



Dear All

STAFFING

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Linda McMurchie has been appointed as our Office Administrator, following Mrs Cairney's retirement.

We also have two new Learning Assistants due to start in the coming weeks.

Mr Darren Aitken is a teaching student in P2 and will be with us for 5 weeks.

Mrs Rosalind Davidson, also a teaching student in P3 will be with us until the end of November.

Miss Kimbereley Dixon is with P1 studying HNC Childcare on Wednesdays, Thursdays and until May.

Mrs Cairney has written to say...

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank all pupils, parents and staff for the wonderful send off, when I left school on the 14th October. All the children worked very hard to give me a very special assembly with handmade cards and painted pictures. Nursery gave me a very special tea-party. I won't forget my working years in school. I wish everyone the very best for the future. Kind regards, Mrs Cairney."

Parking

May I respectfully ask everyone to park considerately and safely outside the school. We are still experiencing problems with cars being parked on the zig zags at the bottom of the safe route, and unauthorised parking in the disabled spaces.

A gentle reminder to parents and pupils to dismount from their bikes, once inside the school gates.

P5 camp at Broomlee was great fun.....Lots of children with lost voices, on return. Thank you to Miss Brunt, Mr Tidder and Mr Forbes for giving your time.

Thank you to the **Pupil Council**, who organised a pyjama day to sponsor a child's education in Rwanda. They raised £165. This means we can now sponsor at least two children. Thank you for your contributions, it will be truly life changing for these children. Mrs Mary Milne, who is the local organiser of the project, will join us at an assembly to explain exactly how Loanhead Primary's monetary contribution will benefit these children. Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you to Primary 1 and 2 who, together with Mr Duffin led the Harvest assembly. **Women's Aid** charity was delighted with your kind donations.

Primaries 1-4 and Nursery were treated to sessions with a **Petting Zoo**. Pupils had so much fun handling and learning about each animal's characteristics and anatomy. This was kindly organised and paid for by our Parent Council.

Hallowe'en costume swap was a success. Hopefully this is something we could repeat in future years to help minimise costs to parents and encourage sustainability.

The **Hallowe'en disco**, as usual, was well received by pupils and allowed the Parent Council to start to replenish their funds. Well done to everyone involved in giving their time and support in raising £849.30

Note from PC " The Parent Council have been awarded £1000.00 from the Tesco community grant which will go towards Play Therapy which is available to every child. We are now 2 weeks into the Upper and Lower Atrium help yourself fruit bowl which has gone down really well with all children. The feedback from the mini zoo for the Nursery and Lower Atrium was enjoyed by all, lots of lovely stories for the parents to hear. After such a successful Halloween Disco, we have already had requests for another in the near future, watch this space!

P4-7 were treated to an inspiring workshop from the **Benedetti Foundation**, where pupils were encouraged to use their body to make percussion sounds. The leaders were so impressed with the standards of behaviour, politeness and general attitude displayed by our pupils.

Nursery

Our first coffee morning was a success with much positive feedback from parents who attended.

Wellbeing meetings will take place in November. Please check the parents' notice board for dates and times.

We had our first visit to Pine Villa care home which was enjoyed by both children and residents. We will be working towards creating an intergenerational program. Details to follow.

Forest school will commence again in November and parents will receive a letter before their child goes out on their 4 week block.

Proposed dates for your diary - please check communications from school in case these dates have to change.

4.11.22 Letters to parents re. New Relationships and sexual health and parenting programme (RSHP)

7.11.22 Pupil Flu Nasal Spray

11.11.22 P7 Remembrance Day Assembly. P7 parents are welcome to attend at 10.45 am

23.11.22 St Margaret's closing mass

29.11.22 P4 and P6 Dunedin Consort concert. P4 and P6 parents welcome 1.15pm time to be confirmed

2.12.22 Christmas Fair 12.30-2 pm

12.12.22 P1 and P2 Nativity afternoon performance

14.12.22 Nursery and P1-4 Gary Copeland Fun Box

P5-P7 Pantomime at Brunton Hall

P7 Party in the afternoon

15.12.22 Nursery singalong

Christmas concert for P3-7 -afternoon

16.12.22 Nursery, P1 and P2 parties

P4+P6 Children's Messiah concert in Edinburgh

19.12.22 P3-P6 parties

P7 attend Paradykes to watch LHS panto.

20.12.22 Church visit

School closes 12.25pm for holidays

Christmas school lunch / Christmas jumper day / House sing off- dates to be confirmed.