



# Loanhead Primary School

## Parent Summary of our Standards and Quality Report 2021-22 Improvement plan – Year 2022 – 23



The school Improvement Plan sets out our priorities for the year ahead. We aim to ensure that all learners receive the best possible education and that our school continues to grow and develop. It has been written after gathering feedback from all learners, families and staff. As always, we appreciate your contributions and feedback. A full and detailed copy of our report can be found on the school website [Loanhead.mgfl.net](http://Loanhead.mgfl.net).



## Some of our Highlights from Last Session 2021 - 22

Over the course of the year, we worked with different Covid 19 restrictions to:

- ☆ Ensure that children were settled and happy in school. 'Meet the Teacher' although in the playground, gave parents the chance to introduce themselves to their child's class teacher. We were also pleased to re-open our school dinner hall and allow mixing of children as the year progressed.
- ☆ P1 curriculum evening via ZOOM was well received amongst parents as they were able to experience first-hand how their child learns to read. They felt this positively impacted how they could support their child's learning using the strategies outlined during the workshop.
- ☆ House Captains were chosen. These pupils acted as role models for the rest of the school for attitude, behaviour, being inclusive etc. Pupils organised competitions, Easter scavenger hunts, helping to promote Team Spirit in the school and becoming effective contributors. Junior Road Safety Officers were chosen, after completing assembly talks and competitions, they showed what responsible citizens they had become.
- ☆ Whole school Scottish study and Poetry Recital Competition allowed our pupils to show confidence in performing in front of peers and developing a sense of audience.
- ☆ A range of sporting events started again e.g. hockey, basketball, golf, skiing, swimming etc allowing our older pupils to have a sense of team spirit and pride in their school.
- ☆ Euroquiz - Loanhead were the Midlothian winners, P6 pupils' confidence was really boosted. They made a great effort to learn facts and they realised their hard work had led to success. They attended the final which was held in the Scottish Parliament.
- ☆ School camps were reinstated. Broomlee for P5 and Dounans for P7. These camps help to encourage independence, whilst learning new skills. Other classes embarked on other school trips to aid and motivate learning.
- ☆ Parent, pupil and teacher learning trios allowed parents to become involved in setting targets with their child, helping them to become successful learners.
- ☆ Roll out of Digital Devices, as part of the Midlothian Council wide Equipped for Learning project, ensured equality of learners in developing digital skills. Pupils have begun developing skills for learning, life and work.



Gardening with parent helpers improved the look of the school grounds and introduced pupils to the idea of self sufficiency.

- ☆ Transition of pupils from Nursery to P1 was very successful and our newest members of the school still look forward to "Buddy Time."
- ☆ We worked closely with both Lasswade and Penicuik High Schools to ensure the experience of moving schools was as smooth as possible for our P7s

## **Our Priorities for Improvement Plan 2022-23**

### **Raising Attainment in Literacy and Numeracy**

- All teachers trained in moderation of reading comprehension to share practice and ensure consistency
- Read, Write Inc – A reading recovery programme introduced. Baseline assessments were completed and most children progressed very well.
- All teachers took part in Numeracy Moderation to ensure consistency of standards and expectation and build trust and confidence in teachers' judgement.

### **Digital Learning**

- Devices given to every child. P1 use iPads and P2-7 use Chromebooks.
- Working with our Digital Technologist to create whole school targets for digital progression and learning.
- Staff have completed a range of training courses to support Digital Literacy.
- Digital Leader identified in School and Nursery.

### **Health and Wellbeing**

- Teachers continuing to work on the development of a robust Health and Wellbeing programme for nursery – P7.
- Training for teachers and staff on Nurture and attachment principles.

### **Nurture**



- Nurture lead identified in school, and Nursery, to help with training of staff and tracking impact.
- All staff completed training provided by Midlothian Council
- Nurture “spaces” available to all pupils across the school.