

Loanhead Primary School

Newsletter February 2017



February already! Where does the time go? The weather seems to be very variable at present, please ensure you send children with coats and a change of shoes as we will be outside for breaks whenever possible.

Parents Evening

Thank you to all parents who attended our recent drop in session. We hope that you found this useful.

Parking

Can we please ask that parents respect the disabled bays and keep these clear for blue badge holders? It is very difficult to negotiate a wheelchair and support an older pupil in getting in and out of vehicles if there is not much room. Thank you.



Inclement Weather

Please remember, during the winter months, the school dining hall is available as a waiting area. This gives our Nursery, P1 and P2 pupils and parents a warm place to sit whilst they wait on older pupils to be dismissed.

Head Lice

We have had a few reported cases of head lice. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat if required.



PE Kit

Please ensure your child has PE kit in school. PE is an important part of our curriculum and a government recommendation that children take part in 2 hours per week. A PE kit is essential to allow freedom of movement in clothes that are appropriate for activities.

Athletics

Well done to all our P6 and P7 pupils who took part in the recent athletics competition. We had many successes and were overall section winners!

Walk once per week (WOW)

P5 and P6 are about to take part in a new scheme called WOW where they will record their daily journey to school. The aim is to walk once per week. We do realise that some pupils are driven as they live too far away, but if they are dropped at the bottom car park and walk up the safe route this can count as a walk.

Head Teacher Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils

P1 Hannah Claxton for Caring, P2 Leah Baillie for Inclusion, P3 Ava Ahmed for Development, P4 Oliver McManus for Learning, P5 Emily Drylie for Caring, P6 Kara Fraser for Learning and P7 Emma Dunlop for Inclusion . Well done everybody!

Camp

P7 are off to camp Tuesday 7th February until Friday 10th February. We hope you have a fun week and meet lots of new friends!

Our current P6 will be given the opportunity to take part in an ASG camp in October 2017. Initial letters have already been sent out with more information to follow. P5 are off to Broomlee for 2 nights on the 15th March and we will have a parents' information evening after the holiday.

February Holiday

Pupils finish on Friday 10th February at normal finishing times and return on Monday 20th February. I hope you have a lovely week off as we begin to enjoy slightly longer daylight hours!

P7 Robots

As part of our My Space project 8 P7 pupils have been invited to Birmingham to take part in a national robotics competition. If your child is selected you will receive more information along with permission slips etc. This trip is due to take place in the middle of March.

Rag Bag Collection

If you are tidying out over the holidays; save your unwanted clothes and drop them off at our bin in the entrance way. There will be a rag bag collection on Tuesday 21st February. The school receives money for all we donate, so help us boost our funds!

Nursery News

There will be a curriculum evening for nursery (parents only) on Thursday 23rd March in the community room. On the night the staff will cover aspects of play and how to support your child's development at home. Parents of pupils joining P1 in August will have an opportunity to hear about the transition programme that we will be running in May.

The following day, Friday 24th March, we are encouraging parents to drop in to your child's nursery session and see all the exciting activities in action!

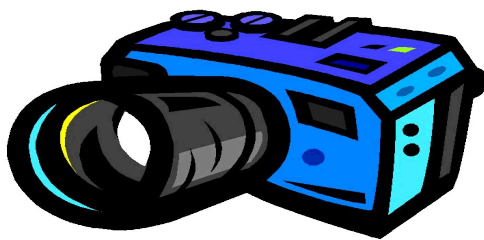
Parent Council

The parent council have organised a fundraising night on Friday 24th February at 7pm in Loanhead Miners. The theme is dance thru the decades and fancy dress is optional. There will be dancing, bingo and a raffle (any raffle prizes gratefully received!) Ticket cost £5 and can be bought from Parent Council. If you would like tickets you can put your name and money in an envelope and hand into school office.

The Parent Council are also organising the pupils' Easter event for Thursday 30th March. Details to follow and any helpers welcome!

If you would like a copy of the parent council minutes please email the chairperson Mrs Lorna Kennedy on lskennedy05@aol.com

The next meeting of the parent council is Wednesday 1st March at 6.30pm in the staffroom. All welcome.



Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Wednesday 1st March to take class group photos.

SAVE THE DATES

Friday 24th February - Parent Council Fundraiser

Thursday 23rd March - NURSERY curriculum evening

Friday 24th March - NURSERY parent drop in

Thursday 30th March - Easter Disco for pupils

Dates for your diary

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Tuesday 7th February - Friday 10th February - P7 Dalguise

Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February - Pupil Holiday

ALL RETURN MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

Tuesday 21st February - Rag bag collection

Thursday 23rd February - Drumming Workshops for Nursery, P3 and P4

Wednesday 1st March - Photographer in school - school groups

Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm - staffroom All welcome.

Thursday 2nd March - P6 Orienteering event (whole class)

World Book Day

Wednesday 15th - Friday 17th March - P5 Broomlee Camp

Thursday 23rd March - P1 and P2 woodland walks

Curriculum Evening for NURSERY

Friday 24th March - Drop in Session for NURSERY

Friday 31st March - FINAL DAY OF TERM 2

ALL RETURN TUESDAY 18TH APRIL