



Loanhead Primary School

Nursery Newsletter

May 2015

Welcome to our early Summer newsletter. As we are getting into a very busy time of year we thought we would share a few additional things with you and provide you with a list of dates for your diary.

Key Workers

We have recently begun to introduce a Key Worker system within the nursery. Your child will be allocated a member of staff who will be their Key Worker. The key worker will be a point of contact for you and will help your child settle in when first starting nursery then continuing to develop a positive, caring relationship with your child. Working together all Key Workers will continue to observe and support all of the children's learning in order for them to reach their potential.

If you require more information about the role of a Key Worker please speak to one of the nursery staff.

Topic and Activities

Currently we are continuing to look at Living and Growing. As we have also started the transition programme for the children moving to Primary 1 in August we will be providing learning around 'school'. Soon we will move more into Summer seasonal learning and activities.

Summer Family Outing

More information will follow nearer the time about the arrangements for the outing. We do need to say a huge **'THANK YOU'** to the Parent Council for their support as they have agreed to help with the cost of the buses by contributing **£270** which covers half the transport costs. The nursery appreciate the support we have received.

Reminder: Snack Money

It is £2 per week, this helps to provide a varied snack and to fund resources and outings. This can be paid weekly, monthly or termly.

Parent Council

The parent Council supports the whole school including the nursery. They are always looking for new members as well as any help that people may be able to give. There are a variety of ways that you could help from manning a stall for half an hour at the summer fair to helping organise larger events. There are also six parent council meetings throughout the year that any parent is welcome to attend. They have a mailing list which any parent can be added to and can sign up to help out with events or activities that may suit them.

If you would like to be involved please speak to Lorna Kennedy (nursery parent and Chairperson of Parent Council)

P1 Transition

Our children who are moving to Primary 1 in August have recently started their transition programme. We hope that they are enjoying this experience and finding it helpful. If you have any questions or concerns please come and speak to us as we want to make this transition smooth as possible for the children.

Later in the term we will be working on a project based around the story of the Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. This is part of the transition programme but all children will have the opportunity to be involved if they want to. The nursery will do some work connected to the book, there will be a small activity, for children who are moving to Primary 1, to do in the holiday and the work will then be continued in the first couple of weeks in Primary 1.

Donation from Howden's Joinery.

Another big 'Thank You' goes to Howdens in Penicuik who have kindly donated £100 to the nursery - we hope to use this to help develop the outdoor area. We will let you know what we purchase.

Parent Council Summer Fair

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We are collecting donations for the raffle or tombola in the nursery so please support the Parent Council with their fund-raising by bringing in any items you have for the Summer Fair.

Also please come along to the event!

Graduation and Garden Party

On Thursday 2nd July we will hold a Graduation Ceremony for the Nursery Children moving to P1 this will be followed by a garden party. All parents are welcome to attend this event. This will take place in your child's normal nursery session. . Invitations to follow!

Sports Day

We will be holding a Nursery Sports Day on **Thursday 11th June**. Children can wear sporty clothes. Parents are invited to attend at 11:00am and 3:00pm. If the weather is bad the event will be cancelled but the children will still do some activities in the gym hall with the nursery staff. ???????

As always if you have any questions or concerns please speak to the nursery staff.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 22nd April: New children start.

Monday 27th April: Health Week and New children start.

Friday 1st May: Teachers v Pupils basketball match.

Monday 4th May: Holiday - no nursery.

Monday 18th May: In-service Day - no nursery

Thursday 18th June: Whole nursery summer family outing.

Friday 3rd July: Term ends