



The Lorne Phoenix

September 2022

It has been a very busy and successful start to session 2022/23 and the community have settled back into school life.

Thank you for your support as I get to know everyone and learn about Lorne. I look forward to meeting you during the upcoming parent consultations which will be in person this October. Please sign up for a meeting by Wednesday 28th September 12 noon. Thanks.

Kind regards
Katrina Chamberlain, Acting HT

Lorne Primary School 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 will continue to explore, investigate, discuss and develop this with our staff and learners over the session.

Staffing Update

As you already know Mr Mark Aitchison will be leaving Lorne to take up a DHT post in another school. We are very sorry to be losing him but wish him all the very best in his new role. He will be greatly missed by all. Congratulations to Miss Mairead Quigley who will be Acting PT from 24th October. Mr Scott Cursiter is returning to the Lorne team to teach P5Q.

Parent Council

We are looking for volunteers to join our Parent Council. We will have a signup sheet available during parent consultations on Wednesday 10th and Friday 12th October 22. If you are interested, please sign up then. Thank you.

House Captains and Vice House Captains

We are delighted to have appointed the following learners to lead their houses this year

Balfour – Harkeerat Singh, HC and Martina Sharma, VHC

Dalmeny – Melissa Shand, HC and Lena Adamiuk, VHC

Halmyre – Mason Riddell, HC and Fraser Yates, VHC

Jameson – Klara Jarochovska, HC and Kobiruo

Umukoro-Emubosa, VHC

Attendance

One of our current aims is to improve the attendance of our learners, which will in turn improve their attainment and achievements. We understand that some absence is inevitable due to illness or family circumstances. However, it is very important that the school office is informed of the reason for absence.

If your child is going to be absent from school, please telephone the office to leave a message stating your child's name, class and reason for absence.

If we do not hear from you, school staff will call you so please ensure you answer the call.

We monitor unexplained absence and are duty bound to report it to the Education Welfare Officer for further action.

Free school meals, milk and clothing grants

Please use this link to apply for the above. Even if you do not use the grant for lunches, it helps Lorne to receive the funding allocations we are entitled to. Thank you.

[Free school meals, milk and school clothing grants – The City of Edinburgh Council](#)

Gingerbread Lorne After School Club

We offer affordable quality childcare
Monday - Thursday 2.45 – 5.45
Friday 12.00 – 5.45.

The children can participate in arts/crafts, group games, board games, projects, outside play and monthly trips if available (dependant on weather etc).

Our club operates from the dining hall in the school and we have children from P1 – P7.

If you wish information on our services, costs etc please contact our office on 0131 478 1391 or 07825925846. Our e-mail address is gingerbread12@outlook.com

Our direct line for Lorne After School Care is 07825925849 where we will endeavour to answer any questions you may have.

English lessons for families

Please see the information below.

Anyone requiring a class (or someone on their behalf) can email or call to request an initial assessment (usually online on MS Teams), following which they could then be offered a class (2 hours per week). Most classes start week beg 26 Sept and continue (with breaks during school holidays) till end June 2023. There is an option of online and in person – though this depends on the level and availability. Choice of class can be discussed during the assessment meeting.

Requests for information about Council ESOL classes can also be made by calling 0800 085 7672 (enquiries can be made on this line in English, Ukrainian or Russian). People enquiring can also be signposted to other organisations.

For more info about ESOL provision across the city check out: www.edinburgh.gov.uk/esol

Ukrainian enquiries for ESOL:

Anyone from Ukraine – or supporting someone recently arrived from Ukraine - can also check: www.edinburgh.gov.uk/ukraine . Select no. 3 'settling in Edinburgh'. Here the text reads: ' Some organisations have organised classes specifically for people from Ukraine who are living in Edinburgh. **Find out about these classes**'. Note there not in fact classes **specifically** for people from Ukraine – classes are available for people with a range of first languages but the selected organisations provide classes that **well suited to** people from Ukraine (this text will hopefully be amended soon).

Twitter

Lorne Primary School is on Twitter. We can be found **@LorneSchool**. We have enjoyed sharing learning regularly on Twitter and feel it is a great opportunity for you to see the learning that is taking place across the school. It has been very busy this month, please do take time to have **a look, follow us 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 send out letters, newsletters, emails, etc. via ParentPay so please do check this regularly.

Ordering School lunches

Please order school lunches via ParentPay by Wednesday evening for the following week. This gives our kitchen numbers so that they can plan the correct number of meals.

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

Week beginning 26th September 22

Maths Week Scotland

Week beginning 3rd October 22

Black History Month

Wednesday 10th and Friday 12th October 22

Parent consultations in school

Monday 17th – Friday 21st October 22

October Holiday (pupils return Tuesday 25th October)

Monday 24th October

Staff in-service day – no pupils

Queen Elizabeth book

All families in Scotland have been given a book to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee. The books arrived in late August, but we did not manage to give them out immediately.

We still feel it is appropriate to give them out so please look out for them coming home.

If you do not wish to keep it, please return it to school. Thank you.

Take care and stay safe!



Team Lorne