



The Lorne Phoenix

August 2020

A new school session and we are all thrilled to be back at Lorne. It has been a pleasure to hear the 'buzz' of learning and teaching and I am particularly enjoying a regular trip down memory lane with our MADD About Decades theme 'MMMBop'!

As you will be aware, we are working to a 'new normal' at the moment and have hugely appreciated the Lorne community's support with this. Hand sanitising and hand washing, one way systems and staggered starts/finish are becoming routine for us all.

Our focus, as part of Renewal Planning, is Literacy and Language, Numeracy and Maths and Health and Wellbeing. We are very aware that this is all an adjustment after being out of school for so many months and all staff are trying to ensure that this transition is as smooth as possible.

We completely appreciate that communication with families is harder and we are trying our best to ensure that we are communicating in a range of ways (text, email, website, Twitter, ParentPay and Microsoft Teams). Please do get in touch with the school if there is anything that you would like to discuss. This can be done via email (admin@lorne.edin.sch.uk)

Susan Leach

Vision and Values

Lorne Primary School has the following 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 school's vision and values underpin all that we do and we aim to explore, investigate, discuss and develop this with our staff and learners over the session.

Start Times

Front Playground (Lorne Street)

Primary 1 - 9.05am
Primary 2 - 9.00am
Primary 3 - 8.50am

Back Playground (Jameson Place)

Nursery - 8.25am
Primary 4 - 8.55am
Primary 5 - 8.55am
Primary 6 - 8.55am
Primary 7 - 8.50am

If your child is a little late (up to 9.10am) to arrive to school, they should wait at the front gate (Lorne Street). A PSA will collect and ensure that they make their way safely to their class.

If your child will arrive to school **after 9.10am**, please wait with your child at the front gate and phone the school. A member of staff will come to collect your child.

Finish Times

Front Playground (Lorne Street)

Primary 1 – 2.55pm (M-Th) 12.15pm (F)
Primary 2 – 3pm (M-Th) 12.05pm (F)
Primary 3 – 3.15pm (M-Th)

Back Playground (Jameson Place)

Nursery – 3.10pm (M-Th) 10.55am (F)
Primary 3 – 12.05pm (F)
Primary 4 – 3.20pm (M-Th) 12.10pm (F)
Primary 5 – 3.20pm (M-Th) 12.10pm (F)
Primary 6 – 3.20pm (M-Th) 12.10pm (F)
Primary 7 – 3.15pm (M-Th) 12.05pm (F)

Please contact the school if you are running late to collect your child. Children that should leave from the back playground will be brought to the front playground if they are not collected at their allocated time.

MADD About Decades

At the start of the school session last year we had a 'MAD About Countries' (Music, Art and Dance) focus and as this proved to be so successful we have started this school session with another 'MADD' (Music, Art, Drama and Dance) focus. This session we are 'MADD About Decades' with the following year groups focussing on the following decades;

Nursery – 2010s
Primary 1 – 2010s
Primary 2 – 2000s
Primary 3 – 1990s
Primary 4 – 1980s
Primary 5 – 1970s
Primary 6 – 1960s
Primary 7 – 1950s

We hope that the learners are coming home and sharing what they have been learning about their decade – the fashion, music, important events, etc.

We are unable to invite families in to share all of the fantastic learning around decades so classes will share some of this via YouTube/Microsoft Teams on Friday 4th September.

An Introduction To

At the start of the school year, we would usually invite families in to school to a 'Meet The Teacher' meeting. We are obviously unable to do this at the moment but we do think that it is important for families to get an insight into learning and teaching, routines, etc. for each class so the class teachers are currently filming 'An Introduction to Primary ...' This will be shared with families on YouTube/Microsoft Teams at the start of next week so please look out for this!

Closing the COVID Gap

The Scottish Government has provided funding for additional staff to provide support for children learning following school closures. Teaching staff will support learners to close the gap in literacy, numeracy and/or health and wellbeing and they are being deployed to clusters of schools.

We are currently undertaking a 'needs analysis' to provide a fuller picture of the needs arising in Lorne following the school closures. Diego Dominguez is the teacher allocated to the Leith Cluster and we are looking forward to working with Mr Dominguez in Term 2 and Term 4.

Active Schools Coordinators have also been allocated to some Primary schools to support children's Health and Wellbeing, including physical activity and outdoor learning. We are delighted that Lee Goodfellow (Active Schools Coordinator) will be working with us every other week between 31st August and 16th October.

Assembly

Assembly is so important for our Lorne community but at the moment, to keep each other safe, we are not all able to meet together as we would have done before. However, as we learned to do so much during lockdown, we have just had to look at this in a different way and on Friday 28th August we had our first Virtual Assembly in school with each class logged in to Microsoft Teams. We were delighted with how well this worked and the children absolutely loved seeing the children in classes across the school on their Smartboard.

Recognising and celebrate learners achievement is important to us at Lorne and an important part of our assemblies. During our first Virtual Assembly each

teacher announced their 'Star of the Week' to the whole school and it was lovely to hear the applause around the school.



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

Food Parcels

We have re-established our FareShare deliveries to school. Primary 6F have been packing up the food that we receive from FareShare and placing the bags on the fence on both the front playground and back playground on a Thursday. Please do help yourself to these.

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.

Home Learning (homework)

Staff are currently exploring home learning. We hope to be able to start sharing this next week (week beginning Monday 7th September). Learners will be able to access their home learning (homework) 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).

YouTube

Lorne Primary School has a YouTube channel. Staff continue to add short videos regularly to support learning. **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**. Staff share learning regularly on Twitter, it is a great opportunity for you to see the learning that is taking place across the school. **Please do have a look and feel free to share any pictures of learning you have too.**

Parent Pay

ParentPay is another way that we are communicating with Lorne families. We will send out letters,



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newsletters, emails, etc. via ParentPay so please do check this regularly.

ParentPay is also how school school lunches are booked. Thank you to all families that are booking lunches in this way. If you are not yet doing this and require support, please do contact the office.

Breakfast Club should also be paid via ParentPay. The office team are working hard to set that up and we are hoping that this will be in place this week. If you would like a place a Breakfast Club, please contact the school office.

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 back to school 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 can all be purchased online at;

www.superlogo.co.uk/shops/schools/lorne-primary-school-edinburgh

If you require support with school uniform, please contact the school.

Waterproof Coat

Outdoor learning and being outdoors for playtime and lunch time playtime are so important this school session. Please can you ensure that you send your child to school with a waterproof coat every day, even when it seems that the day may be sunny to start with! If you need support with a waterproof coat, please contact the school.

Gingerbread After School Care

Gingerbread After School Care have spaces available in their club. If you are interested in further information, please contact Carole Anne/Janice or Andy on 0131-478-1391/07825925846 or e-mail the team at gingerbread12@outlook.com

School Calendar

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

Calendar Kalendar كينڈر

Monday 31st August to Friday 4th September

Lee Goodfellow (Active Schools Coordinator) is in school supporting classes

Friday 4th September

Sharing MADD About Decades learning on YouTube

Monday 7th September

'An Introduction to Primary ...' shared on YouTube/Microsoft Teams

Monday 7th September

Home Learning (homework) will be shared on Microsoft Teams

Monday 14th September to Friday 18th September

Lee Goodfellow (Active Schools Coordinator) is in school supporting classes

Monday 21st September

Holiday

Monday 28th September to Friday 2nd October

Lee Goodfellow (Active Schools Coordinator) is in school supporting classes

Monday 12th October to Friday 16th October

Lee Goodfellow (Active Schools Coordinator) is in school supporting classes

Take care and stay safe!

