

Loanhead Primary School

October 2023 Newsletter

As the weather begins to change please ensure your child comes to school with a coat and suitable shoes. We are trying to get outside in the fresh air as much as possible!

***Please note that most information is sent out by email. It is really important that parents check their email regularly.
(Email is paper free and free for us to use!)***

HOLIDAY

Our final day before our October holiday week is Friday 13th October and we finish at normal time (12.25pm). All pupils, including nursery, should return on Tuesday 24th October.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Learning Trio appointments for Friday 6th October and Wednesday 11th October go out today.

Apologies if you do not have the day you requested, we had a number of slips returned without the child's name on them making it very difficult for class teachers to identify requests. Please remember that you and your child must attend for the consultation to take place. **Please enter by the classroom door.** A summary of your Learning Trio discussion and pupil targets will be sent home on Thursday 26th October.

MONDAY 9TH TO FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER HEALTH WEEK

During our health week we have lots of different activities going on across the week, please send your child to school in PE kit that can be indoors or outdoors. Please remember no football strips, or inappropriate clothing such as crop tops.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Clubs operated by the Parent Council should return after the holiday week. They will be in touch with details of how to sign up once everything is finalised.

WHERE ARE WE AND WHERE ARE WE GOING?

In class there is a high focus on maths, literacy and health and wellbeing as we move forward from the 2 years disruption caused by the pandemic. Working together is very important as we strive to offer a variety of experiences and learning. Talking to you child about their learning and supporting homework can make a big difference. To give further insight to parents on their child's learning, our parent consultations are based around learning trios and individual target setting.

MILK PAYMENTS

Milk letters for the period October to December have gone out by email. Please pay by parent pay. Any questions please speak to Mrs McMurchie in the school office.

STAFFING

Denise in the nursery is reducing her days to Monday, Tuesday and half day Wednesday as she prepares for retirement. We also welcome Miss He our Mandarin teacher this year who will be working every Wednesday with P4, P5, P6 and P7. We hope you enjoy your time here in Loanhead PS!

HEAD TEACHER AWARDS *Care, Honesty, Inclusion. Learning and Development*

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Head Teacher Award for September.

P1 Abbie for Care, P2 Yousef for Development, P3 Sara for Learning, P4 Orla for Learning, P5 Adam for Learning, P6 Cal for Development, P7 Adam for Care. Well done everyone.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

The House Captain speeches took place in September, well done to all who took part. A very scary experience but we are proud of you for doing it! The House Captains appointed were;

Dryden – Leo Allen and Lorelei Cairns

Edgelaw – Emily Lister and Romy Sheerin

Gladhouse – Olivia Munro and Lily Harvey

The House Captains this year are being led by Mrs Cumming

JUNIOR ROAD SAFETY OFFICERS (JRSO)

Congratulations to Dougray Urquhart and Daniel Wallace who were appointed as our P6 junior road safety officers. Mr Tidder is leading this group.

PUPIL COUNCIL

Mrs Donnelly is leading the pupil council and they have already presented our vision at the Friday assembly. The members are ; P7 Jayden and Finlay, P6 Devin, P5 Ayesha, P4 Jake, P3 Aroush, p2 Farris and P1 Alaya.

ECO

Our Eco group is overseen by Ms Brunt and Mrs Watts, they are; P7 Sara, P6 Ellie, P5 Mollie, P4 Rubi, P3 Keenan, P2 Brodie and P1 Ethan. Their first meeting took place last Thursday.

NURTURE

The nurture group is led by Mrs Beattie. The members of this group are; P7 Sylvia, P6 Connor, P5 Ross, P4 Rui, P3 Rianna, P2 Esme and P1 Abbie. Their first meeting took place last Thursday.

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

Miss Aitken is leading our Rights Respecting School Group. Their first meeting took place last Thursday. They are; P7 Reuben, P6 Ella-Rose, P5 Kieran, P4 Elliot, P3 Thea, P2 Amalia and P1 Grace.

P7 PUPILS

All our P7 pupils have school responsibilities. Pupils are placed in school group or helper positions. Our helper groups are AV Team; Cerys, Mia, Erin and Penny. Hall Team; Terry, Reuben, Adam and Archie. Official Helpers; (office etc.) Dylan and Ollie

FUNDRAISING

Look out for the Scavenger Hunt in your child's bag next week. This is a fun activity for over the holidays and also raises some much needed funds for the parent council! We hope you enjoy taking part.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our harvest collection is for Women's Aid based here in the Loanhead area. You will find a list of non-perishable items on our website and all donations will be gratefully received. Please send any donations to school.

AIR QUALITY

If you are parked and waiting in your car, **please turn off the engine** as this emits fumes at perfect child height! Our nursery garden is also adjacent to the car park and we endeavour to have them outside as much as possible in the fresh air! Turning your engine off will also save on fuel.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

The Parent Council Halloween Disco will take place on Thursday 26th August. More details to follow.

Dates for your diary (please note dates may be amended)

Thursday 5th October – P7 trip to Poppy Factory

Thursday 5th October – P5/P6 cross country (pupils taking part will be informed by Ms Simpson)

Friday 6th October – Learning Trios

Monday 9th October – Friday 13th October Health week

Wednesday 11th October – Learning Trios

Friday 13th October P1 and P2 Harvest Assembly

Monday 16th October – Friday 20th October HOLIDAY

Monday 23rd October – Inservice Day staff only

Tuesday 24th October – pupils return

Wednesday 25th October – P1 visit to Rosslyn Chapel

Wednesday 25th October P5-7 Hockey Festival (pupils taking part will be informed by Ms Simpson)

Thursday 26th October – Halloween Disco

Monday 6th November – whole school flu vaccination

Friday 10th November – P7 Remembrance Assembly

Monday 13th November – Friday 17th November – Book Week

Monday 20th November – Friday 24th November – P7 camp Benmore

Friday 1st December – Christmas Fair

Monday 11th December – P1 and P2 Nativity

Wednesday 13th December P3 - P7 Christmas Concert

Monday 18th December – P1-4 Gary Copeland Christmas concert in school

Monday 18th December – P5-7 Portobello Town Hall Pantomime

Friday 22nd December – whole school visit to church for Christmas service

Monday 25th December – Friday 5th January HOLIDAY

Monday 8th January– Inservice Day staff only

Tuesday 9th January – pupils return

Tuesday 9th January – Friday 12th January Mental Health week

Friday 26th January – Scottish poetry recital competition

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February HOLIDAY

Thursday 7th March – world book day

Wednesday 13th March – Nursery curriculum evening

Friday 15th March – sign language day

Tuesday 26th March – Thursday 28th March P5 Camp

Friday 29th March – Monday 15th April HOLIDAY

Tuesday 16th April – all return

Thursday 23rd May – Learning Trios * **Date Change**

Tuesday 28th May – Learning Trios * **Date Change**

Monday 6th May HOLIDAY

Monday 20th May Inservice Day staff only

Monday 3rd June – Friday 7th June Health Week

Monday 3rd June – Sports Day

Wednesday 5th June – World Environment Day

Wednesday 12th June – Friday 14th June P7 Transition days

Final day of term – **Friday 28th June**