



The Lorne Phoenix

April 2020

We hope that everyone managed to enjoy a very different Easter break and that everyone is continuing to stay safe and well. I think that the sunshine certainly helped. We have seen #LorneLearningAtHome continue through April, with lots of great learning being shared on the various platforms that we are accessing.

We continue to share the message with all families that you should 'do what you can'. There is no expectation that you and your family will do all of the work that has been shared, please choose from the activities shared. We know that, in time, we will all find a 'new normal' that works for us all.

I am regularly reminded of the fantastic community that we have at Lorne. The staff team are missing each other and our learners and families and look forward to the time that we are able to open the doors of Lorne Primary School to everyone again. Until then, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself if you have any queries or questions at all. This can be done via email (admin@lorne.edin.sch.uk)

Susan Leach

Vision and Values

Whether physically in the school building or not, the school's vision and values remain;

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

Achievement

The value of the remainder of the term is Achievement.

As a staff team we are exploring the different ways that we can continue to recognise and celebrate achievement from homes. Look out for us sharing news about this soon!

Digital Access Survey

We have shared the school's Digital Access Survey via text message, ParentPay and on the school website. We are really hoping for all families to complete the survey

as this will allow the staff team to ensure that we are providing the support that everyone needs to access learning and teaching during this time of school closure.

If you have not completed this already, please can you do this by visiting school website. The survey link is highlighted on the front of the website in yellow!

Personal Projects

There are a number of learners sharing that they are exploring some of their own interests too during this time. We have seen growing ladybirds, exploring growth mindsets, art projects and lots more. **Please do share any of your personal projects with us on Microsoft Teams, on Twitter or via the school admin email account.**

Staffing

The staff team are continuing to work hard and impress with how they adapting to meet the needs of learners while the school is closed. We are;

- Creating learning grids for families
- Sharing learning on Microsoft Teams
- Daily chats with classes
- Delivering learning grids to families
- Ordering food and packaging up parcels of food
- Delivering food parcels
- Meeting regularly via Microsoft Teams with staff teams
- Supporting in the Drummond Hub

And lots more!

We are also looking at ways to continue to build and support our staff team. One of the highlights of the week is the Staff Quiz on a Thursday. A huge thank you to Miss Hutchison for organising and running this. So much fun and hilarity for everyone 😊

School Uniform Day

We know that school uniform can connect children to their school family and community. Schools across the City of Edinburgh are organising a 'School Uniform Day' on Friday 15th May We have decided to organise a fun 'School Uniform Day' (a play on a 'non-school uniform day') when children can put their school uniform on. **Look out for activities to involve the learners in creating posters and planning activities for the day.**



Primary 7 to S1 Transition

Information for our Primary 7 learners that will go to Leith Academy is available in Leith Academy's April newsletter. Please find this at; <https://leithacademy.uk/heads-news-24-april-2020/>

We are currently working with all high schools that our Primary 7s will be moving on to in order to share all appropriate information to ensure that transition runs as smoothly as possible.

Ramadan Mubarak

We wish Ramadan Mubarak to our Muslim families and community who have a month of fasting, prayer and reflection. While it will certainly be different this year, we know that you will continue to share the spirit of Ramadan.

Eco Schools

e-Sgoil is offering an innovative and exciting programme of online, real-time courses for Scottish school pupils during the current term. Participation is free! As well as some beginner language classes, there is a weekly course for Primary 5-7 learners: EcoSchools@Home You can enrol at:

<https://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/media/1565776/e-sgoil-national-offering-timetable-revisions.pdf>

Office 365

Learners can access their learning through their Office 365 accounts, on Microsoft Teams. If your child does not have their username and password for Office 365 please let us know via the school admin account (admin@lorne.edin.sch.uk).

School Website

We are now adding the **weekly learning grids to the school website** (<https://www.lorneprimary.co.uk/>) via the Lorne Learner's tab. This also has class links to Microsoft Teams.

YouTube

Lorne Primary School has a YouTube channel and we now have **97 subscribers!** Staff add short videos regularly to support learning. Mrs Norman has just shared ideas for movement breaks to try at home 😊

To access the school's YouTube channel, search for Lorne Primary School on YouTube.

Twitter

Lorne Primary School is on Twitter. We can be found **@LorneSchool**. During this period of school closure we are sharing ideas for activities on Twitter as well as sharing some of what our learners have been up to at home #LorneLearningAtHome. **Please do have a look and feel free to share any pictures of learning you have too.**

Learning At Home

For all learners that are not managing to access Microsoft Teams we are printing and sending home the learning grids that are being shared online. There is absolutely **no expectation** that everything is completed and we are very aware that everyone's circumstances are different.

Parent Pay

During this period of school closure this is one of the platforms that we are using to communicate with families. Please look out for emails and letters being shared via ParentPay.

Food Parcels

We are continuing to deliver the City of Edinburgh food parcels fortnightly to families. We have also re-established our FareShare deliveries to school. We will be packing up the food that we receive from FareShare and delivering these to families too.

If you are at all concerned about access to food then please do get in touch with school via the admin email account (admin@lorne.edin.sch.uk) as we have a team of staff that can provide help/support.

School Calendar

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

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Monday 4th May

In-service Day

Friday 8th May

May holiday

Friday 15th May

School Uniform Day

Monday 18th May

Victoria Day holiday

Friday 26th June

Last day of term

Take care and stay safe!

