

February Newsletter



STAFFING

Congratulations to Mrs Karen Hinton, who celebrated her wedding on New Year's Eve. We wish her and her husband Colin, a wonderful future together.

Abbie Beveridge, a Bachelor of Arts student has started in P4 for the coming term.

PARKING

A reminder to our school community, please don't park across parking bays at the end of the day, as staff sometimes need to attend appointments etc. There have been a few instances where appointments have been missed because staff can't drive away.

May we respectfully ask that whilst stationary, please turn off your ignition to avoid emitting fumes into the atmosphere.

COMPETITION WINNER

Well done to Scarlett P7, who won the competition for the Confucius Institute for Scottish Schools with her beautiful Chinese New Year poster (See image header of Newsletter.)

CLUBS

Look out for information from Parent Council for After School Activity clubs. Activities will include tik Tok dance club, P4-5 multi sports

SPORTS

P7 pupils have been in training with Active Schools. They will help to deliver sporting activities for younger pupils. We will keep you informed of dates.

Fantastic effort by the P6/7 basketball team, who came 2nd in this month's schools' tournament.

STRIKE DAYS

The school will once again close on February 28th and 1st March, due to Strike action.

SCOTTISH WEEK

Our Scottish week culminated with our Scottish Assembly.

Class winners for reciting Scottish Poetry were

P1- **Esme** P2- **Hamish** P3 - **Ruby** P4- **April** P5-**Lacey** and **Zuzia** P6- **Lorelei** and **Leo** P7 **Madison** and **Oscar**

Over all Lower Atrium winner was **April** and the Upper Atrium winner was **Oscar**.

Very well done to everyone who took part.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS FOR JANUARY

P1 **Nora** for Learning

P5 **Zuzia** for Learning

P2 **Aroush** for Learning

P6 **Erin** for Learning

P3 **Amelia** for Learning

P7 **Seth** for Learning

P4 **Ross** for Care

NURTURE GROUP

Our Nurture Reps **Joseph** and **Iris** from Nursery, **Nora** P1, **Gracie** P2, **Jake** P3, **Ellen** P4, **Joey** P5, **Ollie** P6, **Leah** and **Katie** P7 have been busy introducing a principle of Nurture in our first "focus fortnight". We have been busy thinking about safety and its many forms, identifying what things we do so well, here at Loanhead and some small steps for improvement. Thank you to the families who completed the take home task, we hope it paved the way for a great discussion. Our next focus fortnight will be after the February break.

SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN SESSIONS

Please drop in to meet our school nursing team. They can offer support with many areas, including bed wetting, sleeping, fussy eating, behaviours etc. 9-10.30 on the following days

22 February 2023

15 March 20.23

19 April 2023

24 May 2023

NURSERY

Children have enjoyed helping build a wormery in the garden with support from members of the parent council. This has allowed them to develop skills in group work and practise using real tools.

As we are trying to encourage children's independence skills, can you please mirror this at home. Practise putting on their own coats, shoes, gloves and putting things away. Stay and play sessions will be available throughout February. You can sign up to join your child during their session. Sign-up sheet on the parents' notice board.

We have had lots of children bringing in bottles of juice. We are not able to offer these in the nursery. However, milk and water is available throughout the day. Some children have started bringing

packed lunches. We would ask you to discourage this unless you have a prior arrangement with the nursery team.

Please can we remind you that nursery finishes at 3.10 pm We have an increasing number of children being left after that time. This has a huge impact on staff development time and on staff trying to pick up their own children.

PARENT COUNCIL

The Parent Council would like to thank everyone for the continued support making our children's experiences the best at Loanhead Primary School. The Parent Council will do our best to minimise the impact to the children and young people of Loanhead Primary School in relation to the proposed cuts and changes that Midlothian Council have proposed. Once the extent of the cuts are announced, we will attempt to find solutions and alternatives where possible. We would like to thank Loanhead Parish Church for the continued support and generous donation of £200.00 for our school fruit bowls. The gardening club is continuing with P7 following with p6 after the break. The Nursery has built a wormery and introduced worms which they are feeding daily!

The Parent Council has a fundraising event: Cheese, Wine and Bingo on the 25th of February in Loanhead Parish Church Hall, check out the Facebook Page and the notice board for further information. We have begun the planning stage for a Spring Fling Disco on the 23rd of March, keep an eye out for more information!

Our next Parent Council Meeting is on the 21st March 7pm – 8:30pm, meeting from 6:30pm in the Loanhead Primary Staff Room.

If you have any suggestions or questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with any of the parent council or your class rep. Have a great half term!

From Poppy Kyles, Treasurer of the Parent Council

February Break SCAVENGER HUNT

Forms will be distributed this week and should be returned on 22nd February.

Dates for your diary

10.2.23 Holiday begins at 12.25pm

20.2.23 Staff and pupils return to school

22.2.23 Scavenger Hunt forms returned

27.2.23 Hockey after school P4-7 for 3 weeks

22.2.23 Parent Council to help with baking on a Wednesday

25.2.23 Parent Council cheese and wine Fundraiser

28.2.23 and 1.3.23 Strike days

15.3.23 multi sport activity after school for P1-3 (After Schools' Club) for 3 weeks

16.3.23 P7 trip to Sky TV

17.3.23 dress down day for Spring Fair donations

23.2.23 Spring Fling Disco

28.2.23 P2 trip to Dynamic Earth

30.3.23 Cross Country P6/7

31.3.23 Easter Holidays commence at 12.25 pm