should wear school uniform Monday to Friday**. Jumpers, cardigans, fleeces, white polo t-shirts all with the Lorne Primary School badge and house gym t-shirts can all be purchased online at;

[www.superlogo.co.uk/shops/schools/lorne-primary-school-edinburgh](http://www.superlogo.co.uk/shops/schools/lorne-primary-school-edinburgh)

### Twitter

Lorne Primary School is on Twitter. We can be found @LorneSchool. On Twitter you can find out about exciting things that are happening in school, we are also trying to ensure that important dates and events are shared too.

### Attendance/Lateness

We are closely monitoring attendance and lateness and will do this over the session. A reminder that if your

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

### Parent Pay

We are absolutely thrilled with the number of families that are now using ParentPay. Meals should be booked via ParentPay. Meals need to be booked by midnight on Wednesday the week before you would like your child to have school meals. Please come to school if you would like further assistance with this.

### School Calendar

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

#### **Calendar كينڈر**

#### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Last day of term, usual finishing time

#### **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

Learners back to school

#### **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January**

Scots Week

#### **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

Balfour House Coffee Morning

#### **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

Safer Internet Day

#### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

Dalmeny House Coffee Morning

#### **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

February Break – learners not in school

#### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

Halmyre House Coffee Morning

#### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

Jameson House Coffee Morning

#### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

Primary 2 Assembly – families welcome

#### **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

Book Week

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Primary 6 Assembly – families welcome

