



The Lorne Phoenix

May 2020

I hope that you are all keeping well and staying safe.

The staff team continue to be impressed by the great range of learning that is being shared with us on Microsoft Teams, Twitter and on Learning Journals (Nursery). I do think that it is important that we do continue to give the message '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 in the learning grids. We are all finding our 'new normal' that works for us all and, if you have a household like mine, motivation some days are harder than others and we are adjusting accordingly.

Whilst still a wee while away, we are really pleased to hear from the Scottish Government that schools will be opening from 11th August. This will not quite be school as we know it and we await further guidance on what the 'blended model' may look like, none the less, staff are so excited to have a date to work towards. We are really looking forward to seeing our learners and families in person!

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 for the remainder of the school term is Achievement.

Continuing to recognise and celebrate learners achievement is really important to use at Lorne. To support us to do that Miss Haig created two beautiful certificates that we can share with our learners.



The 'Star Learner' is our Star of the Week certificate. These are being shared on each class channel on Microsoft Teams every Friday.



When in school, staff nominate learners that have gone 'Over and Above' and they are invited to #HotChocFri with me (Mrs Leach). We are not able to enjoy hot chocolate together but we are continuing to recognise learners and provide them with hot chocolate to enjoy at home for their fantastic achievement.

The staff have explored what they think their individual achievements this academic session have been, noting 3 words/phrases to describe their achievement. Bringing all of these together, the following word cloud was created;



Transition – Bear Hunt



Bear Hunt has been the theme identified for the authority to support all our children transitioning to Nursery or into Primary 1.

Over the next 6 weeks we will be going on a Bear Hunt together. Every child in Edinburgh who is coming to Nursery or Primary after the summer will be doing the same – join us! Please encourage any Nursery or new Primary 1 children to join along here;

<https://bearhuntedinburgh.wordpress.com/>

Lorne's Got Talent



We were excited to announce on Monday the return of Lorne's Got Talent. We thought that this could be a great opportunity to come together (from a distance) as a Lorne community to celebrate the talents of Lorne learners and staff!

We are looking for songs, dances, poems, art and much more and cannot wait to see what the learners of Lorne share. Mr Kimmet has put together a video with more information, this has been shared on the school's YouTube channel and on Microsoft Teams. We are asking learners to upload entries on Teams by 5th June. If you need support to do this please do get in touch with us by email (admin@lorne.edin.sch.uk).

End of Session Reports

Teachers have been working hard to write the end of session reports for the learners in their class. These are almost ready to be printed and will be posted or delivered from Monday 8th June. If you have any feedback or any questions about the report that is

shared with you please email me (admin@lorne.edin.sch.uk).

Coorie In

Our ever popular 'Coorie In' is now online! Coorie In is being held live each Wednesday at 3.15pm on YouTube. During each Coorie In session, a story will be shared, a craft activity that can be done at home shared and the first one included a song too. Thank you to Mrs Browning for organising and running our first online Coorie In.

Again, a huge thank you to Miss Haig for this wonderful Coorie In picture. That is definitely a book that I would love to read!



Crazy Readers

Following on from the success of 'Coorie In', 'Crazy Readers' is going online. It will open to all of our Primary 4 to Primary 7 learners and will be on Mondays at 3.15pm. Crazy Readers will start on Monday 1st June. More information to follow!

Cake and Words

We are hoping to offer an online version of our 'Cake and Words' for parents and carers too. Again, more information to follow.

Staff Book Group

Mrs Browning is running a weekly Staff Book Group on Microsoft Teams. We have been enjoying exploring picture books, sharing and exploring children's literature and discussing resources that we can access and make use of to build our knowledge of children's literature and, in time, use that to guide and support learners.

School Uniform Day

We were so thrilled to see so many of our learners in uniform at home on Friday 15th May. This was a lovely opportunity for learners to feel connected to Lorne in their homes and to share this. One learner even made it into the Edinburgh Evening News!





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Primary 7 to S1 Transition

Transition information is being shared with families through ParentPay and Microsoft Teams as we receive it.

Primary 7s that are going to Leith Academy can access a Question and Answer video and a virtual tour on the transition section of their website – leithacademy.uk

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

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. Staff add short videos regularly to support learning. Mr Kimmet has shared a launch video for Lorne's Got Talent on the school YouTube channel.

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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Friday 5th June

Deadline for Lorne's Got Talent video to be shared

Monday 8th June

End of session reports being sent out to families

Week beginning 22nd June

Lorne's Got Talent shared with the Lorne Community

Friday 26th June

Last day of term

Take care and stay safe!

