

Loanhead Primary School

Newsletter October 2016

Welcome to the October newsletter. There is definitely more of an autumnal feel with darker nights and cooler days. Please ensure your child brings indoor shoes and appropriate outdoor clothing to school as we try to be outdoors most days. The fresh air and exercise helps us to focus better in the classroom!



Committees

All our committees have been selected – well done to all who applied, it was not an easy job to select as we had some super application forms and interviews! The successful pupils were –

Pupil Council – Calle P1, Leah P2, Gemma P3, Thomas P4, Jude P5, Kara P6, Eliza & James P7

ECO – Taylor P1, Logan P2, Isla P3, Alexander P4, Isla P5, Eilidh & Glen P6, Marcey & Alyssa P7

Rights Respecting School – Heather P1, Pradyun P2, Blair P3, Flyn P4, Abdul P5, Wallace & Amy P6, Sophie & Emma P7

JRSO – (this is a campus group) Charlie, Taygan, Arran and Erin (all P6)

All P7 pupils belong to a committee which has a specific remit and duties throughout the school

Head Teacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children who received HT awards today;

P1 Marcus – development, P2 Pradyun – learning, P3 Mia - learning , P4 Michael - learning , P5 Hannah – inclusion, P6 Kirstie - learning, P7 Freya - learning

Behaviour

Recently, we have had some instances of vandalism in the upper atrium. This will not be tolerated. We have spoken to the children and if things are broken accidentally we need to be informed, to allow us to rule out wilful damage. Please talk to your children about the importance of this as all repairs are charged to the school.

There has also been a spate of 'bottle flipping' inside the school and playground. We are discouraging this in order to keep everyone safe and dry!

Your support in these matters is greatly appreciated.



Library

Our library is operated by 3 lovely ladies who come in on a Friday morning and help classes to choose books that they can take home to share with their families. We are looking to recruit new volunteers who would like to help us to continue to offer this valuable service. You could be an interested parent, grandparent or adult who is keen to help us sustain this interest in reading in Loanhead Primary. Even if you can only give us a little time or are not available every Friday we would love to hear from you! Please call the school office and leave your name and number and one of our lovely librarians will get back to you.

Sporting Events

Well done to the P5 cross country team who came second in this event. Silver medals were presented today! The P6/7 pupils also enjoyed their event and well done to Anna who won gold!

Unfortunately the girls' football event was cancelled due to bad weather. This will be re-scheduled but no date has yet been announced. The boys' football took place yesterday and was enjoyed by all.

Our first time taking part in the swimming gala was a great success with three medals being won by:

Taylor P5 – bronze, Emiliano P7 – bronze, Kirstie P7 – bronze

Thank you to all parent helpers who helped to make the taking part in these events possible.

Parent Evenings

Appointments for our parent consultations next Wednesday 5.30pm – 8.30pm and Thursday 3.30pm – 5.30pm have been issued today. If your appointment is unsuitable, please call the school office to arrange an alternative.

Dress Down Day

Friday 14th October is a dress down day. We ask that pupils bring a small gift for our Halloween Disco tombola. Halloween themed sweets go down particularly well! Please remember NO NUTS! We thank you for your support.



Autumn Holiday

Please note that school will be closed on Monday 17th October until Friday 21st October for the October week. We all return on Monday 24th October.

Appeal

The lower atrium is running low in supplies of changes of underwear, spare trousers, tights etc We use these if pupils have any accidents in school. As you are filling your rag bags for next Thursday can you set any of these items aside and hand into any of the lower atrium staff? Many Thanks

Office News

Please send all monies to school in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and what the money is for. This saves any confusion and is more time efficient for staff.

Nursery News

Please add your name to a suitable time (on nursery notice board) for individual care plan chats with your child's key worker;

Red group 3rd – 7th October (if you have missed this week please speak to the nursery staff and they will arrange another appointment) Green group 10th – 14th October and Blue group 24th – 28th October

Could every child please bring wellies and a named set of spare clothes that can be left on their peg as we are outdoors most days. This allows us to change your child should any accidents occur as water play outside is particularly appealing!

Our 'sharing' board is for children to share any achievements or things they have enjoyed when they are not at nursery. We would love to see what sort of things your children get up to. Please speak to Michelle, Jane or Claire if your child has something to share.



Parent Council Halloween Disco

This will be held on Thursday 27th October 6:30-7:30pm in the hall, £2 entry on the night.

Carved pumpkin competition, fancy dress competition, tombola, tattoos, dookin', crafts, games etc...(small cost for tombola and tattoos 20p) When planning costumes please remember this event is for nursery to P7 pupils.

Parent Council meeting Wednesday 23rd November, 6.30pm in the staffroom ALL WELCOME

Ragbags

You should have received your ragbag to fill and bring to school on Thursday 13th October. We earn money on all filled bags we collect! If possible, please bring bags in the morning of the 13th as we have very limited storage space in school.

Dates for your diary (please note these may be subject to change)

Ongoing until Friday 16th December – P4 swimming

Monday 10th October P5 Mining Museum

Wednesday 12th October – 5.30pm – 8.30pm Parents Evening

Thursday 13th October – 3.30pm – 5.30pm Parents Evening

Thursday 13th October 6.30pm – open evening Beeslack High School for all interested P6 and P7 parents and pupils

Friday 14th October – dress down day – bring a gift for Halloween Disco

Monday 17th October – Friday 21st October – October holiday week

Wednesday 26th October – P1 and P2 trip to Dynamic Earth

Thursday 27th October – Halloween Disco 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Tuesday 1st November – Scottish Cup – Persevere Tour

Wednesday 2nd 9th, 16th and 23rd November – P1 Woodland Adventure

Monday 7th November – flu vaccination in school

Thursday 10th November – P7 visit Poppy Factory

Thursday 17th November – Curriculum Evening

Friday 18th November – 9am – 9.30am parent Drop In

Wednesday 23rd November – Parent Council meeting 6.30pm in the staffroom all welcome

Friday 2nd December – Campus Christmas Fair

Wednesday 7th December – Pantomimes P1 – p4 in school P5 - P7 Brunton Theatre

Thursday 8th December – drumming workshops for Nursery am and pm, P3 and P4

Monday 12th December – Nativity

Monday 19th December – Christmas concert

Thursday 22nd December – nursery last day of term

Friday 23rd December – 11am Christmas service at Loanhead Church **Finish 12pm**